

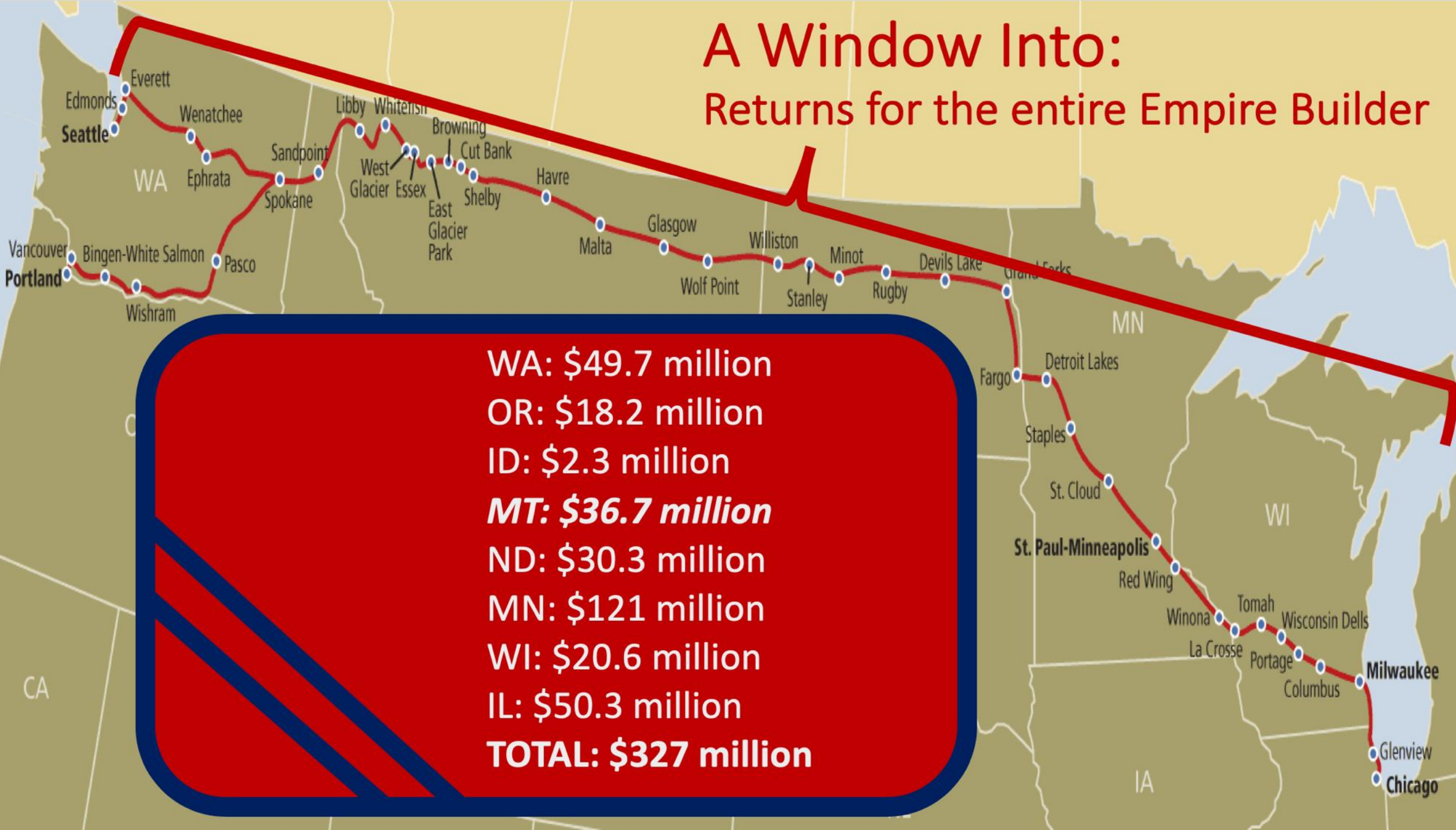


Montana's Transportation Future?

