



MANCHESTER & BENNINGTON TO THE REST OF THE WORLD

HOW CAN IMPROVEMENTS GET YOU FROM HERE
TO THERE AND BACK

WHY?

In the legislative session in 2015, Section 11 of ACT 40 directs the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) to study options for initiating and operating an Albany-Bennington-Manchester bus service.

- Sec. 11. STUDY OF MONTPELIER TO ST. ALBANS COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE, ALBANY
- TO BENNINGTON TO MANCHESTER BUS SERVICE
- (b) The Agency, in consultation with the Joint Fiscal Office, shall study the expected
- benefits and costs to the State of Vermont, implementation steps, and timeline associated
- with various models for initiating and operating an Albany to Bennington to Manchester
- bus service, and shall report its findings and any recommendations to the House and
- Senate Committees on Transportation on or before January 15, 2016.



WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

CREATE MORE DIRECT CONNECTIONS
TO THE TRAIN IN ALBANY FROM SOUTHWESTERN
VERMONT TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH IMPROVED
CONNECTIVITY TO ALBANY AND NYC

MORE THAN 1/2 HOUSEHOLDS IN NYC DON'T OWN A CAR

BENNINGTON AND MANCHESTER RESIDENTS REGULARLY PICK PEOPLE UP FROM VARIOUS TERMINALS IN ALBANY

ALBANY IS 62 MILES AWAY FROM BENNINGTON

MOST BENNINGTON COLLEGE PROFESSORS LIVE IN NYC AND TRAVEL UP TO BENNINGTON DURING THE WEEK

SUMMER RESIDENTS NEED TO TRAVEL BETWEEN ALBANY AND BENNINGTON/MANCHESTER

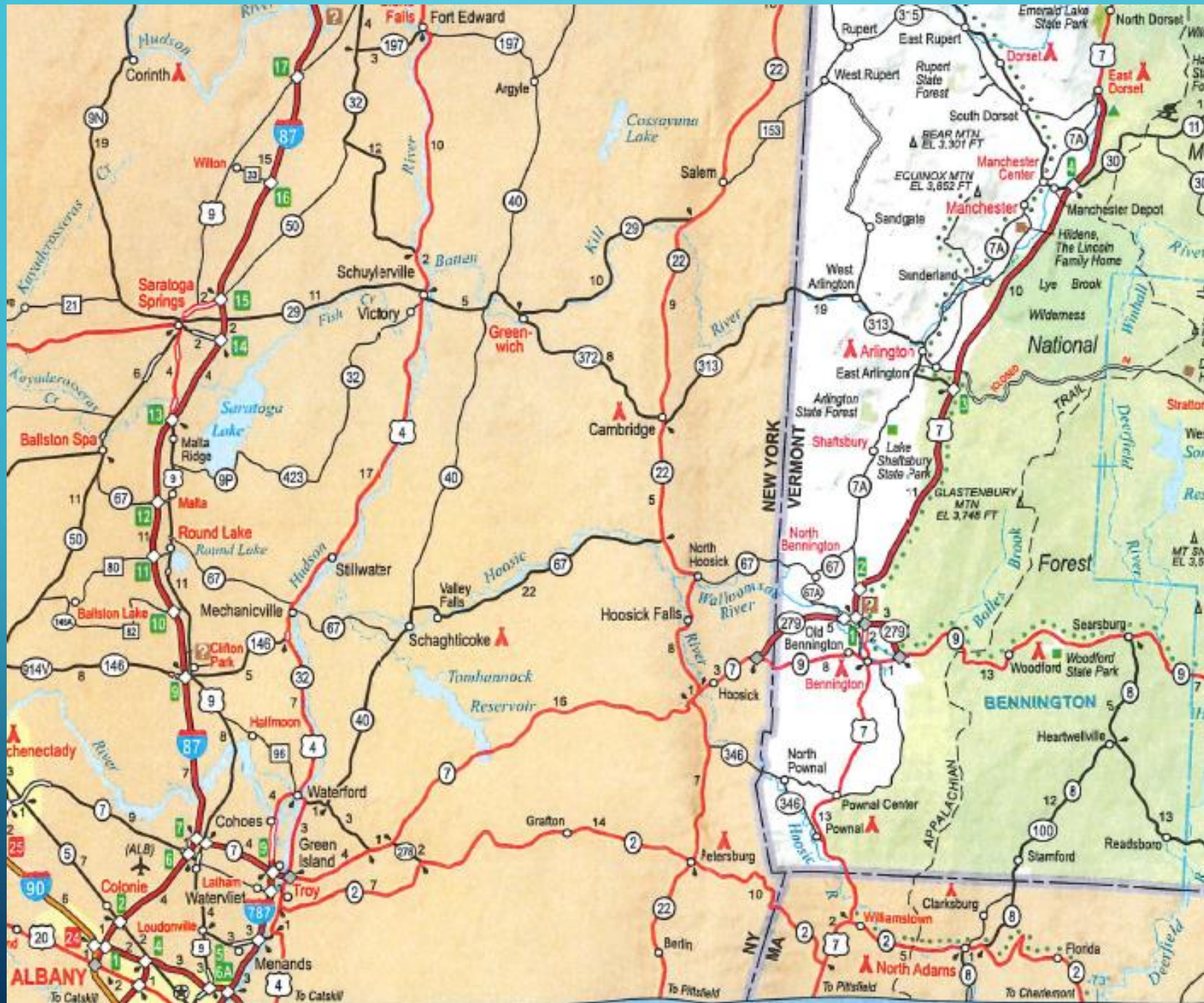
DAILY SERVICE FROM YANKEE TRAILS ONLY WEEKDAYS

