

Washington Union Station, Station Expansion Project Update

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting

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Agenda

- About Washington Union Station (WUS)
- WUS Ownership/Operations
- Station Expansion Project (SEP)
- Status of the SEP
- Funding for WUS
- Legislative Agenda & SEP Funding



Washington Union Station – The Region’s Hub

The multimodal hub of the Washington, DC region.

50,000 rail
passenger trips per
day

2nd busiest
railroad station in
the nation



37 million visitors
annually

More visitors
than each of the three
airports serving the
region.



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Union Station – An Abbreviated (!) Timeline

1903

President Roosevelt signed the Act of February 28, 1903, calling for the creation of a terminal train station in Washington, DC.

1981

Union Station Redevelopment Act establishes the U.S. Department of Transportation as the agency to oversee the station's restoration and transformation into a multi-modal transportation hub.

1988

Union Station reopened after \$160 million restoration.

1905–1908

Construction begins in 1905 on designs by Daniel H. Burnham, a leading member of the McMillan Commission Plan.

1968–1969

Train travel is on the decline and Union Station is in disrepair, Congress agreed to restore the building as the National Visitor Center.

1983

Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) was founded as a nonprofit organization to oversee the historic station, in fulfillment of Congressional mandate from the Redevelopment Act of 1981



Washington Union Station Ownership Structure

US Department of Transportation(USDOT)

Owner of Union Station Complex

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Empowered by Owner to provide Oversight

USRC Board of Directors

United States Secretary of Transportation – Board Chair
Amtrak President – Vice Chair
District of Columbia Mayor
Federal Railroad Administrator
Federal City Council

**Designee can be appointed in their place.*



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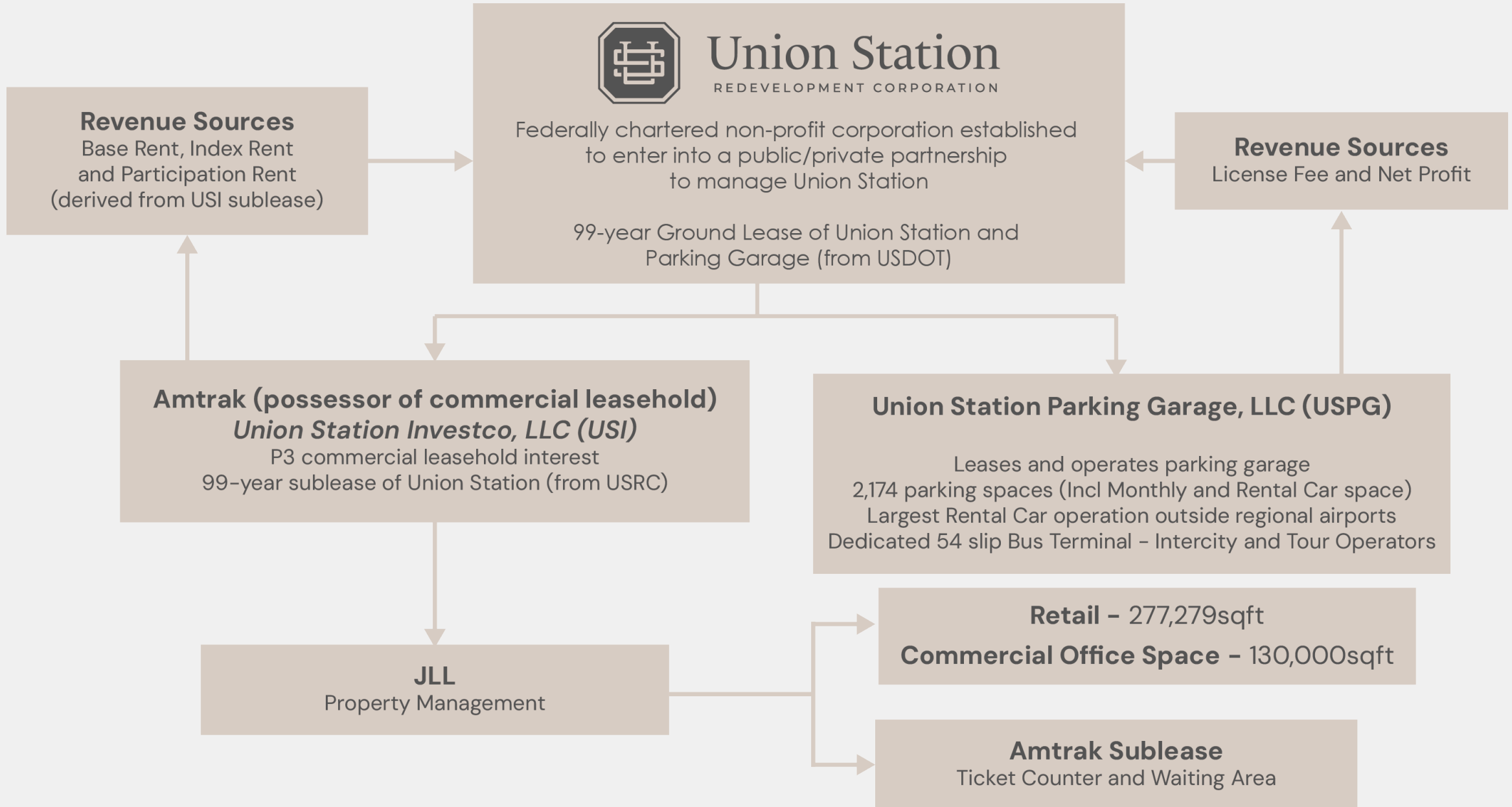
Federally chartered non-profit corporation established to enter into a public/private partnership to manage Union Station

