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Streetcar 101: An Introduction to Streetcars and Their Role in Building Livable Communities

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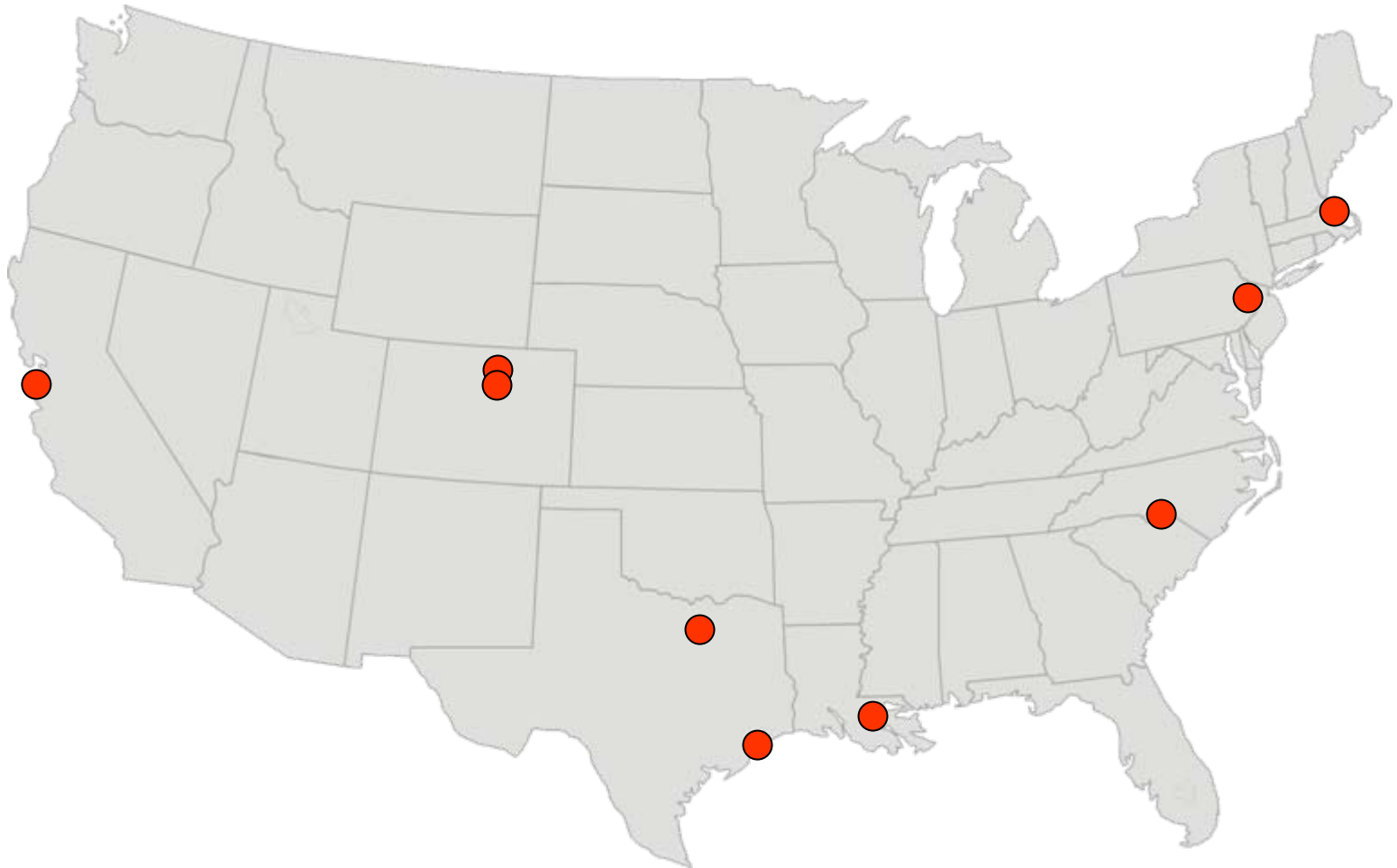
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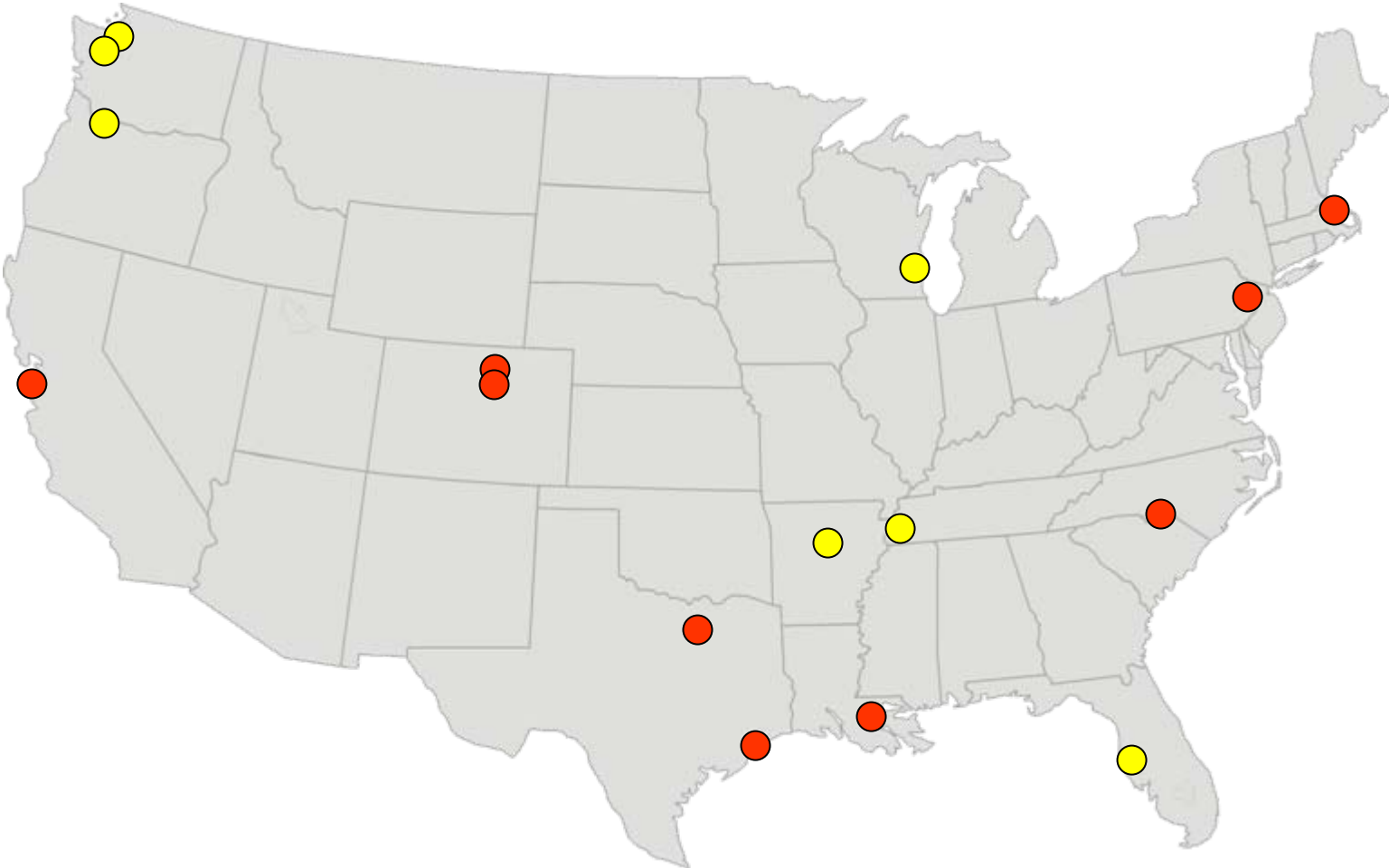