WILL THIS SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

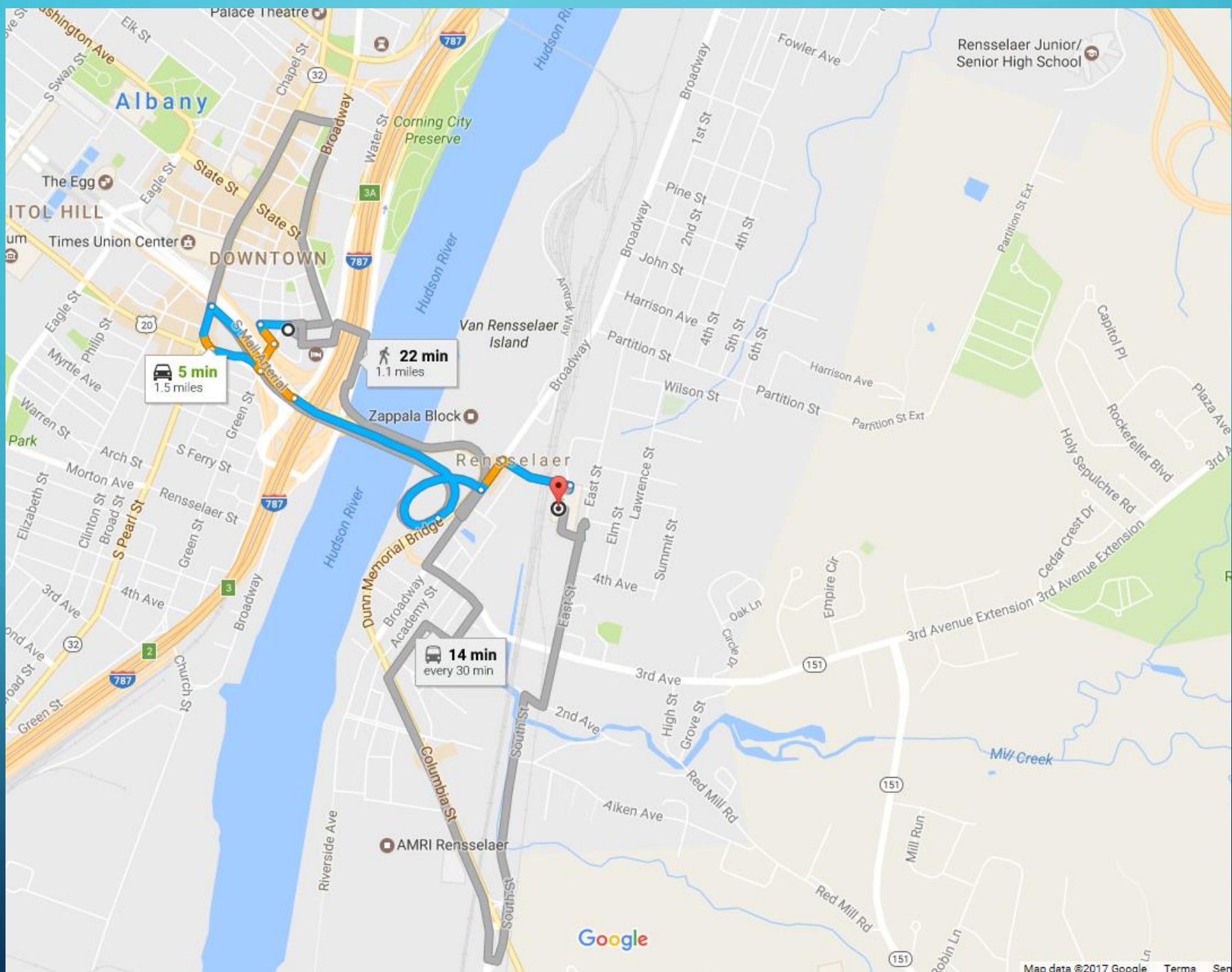
WORK CONNECTIONS

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SUGGESTED SCHEDULES

Possible schedule for meeting northbound and southbound trains

VERMONT ROUTE 7 CORRIDOR: BURLINGTON-RUTLAND-MANCHESTER-BENNINGTON-ALBANY-(NYC)