99-year Ground Lease of Union Station and Parking Garage (from USDOT)



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Washington Union Station Operational Structure

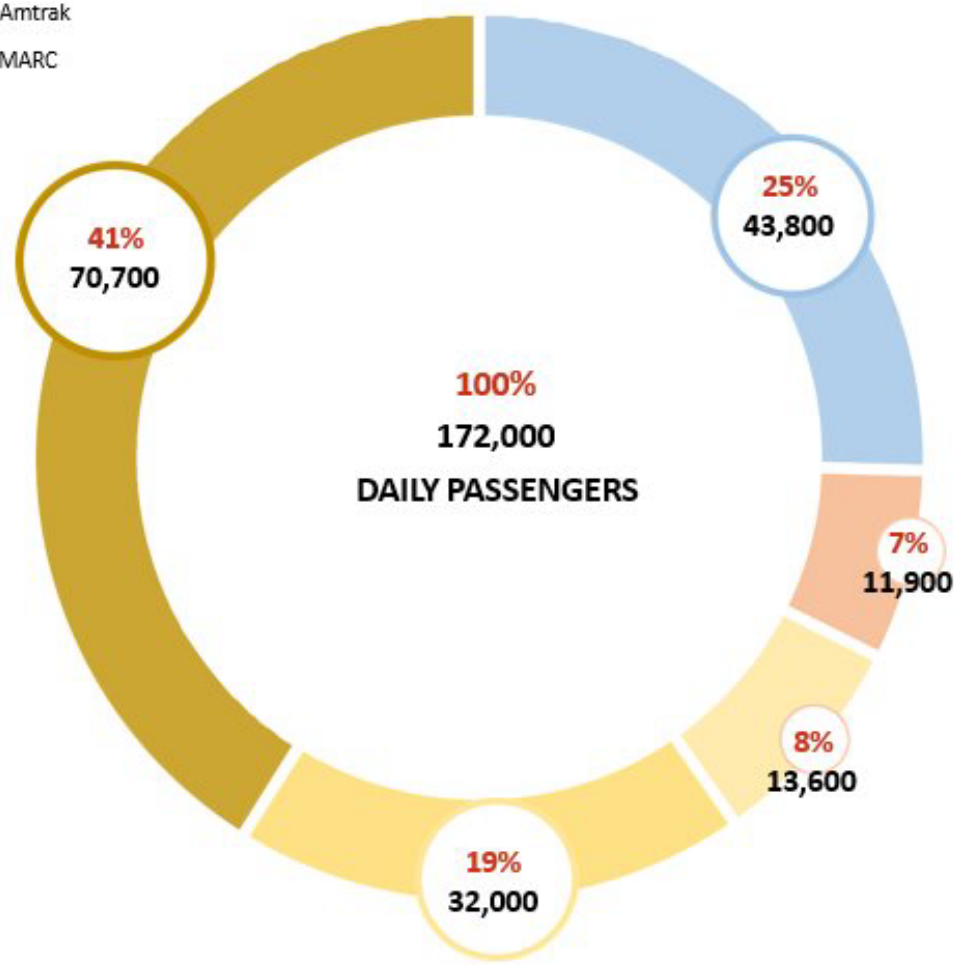


Union Station Transit Growth

Washington Union Station Users – By Transit Mode (FY 2040)

