



**BIG SKY
PASSENGER
RAIL AUTHORITY**

ABOUT THE BIG SKY PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY

OUR MISSION:

To Further The Health, Safety, And Economic Prosperity Of The Region By Advocating For Rail As Public Transportation Option.

Authorized by state statute as a regional rail authority (MCA 7-14-1621)

Formed in November 2020

First board meeting in January 2021

First in-person board meeting in August 2021



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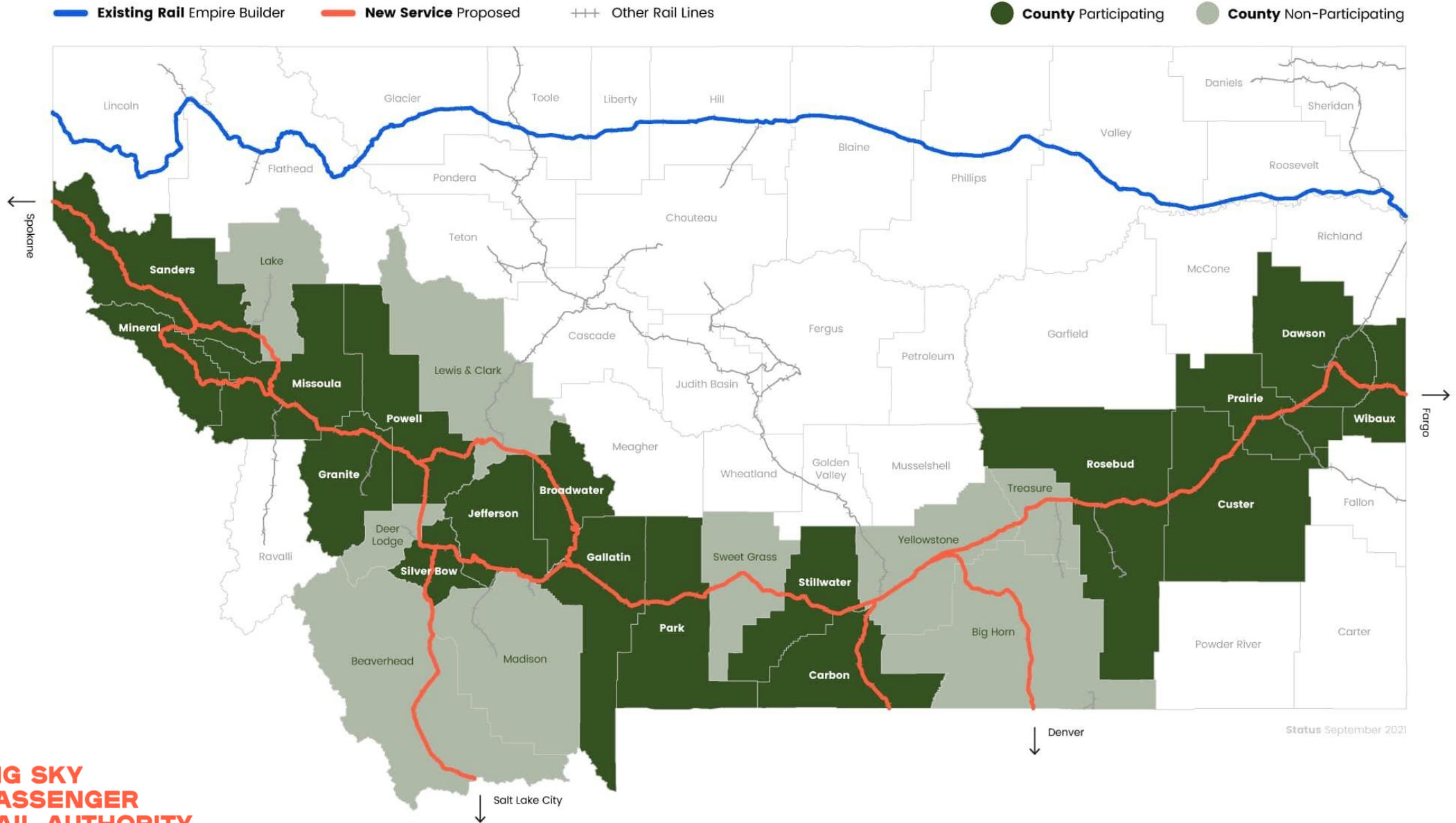
WHY WE EXIST

Passenger Rail Service through Southern Montana ended 42 years ago, and with it, tremendous economic, sustainability, and equity opportunities.