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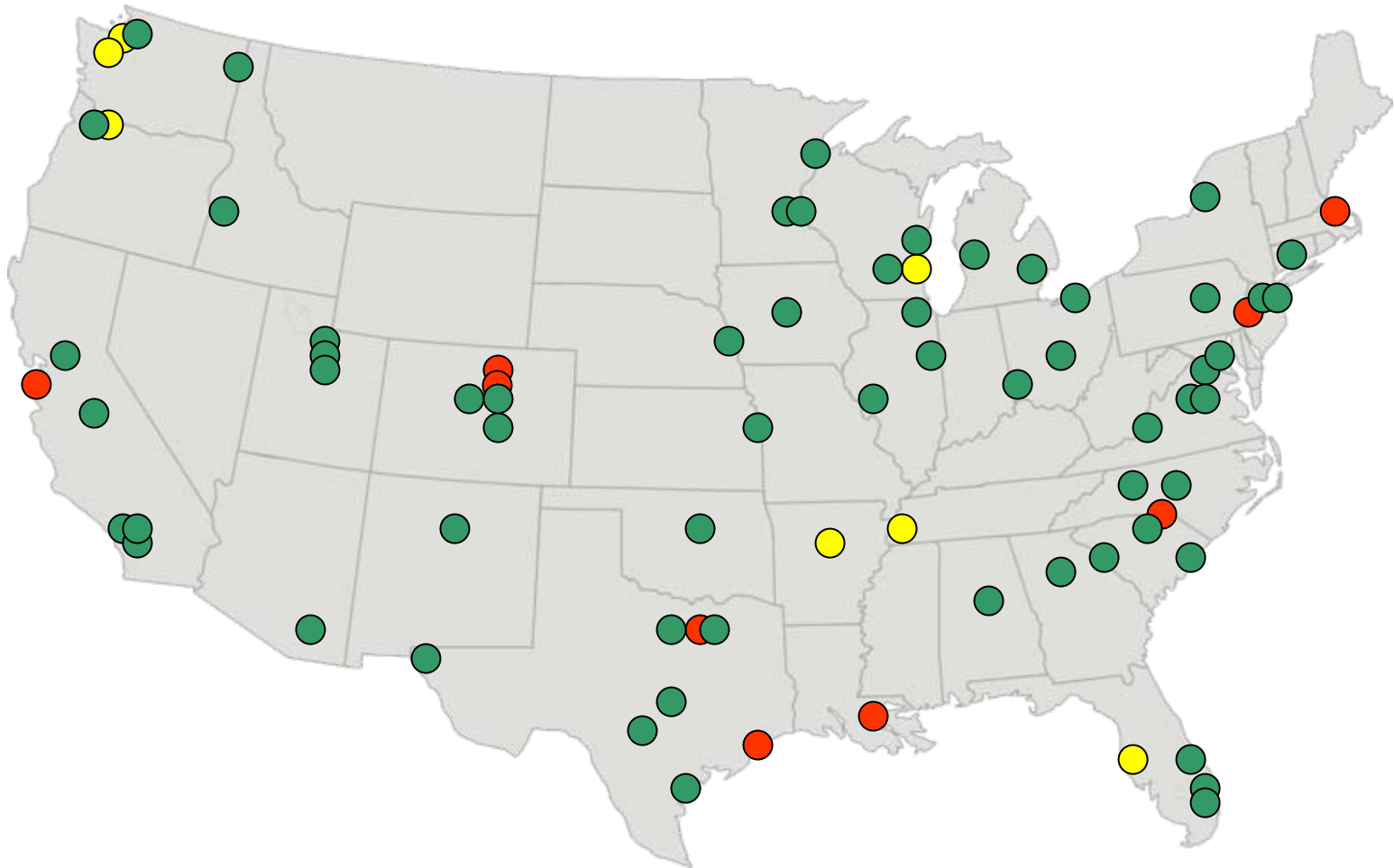


“New” streetcar projects on the ground within the last 15 years

