THE TRAIN CAMPAIGN
Bringing Back the Trains!

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Beginnings
Rebooting the Berkshires and Litchfield County
The Benefits Of Local Passenger Rail Service Include*....

$29.5 MILLION INCREASE IN STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES

1300 NEW JOBS CREATED

$627 MILLION INCREASE IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT

$619 MILLION INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES

36 AVERAGE PASSENGER AGE

DECREASE IN COSTS DUE TO FATAL ACCIDENTS $7.2 MILLION

DECREASE IN ROAD MAINTENANCE COSTS $1.4 MILLION

REDUCED CARBON EMISSIONS!

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MISSION: Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide

To foster a robust network of rail transportation options in Berkshire County, MA, Litchfield County, CT, and neighboring regions.

The future of rural America, as well as smaller cities and towns, depends on the connectivity offered by freight and passenger rail because rail supports jobs and connects people.

• Creating economic opportunity for everyone, including those without cars
• Attracting tourists, new permanent residents, and job-creating entrepreneurs
• Reducing carbon emissions while supporting agriculture and light industry
• Nurturing resilient 21st-century rural communities as well as global cities
East-West Rail Studies
This study examined the potential for expanded passenger rail service along the Inland Route (between Boston and Springfield, continuing south to New Haven, CT) and the Boston-to-Montreal Route (between Boston and Springfield, continuing north through Vermont to Montreal, Quebec).

Consultants will look at six options, each with different speeds and a different number of stops along the way, including a 90-minute service from Springfield's Union Station to Boston's South Station. This study includes Pittsfield, where there would be a connection with the Housatonic Berkshire Line.
Route for proposed expanded and improved daily passenger service. This line currently has one train per day, the Lakeshore Limited from Chicago.

Sources: 2011-2016 American Community Survey (US Census Bureau), MassGIS, MassDOT Transit & Rail Division, NYDOT, USDOT BTS, Train Campaign
Berkshire Line (Housatonic Railroad)
1971: The Last Train to Pittsfield

Click here to watch on YouTube
Proposed passenger route along the existing Housatonic freight line.

For more information, see Housatonic Railroad Company's website.

Sources: 2011-2016 American Community Survey (US Census Bureau), MassGIS, NYDOT, USDOT BTS, Housatonic Railroad Company, Train Campaign
2014: Purchase by MA
2018: Upgrade underway
Best of Both Worlds? Trains WITH Trails

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