



Boston – Portland – Brunswick (*Downeaster***)**

Already a success story among state-supported passenger rail routes, the Downeaster extended rail service in 2012 to the communities of Freeport and Brunswick, ME for the first time in half a century.

Since the late 1950s, the communities of Freeport and Brunswick, ME lacked passenger rail service—limiting connection opportunities to Boston and the busy Northeast Corridor from Boston - New York - Washington, DC. The Downeaster Portland North project extended passenger rail service to Freeport and Brunswick, improved rail crossings, and funded the construction of two Americans with Disabilities Act compliant platforms.

On the opposite end of the corridor, track improvements in Massachusetts, including a new bridge over the Merrimack River not funded by FRA, will further reduce trip times and increase reliability.



Safety

Enlarged service area to cover 174,000 additional residents, and exceeded projected ridership by 50% in the first year.

Improved all 36 road-rail crossings between Portland and Brunswick.

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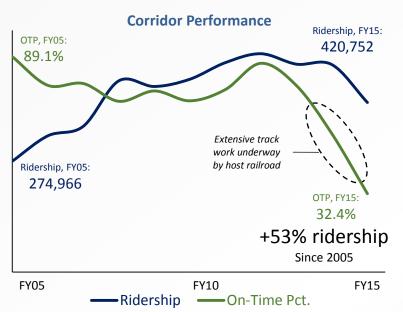
Length	States	Population		
146 miles	MA, NH, ME	5 million		







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The completed Brunswick, ME rail station in 2013 (via Google street view)

Corridor Projects (FY09-Present, \$M)	Program	Fiscal Year	Completion Year	Project Status	Federal	Non- Federal	Total			
Corridor-wide Investments										
Boston-Portland Corridor Plan	HSIPR	2010	2016	Planning/Design Underway	\$0.6	\$0.2	\$.8			
Targeted Investments										
Downeaster Portland North Project	HSIPR	2009	2012	Complete	\$38.4	\$0	\$38.4			
Brunswick Layover Facility	Other	2015	2016	Construction Underway	\$8.8	\$3.9	\$12.8			
Rehabilitation of Merrimack River Railroad Bridge (Not FRA-overseen)	TIGER	2011	2019	Construction Underway	\$10.0	\$33.0	\$43.0			
Downeaster Track Improvements	HSIPR	2009	2017	Construction Underway	\$20.8	\$5.2	\$26.0			
TOTAL						\$42.3	\$121.0			

SOURCES: Population: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010. Ridership & On-Time Performance: Amtrak, 2016. All Other Information: Federal Railroad Administration, 2016. Totals may not add exactly due to rounding.