



AmeriStarRail
Transportation Innovation

January 12, 2024

Nathan Moulton
Director
Office of Freight and Passenger Services
MaineDOT
24 Child Street
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Director Moulton,

AmeriStarRail (ASR) is an LLC based in Wilmington, Delaware that has developed innovative solutions to improve rail passenger service utilizing private financing. We share the vision of the State of Maine that safe, reliable rail transportation is vital to support economic opportunity, quality of life and environmental sustainability for the residents and visitors of Maine.

The commitment that the State of Maine has made to preserve its rail assets for future freight and passenger service is vital to achieving this vision. As you know, the recent closure of Dragon Cement on the Brunswick - Rockland branch has resulted in the loss of most of the freight traffic on the line. Although this creates uncertainty about the future of the Rockland Branch, we are interested to create an opportunity thanks to the State of Maine's commitment and investment to maintain the track infrastructure on the branch to FRA Class III standards that make passenger train speeds up to 59 mph possible.

AmeriStarRail seeks to develop a seasonal tourist train operation on the Rockland Branch, to operate daily train excursions, this year, from May 1, 2024 through October 27, 2024. Marketed as the MidCoast Maine Central, we propose to contract with the host railroad, Midcoast Railservice, to operate the trains which will offer Coach, First Class and Dining Car service. In addition, for each Adult ticket purchased, kids 17 and under will ride free in the Family Coach Car. This will be attractive for MidCoast tourists visiting with children and grandchildren.

As can be seen in the attached map and schedules, we are proposing to operate 6 roundtrip train excursions daily. This will allow passengers on all Amtrak Downeaster trains, serving Brunswick, the opportunity to ride the Rockland Branch excursion trains. The trains will also be supplemented by 4 roundtrips via motorcoach. Between Brunswick and Rockland all trains and motorcoaches will make intermediate stops at Bath, Wiscasset and Newcastle.

To attract additional passengers to ride MidCoast Maine Central excursion trains, daily motorcoach excursions will be operated from Boston's Logan Airport and South Station to Brunswick, Rockland, Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. The goal of the MidCoast Maine Central Excursion Network is to enhance tourism experiences, economic revenues and provide a traffic-free alternative for the 2 million+ tourists who depend on the two-lane U.S. Route 1 to visit most tourist attractions along Maine's MidCoast.

Although MaineDOT has \$3 million available for a two-year demonstration of rail passenger service on the Rockland Branch, MidCoast Maine Central train excursions will run without operating subsidies. This will allow those funds to be utilized to create jobs and purchase materials in Maine for track and station infrastructure improvements on the Rockland Branch.

We look forward to discussing this with you and MaineDOT at your earliest opportunity as we seek to begin service by May 1st with a Midcoast Railservice host railroad agreement.

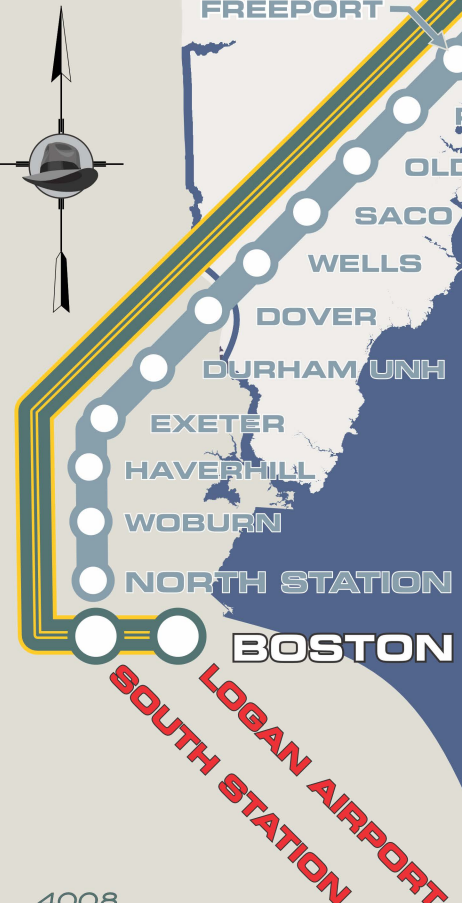
Sincerely,

Scott R. Spencer
Chief Operating Officer

Cc: NNEPRA Executive Director Patricia Quinn
Brunswick Town Manager John Eldridge
Bath City Manager Marc Meyers
Wiscasset Town Manager Dennis Simmons
Newcastle Town Manager Kevin Sutherland
Rockland City Manager Tom Luttrell
Finger Lakes Railway President Mike Smith



RELAX ON THE SCENIC ROUTE TO MIDCOAST MAINE AND ACADIA



TO MONTREAL

TO NOVA SCOTIA

BAR HARBOR

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

BRUNSWICK BATH WISCASSET NEWCASTLE ROCKLAND

FREEPORT

PORTLAND

OLD ORCHARD BEACH

SACO

WELLS

DOVER

DURHAM UNH

EXETER

HAVERHILL

WOBURN

NORTH STATION

BOSTON

SOUTH STATION LOGAN AIRPORT

MIDCOAST MAINE CENTRAL EXCURSION NETWORK



MidCoast Limited (Brunswick-Rockland)
SIX ROUND TRIPS VIA EXCURSION TRAIN DAILY SUPPLEMENTED BY FOUR ROUND TRIPS VIA EXCURSION MOTORCOACH. *KIDS RIDE FREE!**



MidCoast Flyer (Boston-MidCoast-Acadia)
EXCURSION MOTORCOACH SERVICE ALONG US1 & I-95 TO BOSTON SOUTH STATION, LOGAN AIRPORT, BAR HARBOR & ACADIA NP WITH THE OPTION OF RIDING MIDCOAST LIMITED TRAINS BETWEEN BRUNSWICK AND ROCKLAND.



