

Infrastructure Bill Brings Amtrak Between Phoenix and Tucson One Step Closer to Reality



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Move over, I-10—passenger rail is one step closer to connecting Phoenix and Tucson ☐

Phoenix is the largest US city without intercity passenger rail, but that may soon change.

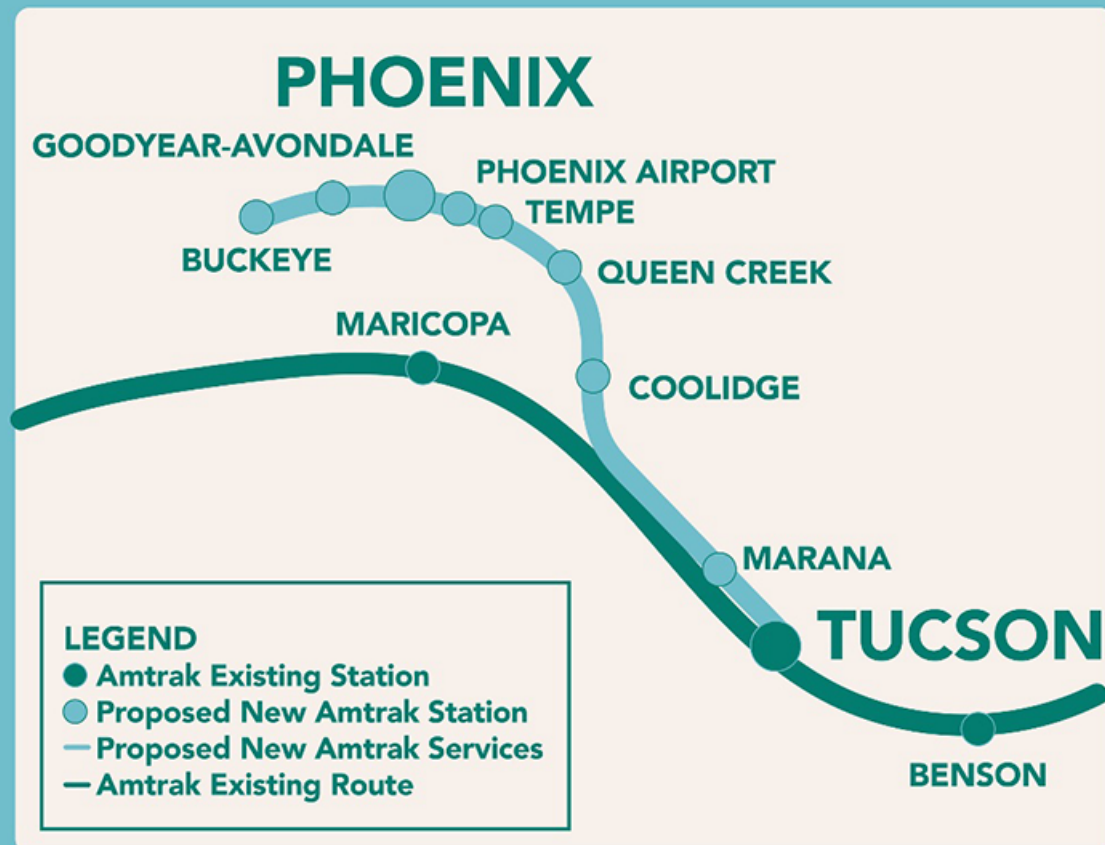
The bipartisan infrastructure bill signed by President Biden earlier this week approves **\$66 billion in new funding for Amtrak.**

Amtrak has proposed building a new line in Arizona with eight new stations and would run three daily round trips between Phoenix and Tucson. The trip would take just under 2 ½ hours one way.

The company estimates it would take about three years to get the route up and running.

Amtrak predicts the new route would **attract about 200,000 riders annually**, taking those passengers off the clogged I-10.

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