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# **Amtrak Government Affairs Update**

## **NGEC Annual Meeting**

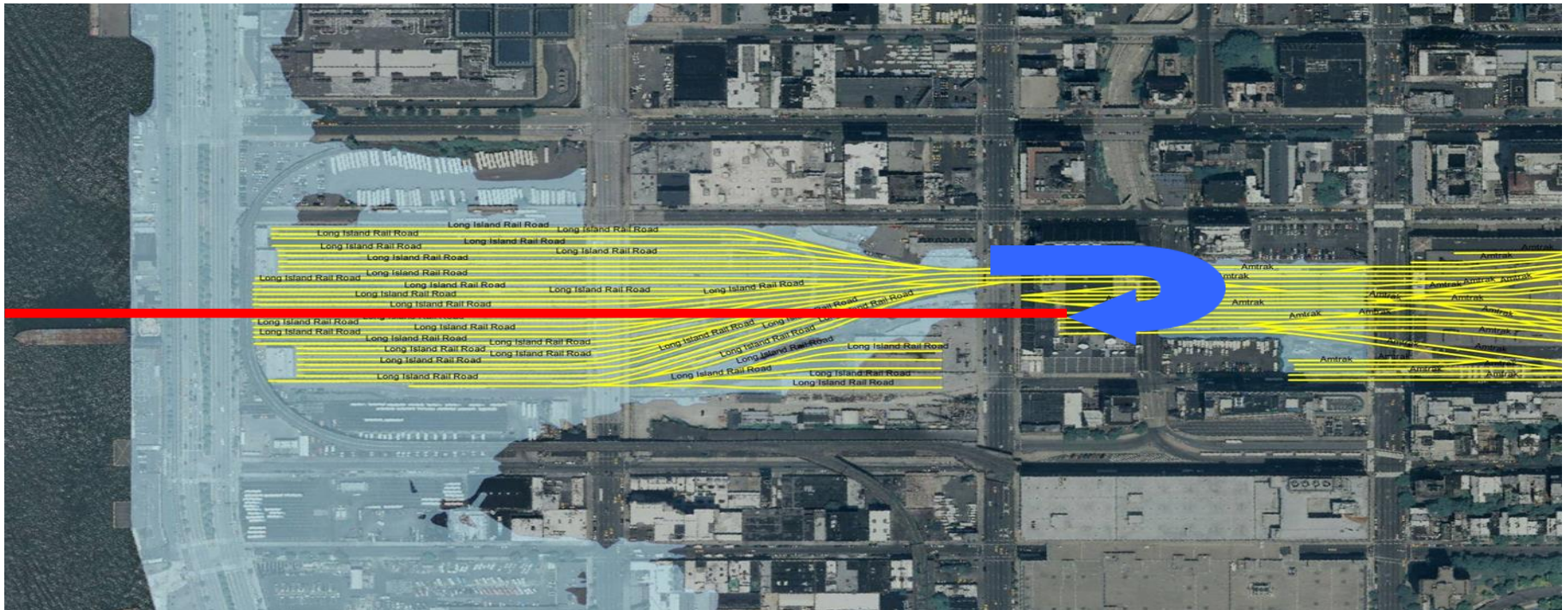
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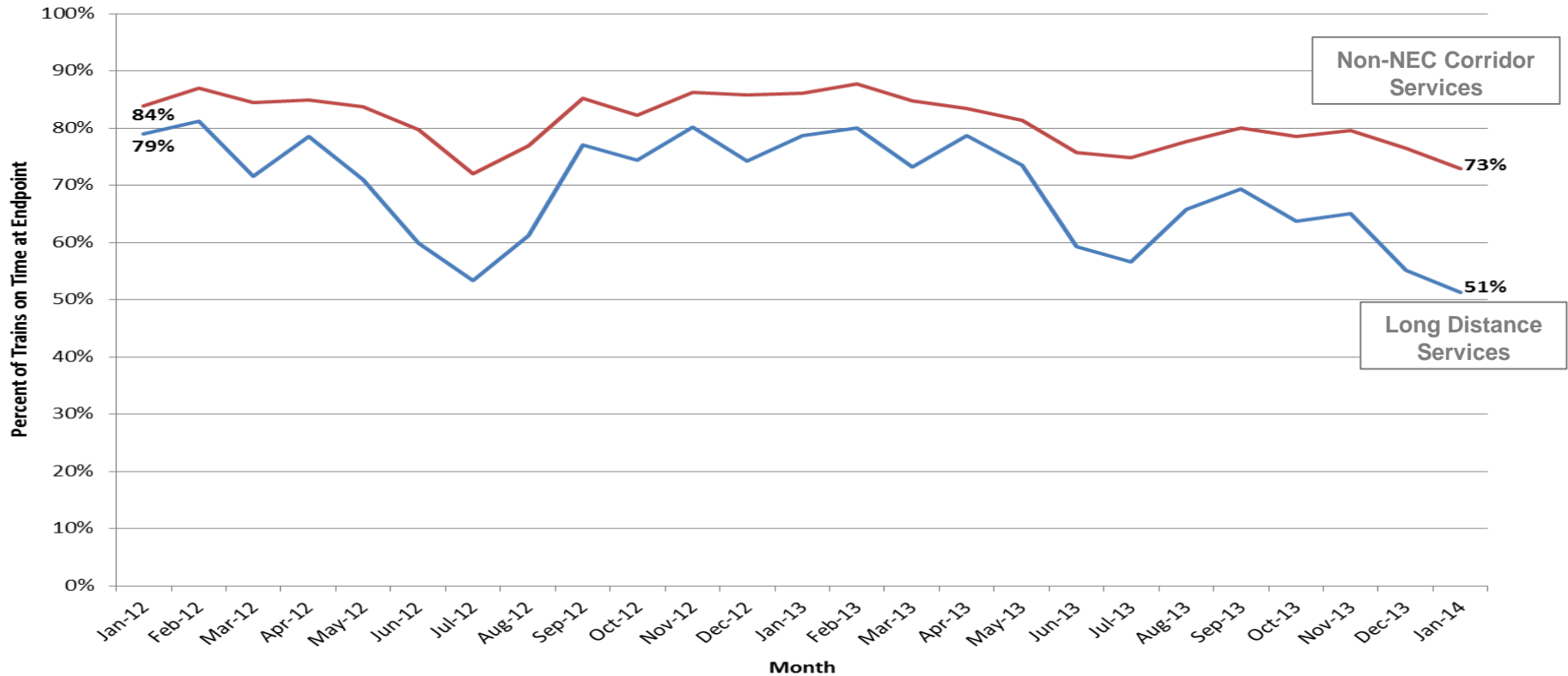
# FY2013 Year in Review