READ DOWN				SCHEDULE NUMBER								READ UP				
Train 280/ Proposed Thruway 6280	Vt. Trans- Lines	Train 68/ Proposed Thruway 6268		[Effective Date]								Train 69/ Proposed Thruway 6269	Vt. Trans- Lines	Train 237/ Proposed Thruway 6237	Train 253/ Proposed Thruway 6253	
Daily	Daily	Daily		FREQUENCY								Daily	Daily	Mon-Fri	Sat/Sun	
	7:05 AM			LV	Colchester, VT		AR									
	7:50 AM			LV	Burlington Airport		AR									
	9:50 AM			AR	Rutland		LV									
	10:05 AM			LV	Rutland		AR									
7:40 AM	10:55 AM	3:10 PM		LV	Manchester		AR		1:15 PM					9:10 PM		9:55 PM
8:25 AM	11:30 AM	3:50 PM		LV	Bennington		LV		12:35 PM					8:30 PM		9:15 PM
				LV	Hoosick Falls (NY)		AR									
9:25 AM		4:50 PM		LV	Troy (NY)		AR									
				LV	Williamstown (MA)		LV									
	12:35 PM			AR	Albany Airport (NY)		LV						2:30 PM			
	1:00 PM →			AR	Albany Greyhound Station		LV						2:05 PM			
				LV	Albany Greyhound Station		AR					→→				
9:45 AM		5:10 PM		AR	Albany Rennselaer Amtrak		LV		11:10 AM					7:20 PM		8:05 PM
10:05 AM		6:15 PM		LV	Albany Rennselaer Amtrak		AR		10:50 AM					7:00 PM		7:45 PM
				LV	Albany		LV									
12:45 PM		8:50 PM		AR	Port Authority NYC		LV									
				AR	Penn Station NYC		LV		8:15 AM					4:40 PM		5:15 PM

THESE ARE THE CURRENT/POTENTIAL CONNECTIONS SOUTHBOUND

Leave Manchester - (7 GH buses depart for NYC which would meet these buses)

Time	Rail/Bus	Yankee Trails Bus	VT Translines	Arrive Albany	Meet AR-NY train
7:45am	7:45am			9:30am	10:05am-12:45pm
10:55am			10:55am	1:00pm	1:05-3:45pm 3:10-5:48pm 3:45-6:23pm 4:05-6:45pm
3:25pm	3:25pm			5:10pm	5:40-8:20pm 6:15-8:50pm 7:15-9:50pm
yellow means Monday through Friday, shaded is potential					

THESE ARE THE CURRENT/POTENTIAL CONNECTIONS NORTHBOUND

Leave Albany – (7 GH buses arrive which would meet these buses)