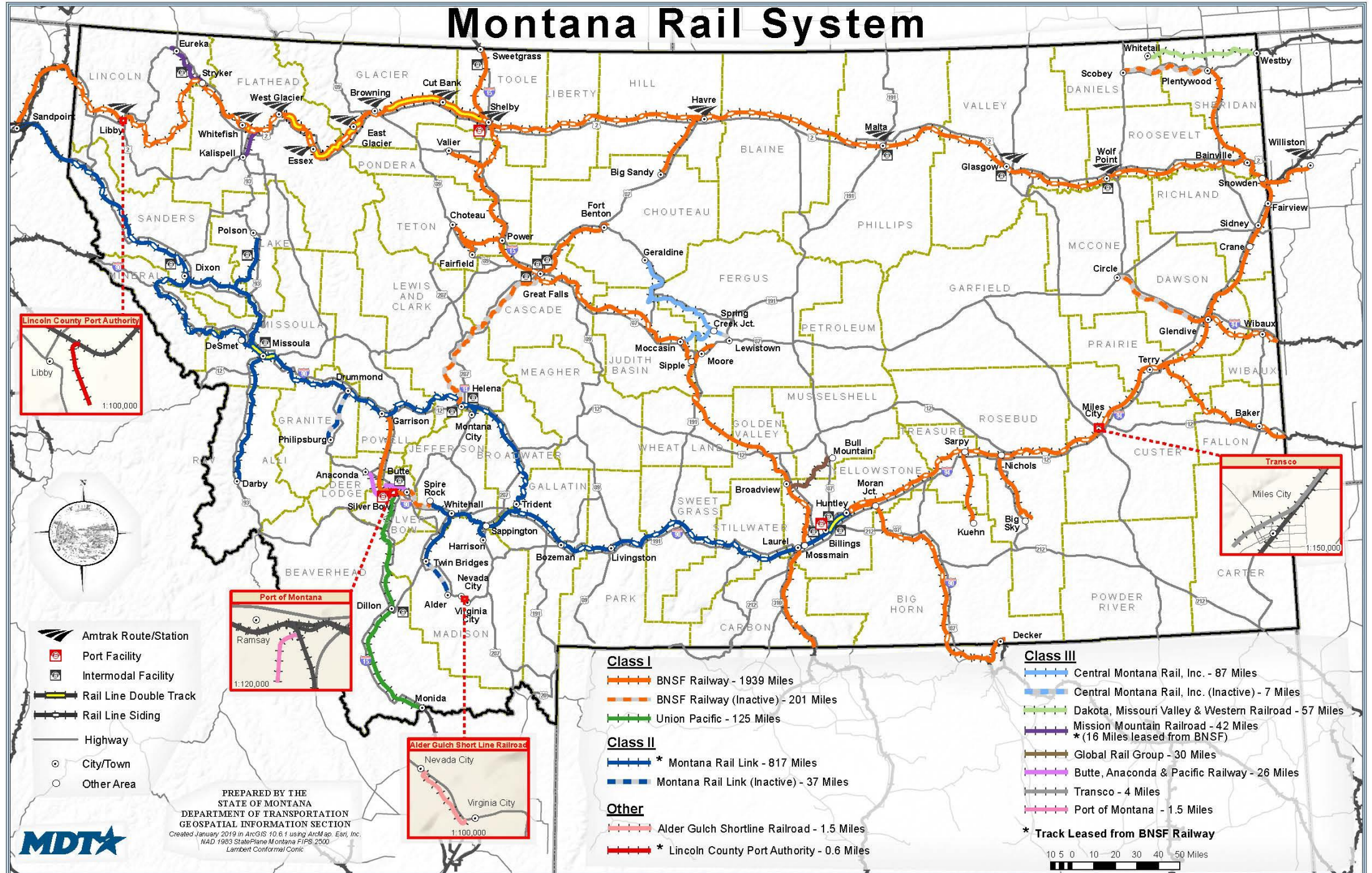
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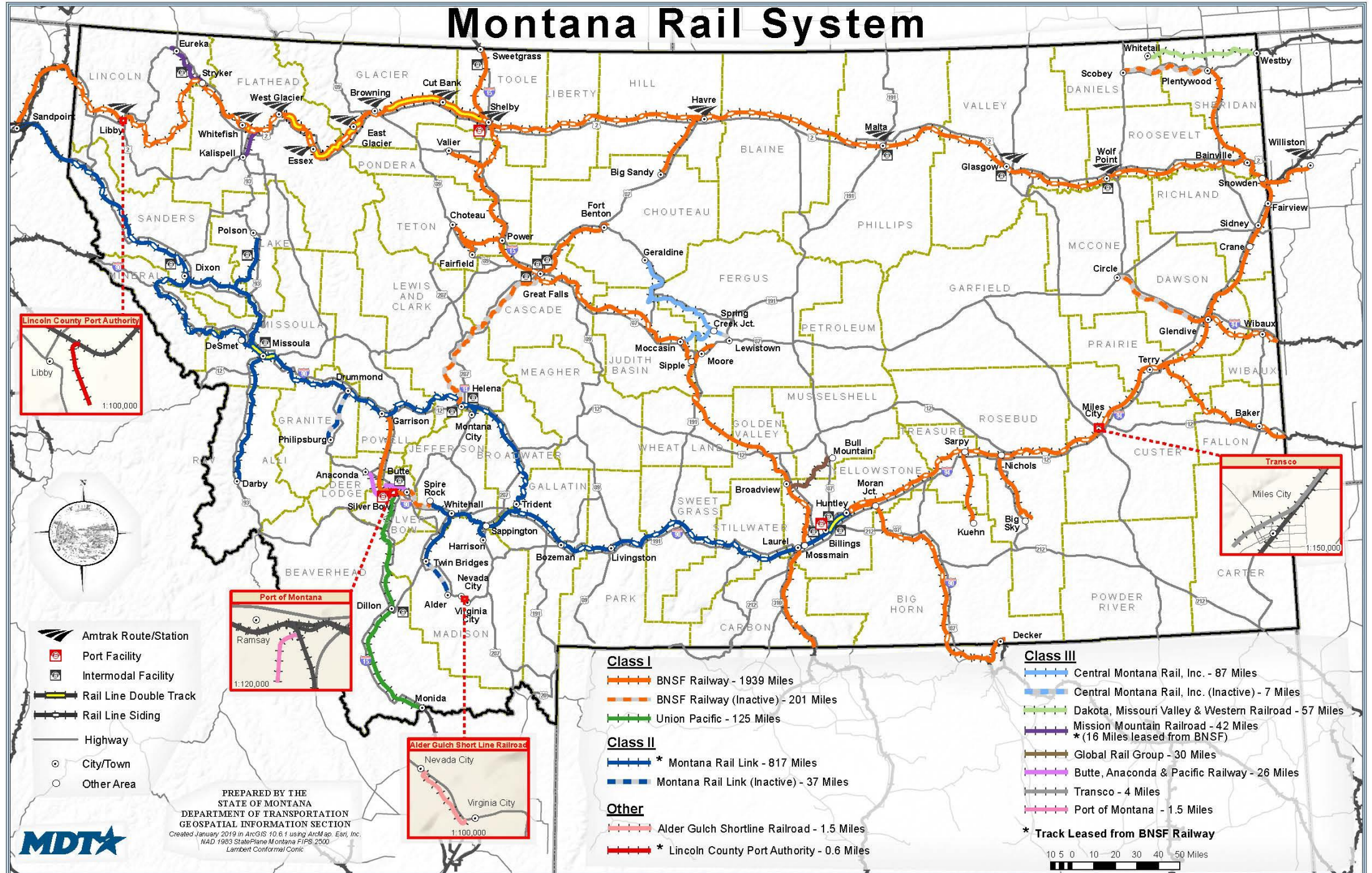
A Window Into: Returns for the entire Empire Builder



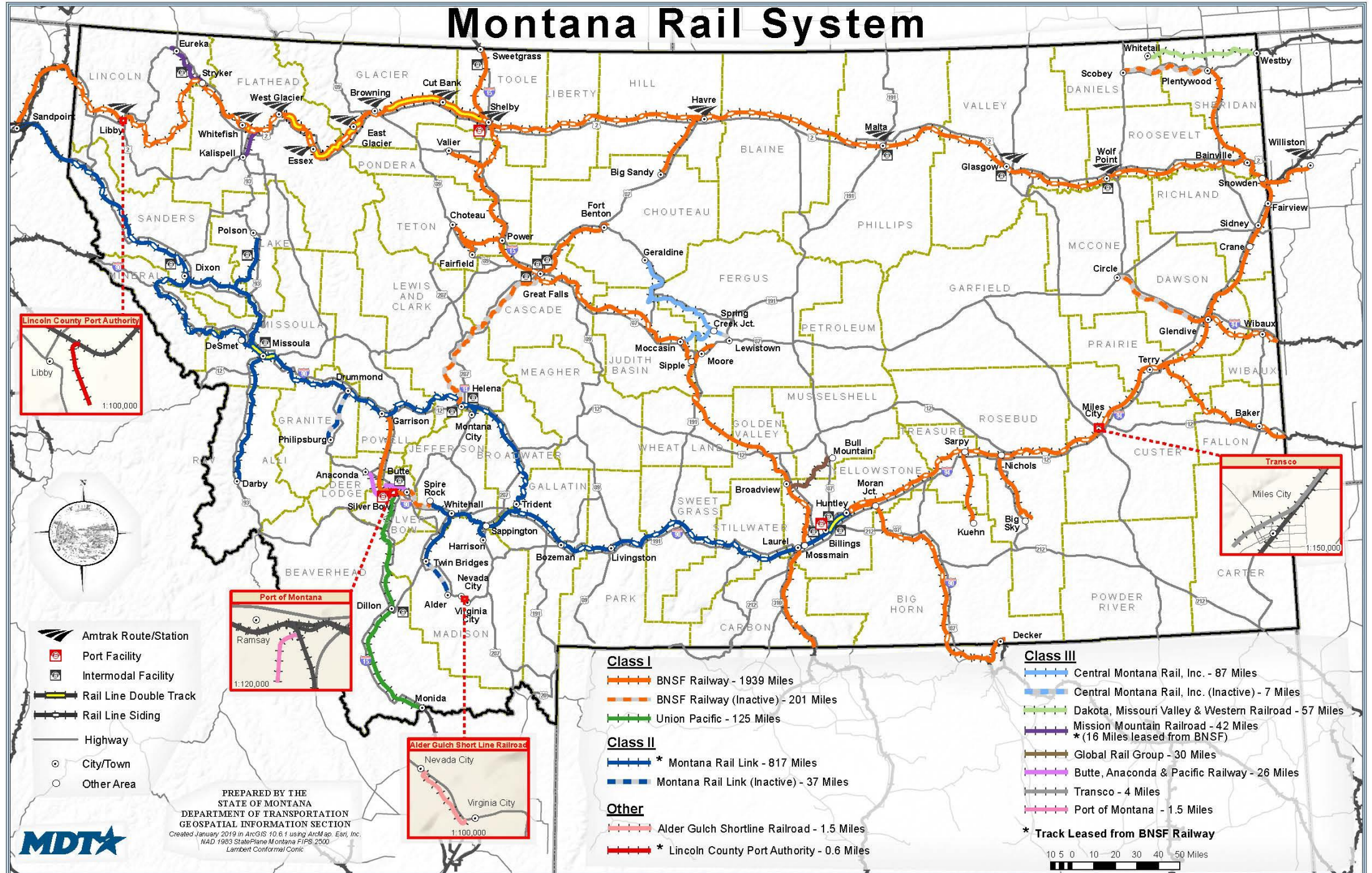
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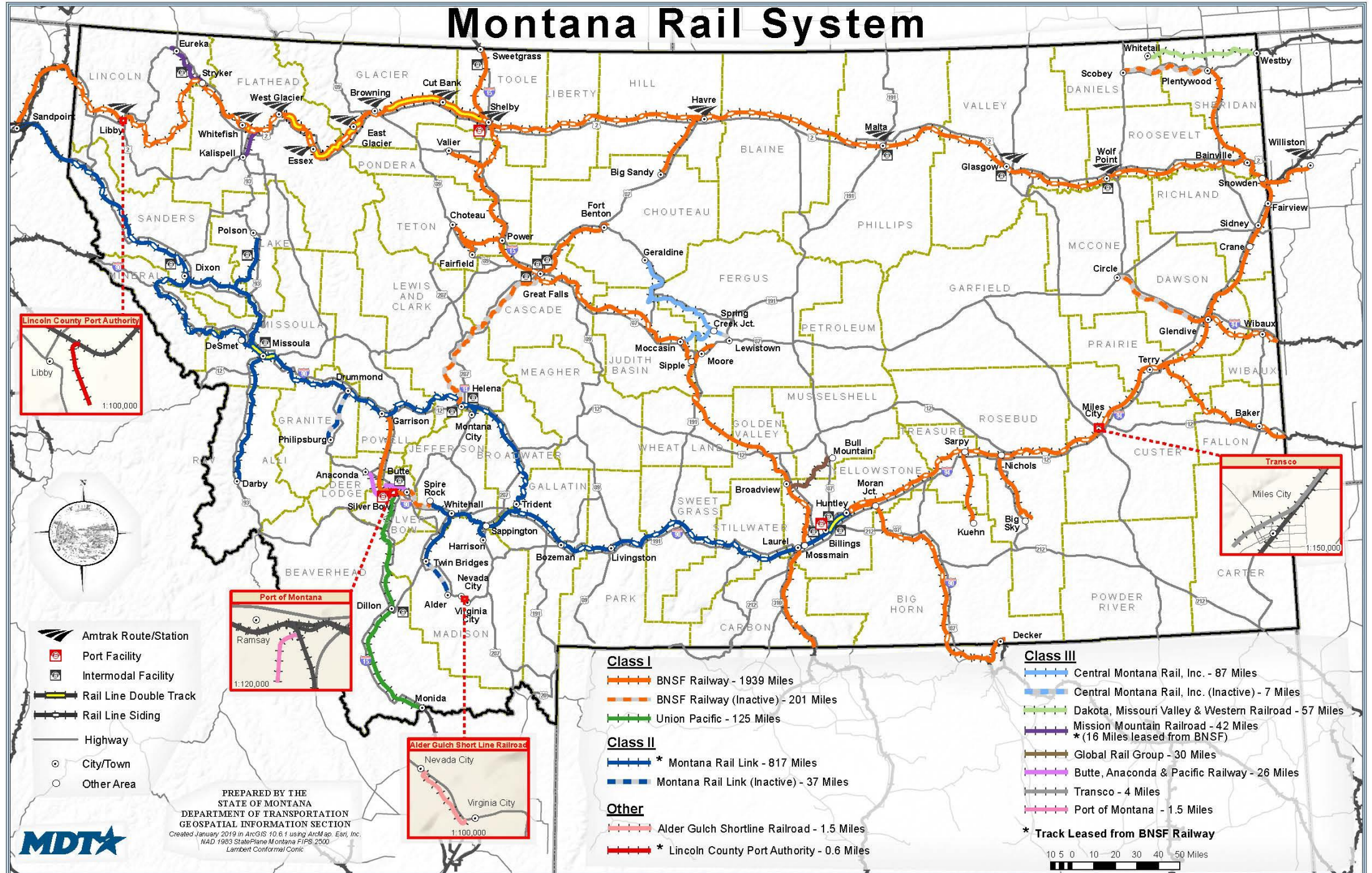
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NEXT STEPS

- **Create a Regional Passenger Rail Authority**
 - Communities that lay the groundwork today will be first in line when ***somebody's*** infrastructure program is passed – Republican or Democrat
 - Authority would continue to examine economic benefits and feasibility, be a vehicle for receiving Federal grants
- **Update Amtrak's 2009 North Coast Hiawatha Restoration Study**
 - Congressionally directed in 2008, released by Amtrak in October 2009
 - Study update should be conducted independently of Amtrak
- **Conduct Additional Studies Assessing Total Economic Benefits**

GET ENGAGED

- Contact Commissioner Dave Strohmaier
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- Contact Potential Partners
- Contact County Commissioners Along the Route
- Contact Montana's Congressional Delegation