Union Station DC 2040 Modal Split

- WMATA
- Intercity Bus
- VRE
- Amtrak
- MARC



Vehicles/
Pedestrians



Foot/Bike



Taxi



PUDO

21,000+

Station Expansion Project - Overview

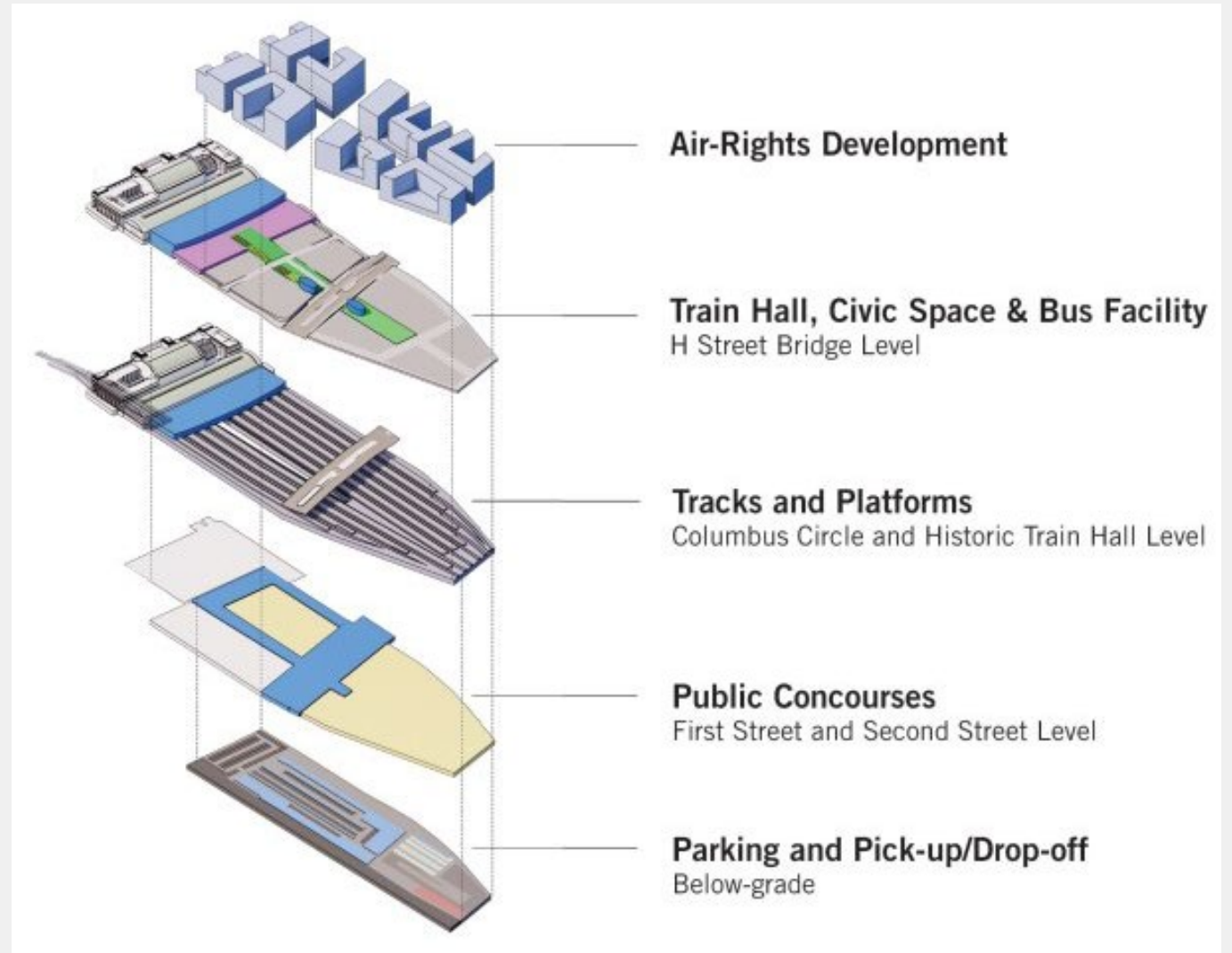
Completed environmental review process (NEPA EIS); FRA lead federal agency.