- Operational success in the face of unprecedented challenges
- “Business Line” realignment & Strategic Plan refresh
- Unsustainable pattern of infrastructure disinvestment



# FY2014 Overview

- The Year of Equipment
- Continued ridership and revenue growth
- Emerging OTP issues



# FY2014 Appropriations

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- The FY2014 Omnibus provides a total of **\$1.39 billion** for Amtrak (FY13 CR post-sequestration - \$1.344b)
  - **\$340 million** for operating grants (FY13 CR - \$442m)
  - **\$851 million** for capital investment (FY13 CR - \$631m)
  - **\$199 million** for debt service (FY13 CR - \$271m)
- Equipment provisions of interest
  - Fleet planning
  - Trainset financing

# 2014 Amtrak Congressional Agenda

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- Reverse the pattern of disinvestment, especially on the NEC
- Dedicated and reliable funding source
- Comprehensive surface transportation bill



# Window of Opportunity

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- House action on a passenger rail bill possible in Spring 2014
- Highway Trust Fund highway account shortfall coming in early August
- 2015 could look a lot different...
  - 12 House members running for Senate
  - 3 House members/Senators running for Governor
  - 19 (and counting) House members retiring
  - 7 Senators retiring, including the Chairman of the Commerce Committee
  - The 6<sup>th</sup> Year Itch