Future Motorcoach Excursions (Montreal)

MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS



Amtrak Downeaster trains (Boston-Brunswick)



MaineDOT ferries to Matinicus, North Haven, and Vinalhaven



High-Speed Bay Ferries to Nova Scotia

* UP TO TWO KIDS, AGE 17 OR YOUNGER, MAY RIDE AT NO CHARGE ON EXCURSION TRAINS IN THE FAMILY COACH CAR WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A FARE-PAYING ADULT. AVAILABILITY OF KIDS RIDE FREE TICKETS IS LIMITED BY THE CAPACITY OF THE FAMILY COACH CAR. ADDITIONAL KIDS TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FOR HALF-PRICE.

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MidCoast Maine Central: Brunswick - ROCKLAND EASTBOUND TIMETABLE													
Effective May 1, 2024 - October 27, 2024													
Miles from Brunswick	Daily Service												
	Train Number	50	52	Rockland Bus	54	Rockland Bus	56	Freight Slot 1	Freight Slot 2	Rockland Bus	58	60	Rockland Bus
	<i>BOSTON LOGAN AIRPORT (Via Motorcoach)</i>		5:30A		10:00A		12:30P				4:55P		
	<i>BOSTON SOUTH STATION (Via Motorcoach)</i>		6:00A		10:30P		1:00P				5:25P		
	<i>BRUNSWICK (Via Motorcoach)</i>		8:00A		12:30P		3:00P				7:25P		
	<i>BRUNSWICK Amtrak Arrival Times</i>	1:45A			12:10P		3:10P				7:05P	8:40P	
0.00	BRUNSWICK - Amtrak Station	4:45A	8:20A	10:45A	12:45P	1:55P	3:15P	3:30P	4:05P	6:05P	7:40P	8:45P	11:00P
4.33	<i>Hardings Siding</i>												
8.74	Bath	5:10A	8:45A	10:59A	1:10P	2:09P	3:40P			6:19P	8:05P	9:10P	11:14P
9.87	<i>Bayview Siding</i>												
20.15	Wiscasset	5:30A	9:05A	11:15A	1:30P	2:25P	4:00P			6:35P	8:25P	9:30P	11:30P
27.17	Newcastle - Damariscotta	5:45A	9:20A	11:24A	1:45P	2:34P	4:15P			6:44P	8:40P	9:45P	11:39P
27.17	<i>Newcastle Siding</i>	6:00AM	9:35AM				4:30PM						
39.61	<i>Allens Siding</i>		10:00AM					6:10PM	6:10PM				
52.54	<i>Thomaston Spur</i>												
56.21	<i>Rockland Yard</i>							7:30P	7:30P				
56.71	ROCKLAND	7:00A	10:35A	12:15P	2:45P	3:25P	5:30P			7:35P	9:40P	10:45P	12:30A
	<i>ROCKLAND (via Motorcoach)</i>	7:10A	10:45A		2:55P		5:40P				8:30P		
	<i>BAR HARBOR FERRY TERMINAL (CAT Ferry to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia departs at 3:00P)</i>		12:45P										
	<i>BAR HARBOR VILLAGE GREEN (connections to fare-free Island Explorer bus routes)</i>	9:15A	12:50P		5:00P		7:45P						
	<i>ACADIA NATIONAL PARK (via Motorcoach)</i>	9:25A	1:00P		5:10P		7:55P						

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	Train Number	51	Brunswick Bus	53	Freight Slot	55	Brunswick Bus	57	Brunswick Bus	59	Brunswick Bus	61
	ACADIA NATIONAL PARK (Via Motorcoach)			6:05A				1:00P		3:05P		9:00P
	BAR HARBOR VILLAGE GREEN (connections to fare-free Island Explorer bus routes)			6:15A				1:10P		3:15P		9:10P
	BAR HARBOR FERRY TERMINAL (CAT Ferry from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia arrives at 1:00P)							1:20P		3:20P		
	ROCKLAND (Via Motorcoach)			8:20A				3:15P		5:20P		11:15P
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4.17	Thomaston Spur											
17.10	Allens Siding				10:00AM					6:10PM		
29.54	Newcastle Siding											
29.54	Newcastle - Damariscotta	6:00AM	7:05A	9:35AM		11:40A	12:55P	4:30PM	5:05P	6:35P	9:05P	12:30A
36.56	Wiscasset	6:15A	7:20A	9:50A		11:55A	1:10P	4:45P	5:20P	6:50P	9:20P	12:45A
46.84	Bayview Siding											
47.97	Bath	6:35A	7:40A	10:10A		12:15P	1:30P	5:05P	5:40P	7:10P	9:40P	1:05A
52.38	Hardings Siding											
56.71	BRUNSWICK - Amtrak Station	7:00A	8:00A	10:35A	12:05P	12:40P	1:50P	5:30P	6:00P	7:35P	10:00P	1:30A
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