Considers long-term passenger and train capacity needs with projections to double capacity.

Expansion alternatives build upon the 2012 Master Plan Vision.

Includes the footprint of the historic station, terminal rail yard, parking garage and its uses (buses, parking, etc).

Includes a comprehensive Terminal Infrastructure plan for the rail terminal with consideration for rebuild of H Street Bridge.



View of New Train Hall

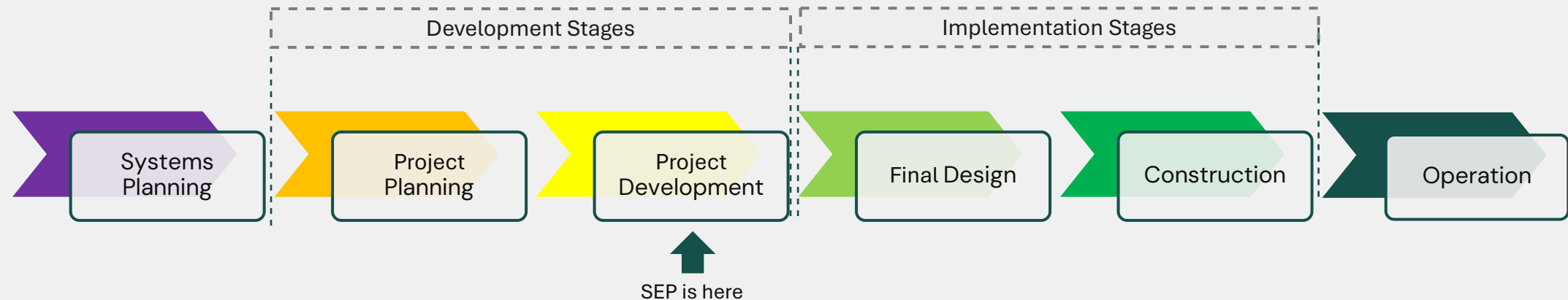


Status of SEP

Significant SEP progress has been demonstrated: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) was released in March 2024

USRC was designated as the Project Sponsor – affirmed by USRC Board in September 2023