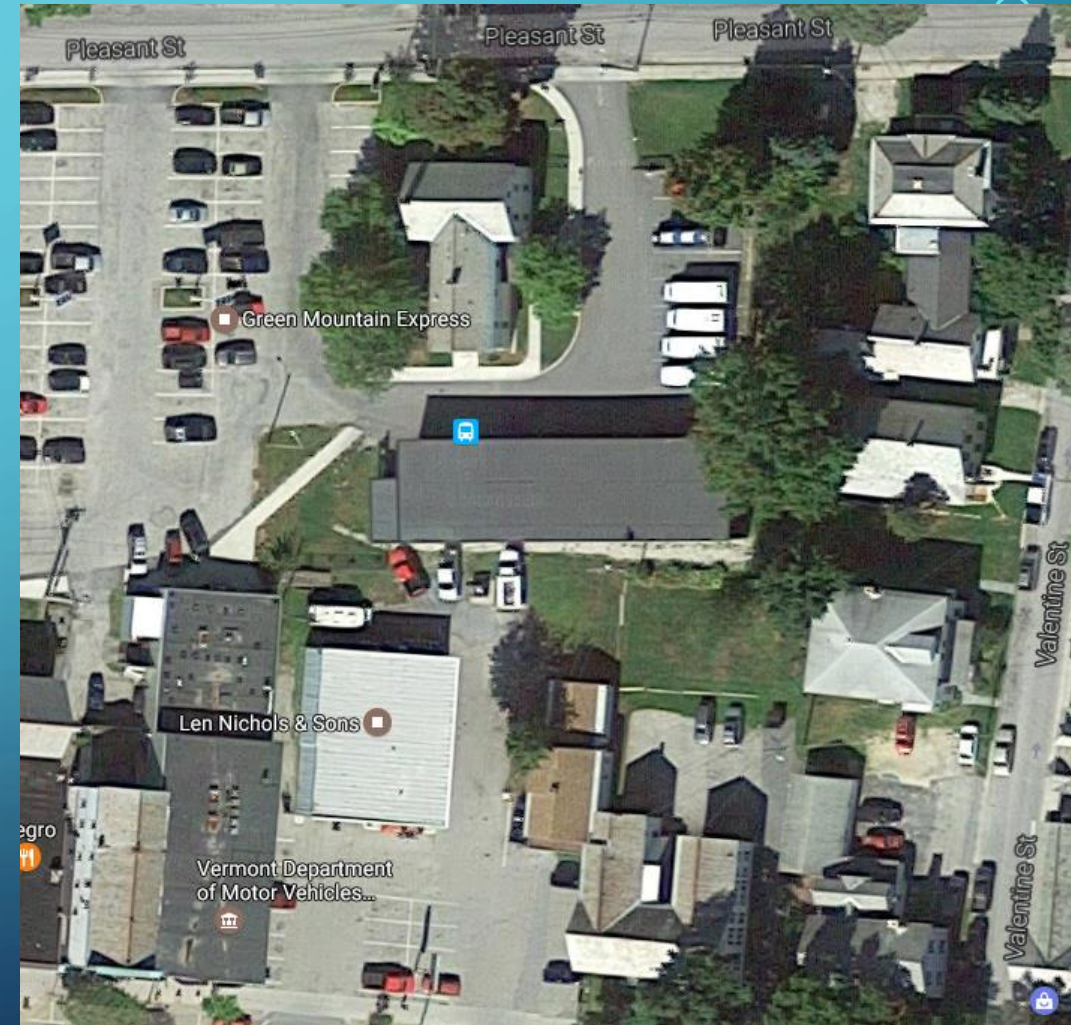
time	Rail/Bus	Yankee Trails Bus	VT Translines	Arrive Bennington	Meet NY-AR train
					(Saturday train 45 mins later)
				10:50am	
11:10am	11:10am			12:35pm	8:15-10:50am
2:05pm			2:05pm	3:35pm	10:20am- 12:55pm 11:20am-1:50pm
5:15pm				7:20pm	1:20-3:45pm 2:20-4:50pm
7:20pm	7:20pm			8:30pm	3:40-6:20pm 4:40-7:00pm

POSSIBLE STOPS IN BENNINGTON

- Welcome Center for additional parking



- Green Mountain Community Network Downtown Hub



POSSIBLE STOPS IN MANCHESTER

Exploring possibility of adding parking to the Town Offices



- Perhaps having another stop for pedestrians?



CURRENT STOPS FOR VERMONT TRANSLINES

- Manchester



Manchester Park & Ride Future



- Bennington



GOALS AS EXPRESSED IN THE 3 REGIONAL MEETINGS, 2 IN BENNINGTON (11/3/16, 11/29/16) 1 IN MANCHESTER (1/24/17)

- Quick access to the train
- Thru ticketing for both bus and train modes, i.e. NYC to Manchester (one ticket)
- Being sure the bus waits for the train
- Cheap (not as important given the cost of parking)
- Mobile ticketing (not so much but would be nice)
- Add others?

QUESTIONS WE ASKED:

- **Who here thinks they will use a bus service to the Amtrak station in Albany?**
- **Who here takes the train periodically from Albany to NYC?**
- **When do you think would be the best times to run a bus - Amtrak service to NYC?**
 - **Leaving Manchester/Bennington?**
 - **Arriving in Manchester/Bennington?**
- **Is car rental service important to users of such a bus – Amtrak service?**
- **How many runs per day do you think demand would support?**
- **Any other concerns or ideas?**

HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE TAKEN ANY OF THE CURRENT CONNECTIONS?

- To connect to the train heading south?
- To head north?
- To get to the airport?
- To catch a bus?
- To catch an east or westbound train?
- How many would be likely to take the new service if it connected to:
 - An early southbound train?
 - A late northbound train?
 - A mid-day train on Sunday heading north?
 - ???????? Other questions

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