VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY

# Amtrak 209 Operating Agreement

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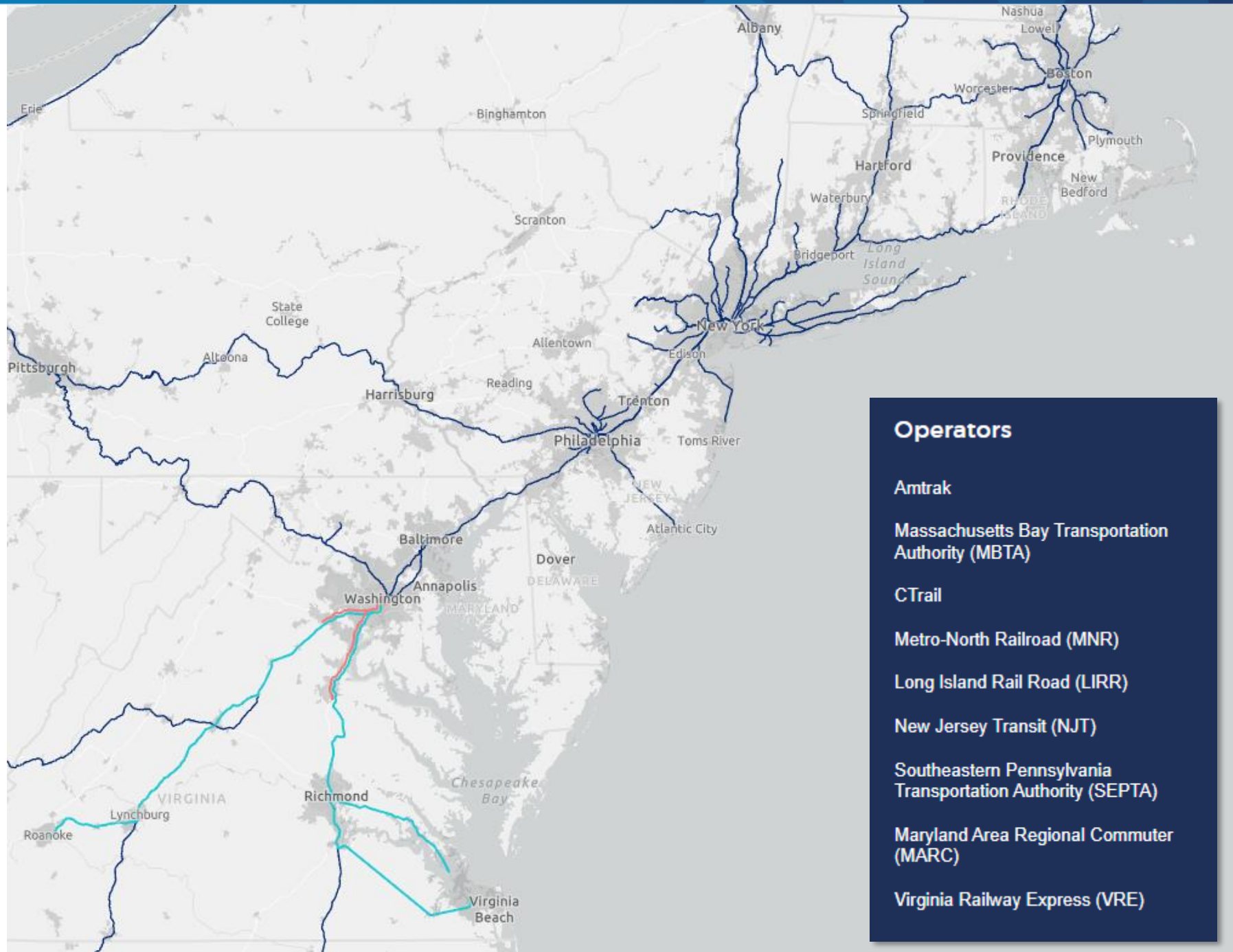
# Amtrak Virginia "PRIIA 209" Agreement

- Section 209 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008
- Routes less than 750 miles, i.e. state-supported service.
- *Action: Authority to execute the FFY27 Amtrak 209 State Supported Agreement*