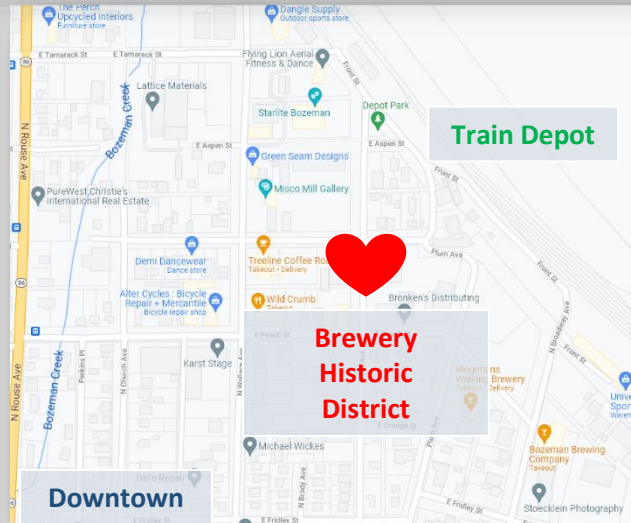
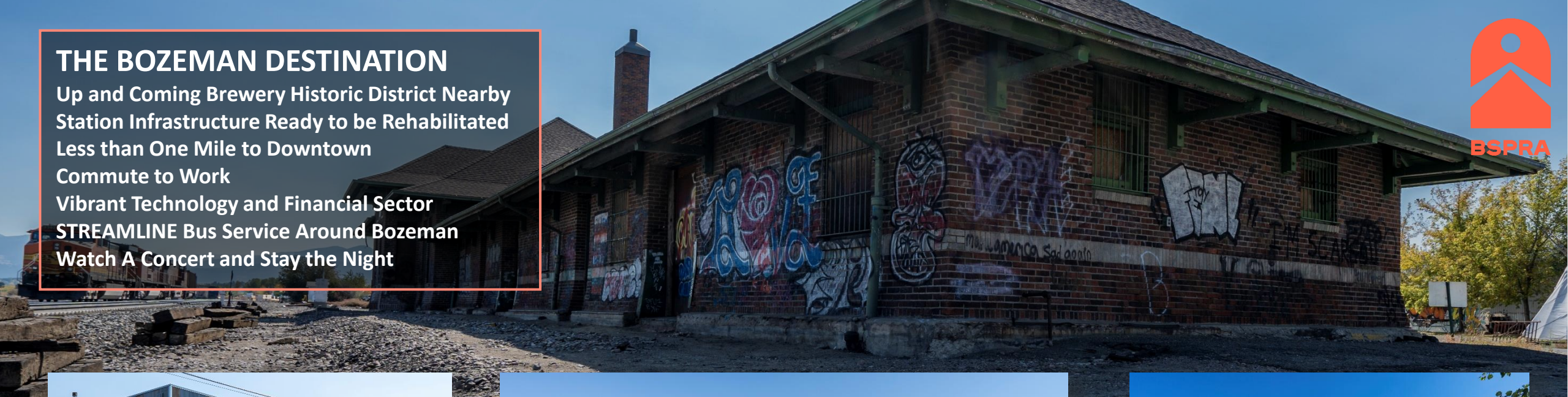
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MONTANA: EXISTING & BSPRA PROPOSED LINES

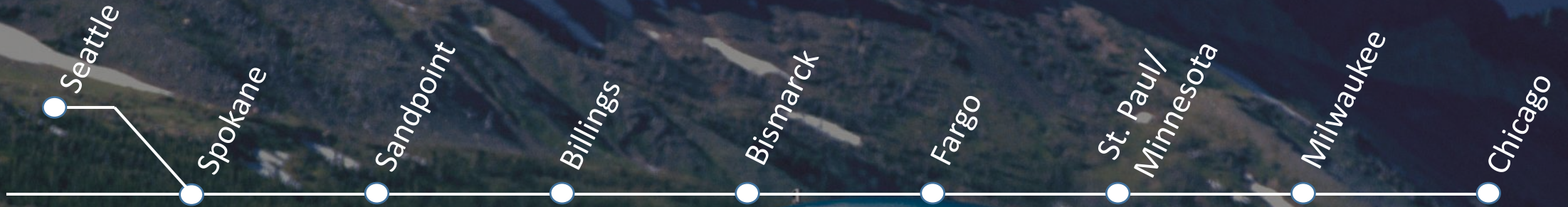


THE BOZEMAN DESTINATION

Up and Coming Brewery Historic District Nearby
Station Infrastructure Ready to be Rehabilitated
Less than One Mile to Downtown
Commute to Work
Vibrant Technology and Financial Sector
STREAMLINE Bus Service Around Bozeman
Watch A Concert and Stay the Night



PROJECTED START-UP RETURNS FOR THE NORTH COAST HIAWATHA



**Annual Economic Return to U.S.
\$271 million**

**Annual Economic Return to Montana
\$44.6 million**

Annual Ridership of 426,000

NEXT STEPS TO CONNECT US!

Study	Work with USDOT and FRA to include the North Coast Hiawatha and Pioneer in the congressional mandated long-distance restoration study
Create	Urge the secretary of transportation to form a Greater Northwest Working Group
Collaborate	Continue collaboration with partners throughout the region
Implement	Work with members of Congress, USDOT, FRA, Amtrak, and host railroads to implement the findings of the long-distance passenger rail restoration study

HOW CAN I HELP?

Connect	Visit our website at bigskyrail.org/take-action
Contact	Contact your local, state, and federal elected officials, urging them to get behind passenger rail restoration efforts
Advocate for change	Ask the US DOT and FRA to expand passenger rail service in the Greater Northwest Region. Urge your state DOT to include passenger rail in state rail planning
Collaborate	Find us on our Socials. Let's work together to create a strong coalition focused on strengthening our community ties through rail!



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