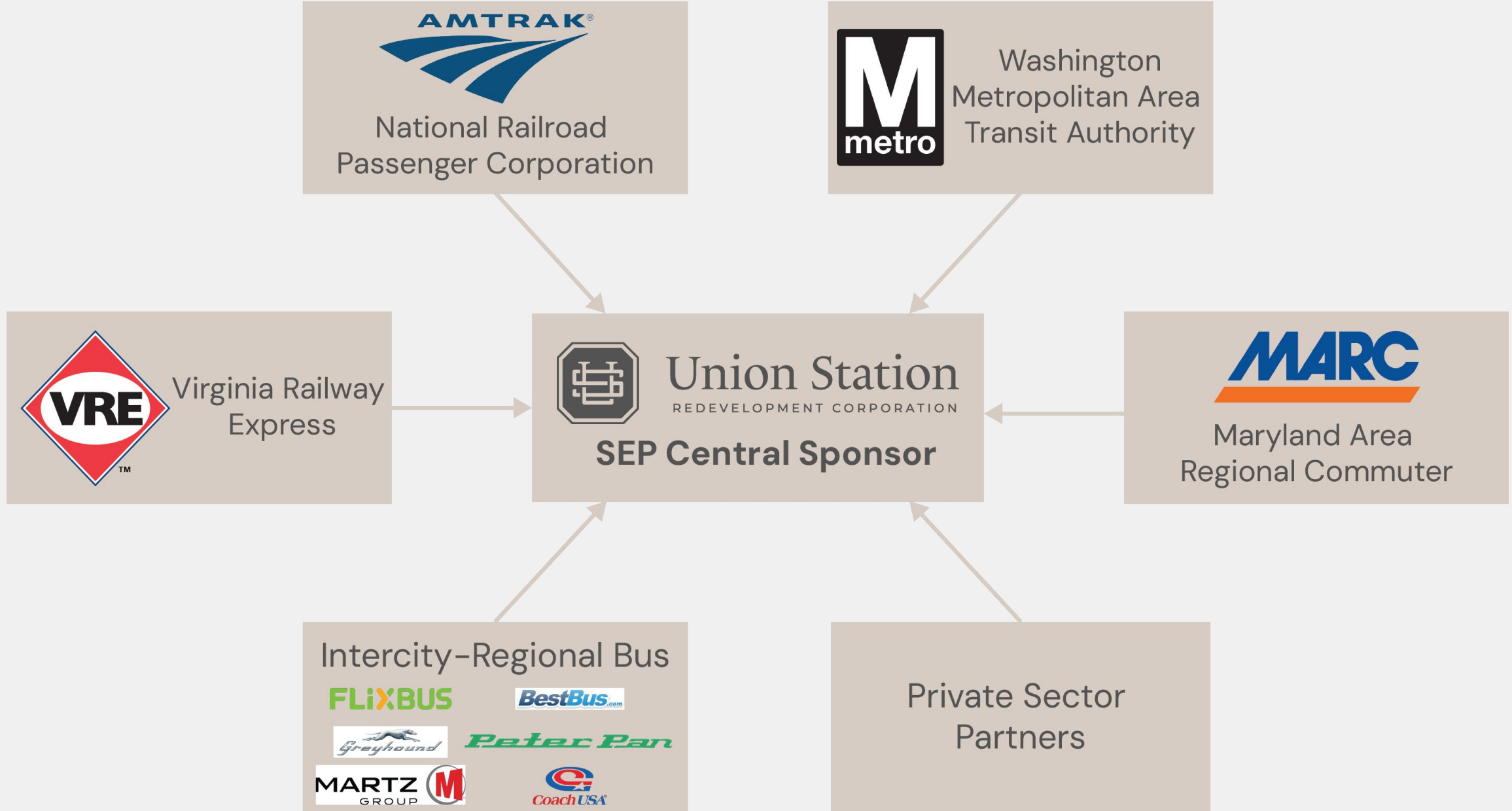
District government and Infrastructure DC sponsor and complete the SEP Governance Study – providing several key recommendations



SEP is currently in the Project Development Stage, as defined by FRA. A range of additional activities are required to ready the project for Final Design and Construction. This is expected to take 3 to 4 years.



SEP - Central Sponsor & Partnerships



SEP Funding

Securing regional funding partnerships is critical to supplement current and future design development activities.

Completing the SEP's design development: est. > \$100 million

USRC applied for a \$30 million FSP-NEC grant in July in partnership with Amtrak – supported by DC, MD, VA.

To function as a neutral Project Sponsor, USRC needs access to additional funding sources as a direct applicant



Thank You

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