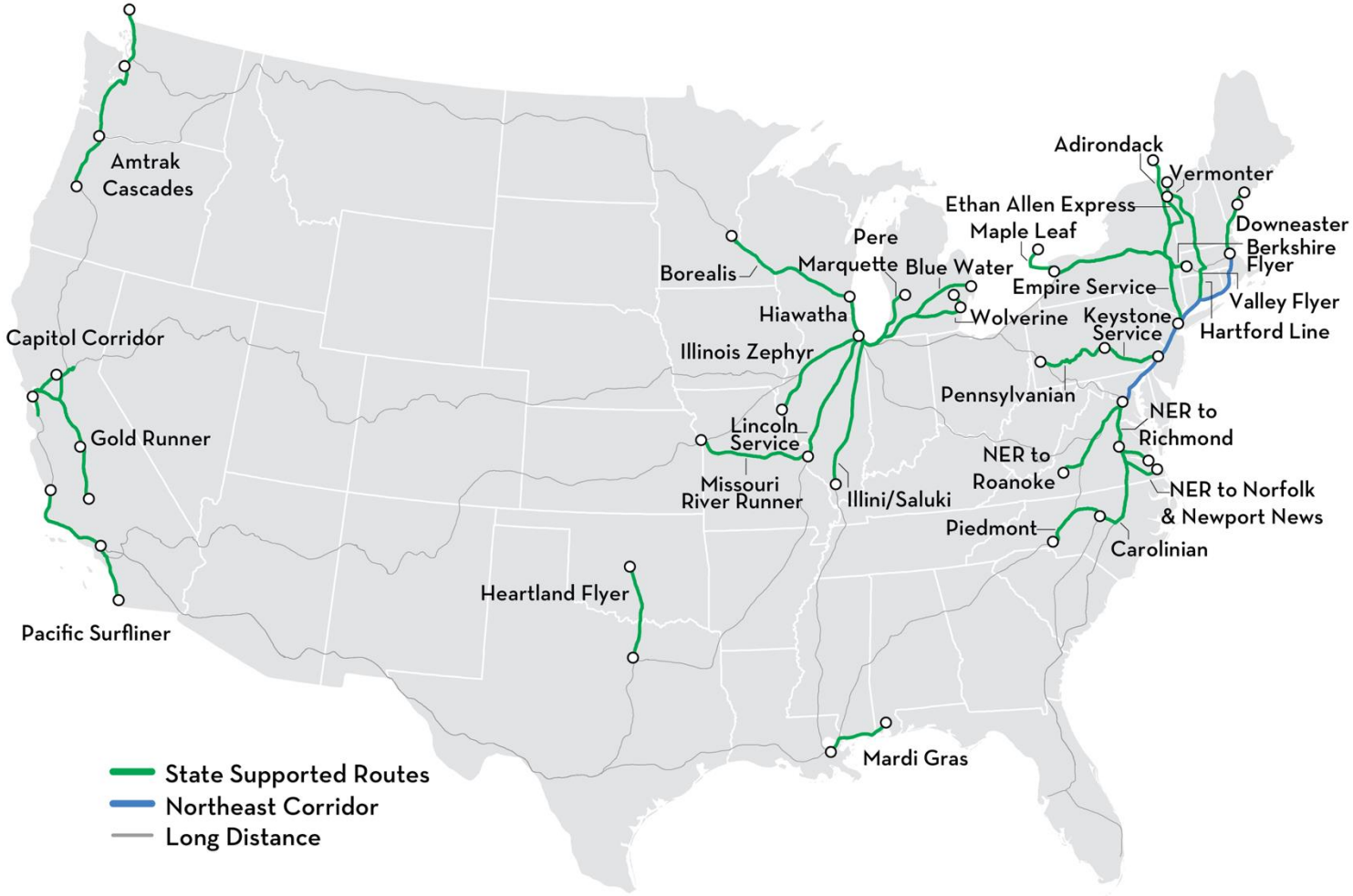



**Operators**

- Amtrak
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
- CTrail
- Metro-North Railroad (MNR)
- Long Island Rail Road (LIRR)
- New Jersey Transit (NJT)
- Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)
- Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC)
- Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

# SAIPRC & PRIIA

- State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee (SAIPRC)
  - 23 State Agencies - 20 States - 32 Routes
  - Amtrak, FRA, and States
  - PRIIA Section 209



# 209 Agreement & State-Supported Service Line

- **SAIPRC Role**
  - 209 Cost Policy
  - Annual rates
  - Facilitator role
- **Amtrak Role**
  - Operations & service delivery
- **VPRA's Service Rights**
  - Schedules, staffing, equipment, and service metrics
  - Initiatives to optimize service

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# PRIIA 209 and VPRA-Amtrak Relationship

- **FFY27 Amtrak 209 State Supported Agreement**
  - Operating and Capital Forecasts
  - Schedules & Staffing
  - Quarterly Meetings
- **Partnership Funding Agreement (TRV)**
  - Customer Service Standards
  - PIDS Improvements

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# THANK YOU

## Questions?