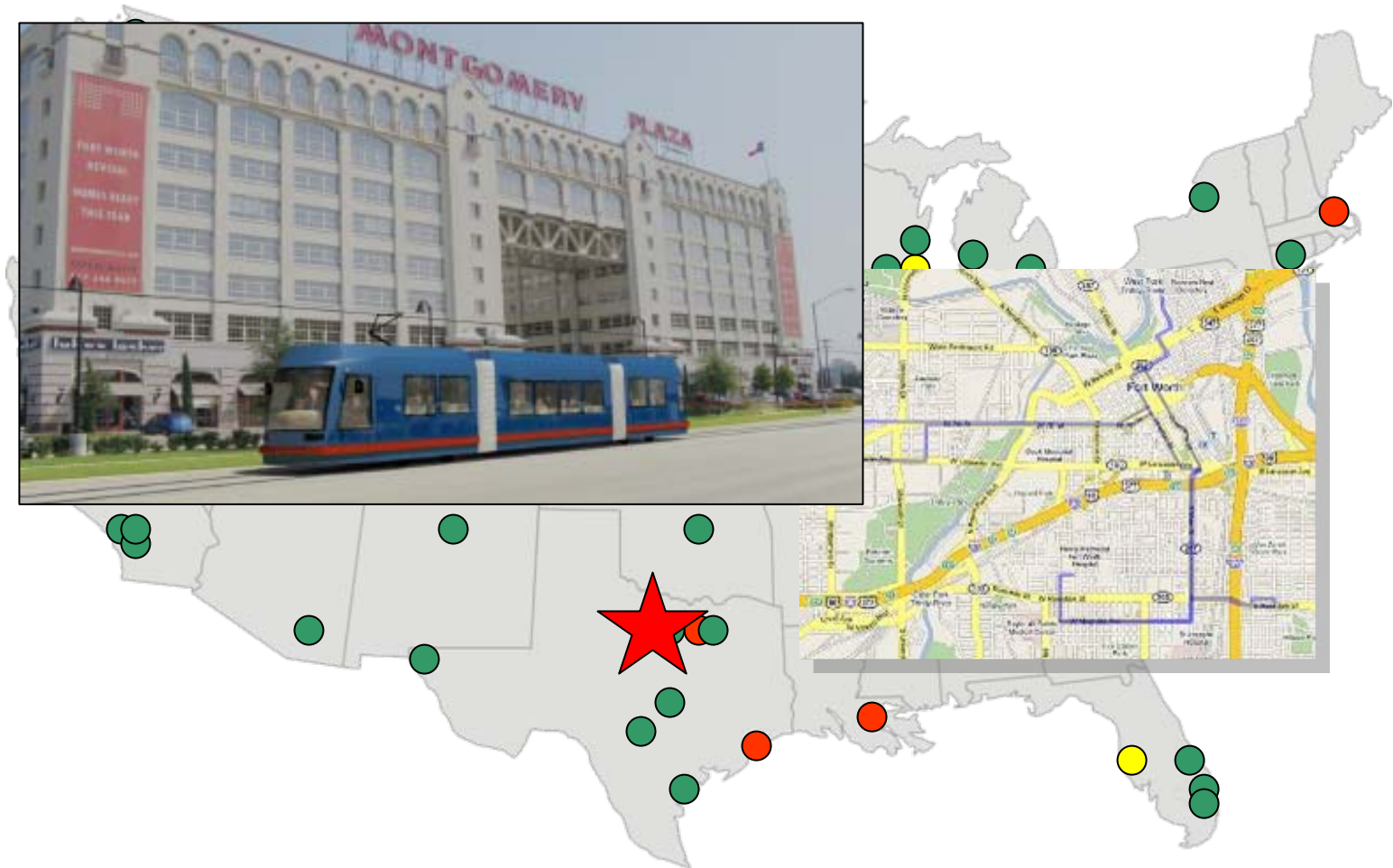




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STREETCAR STUDY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

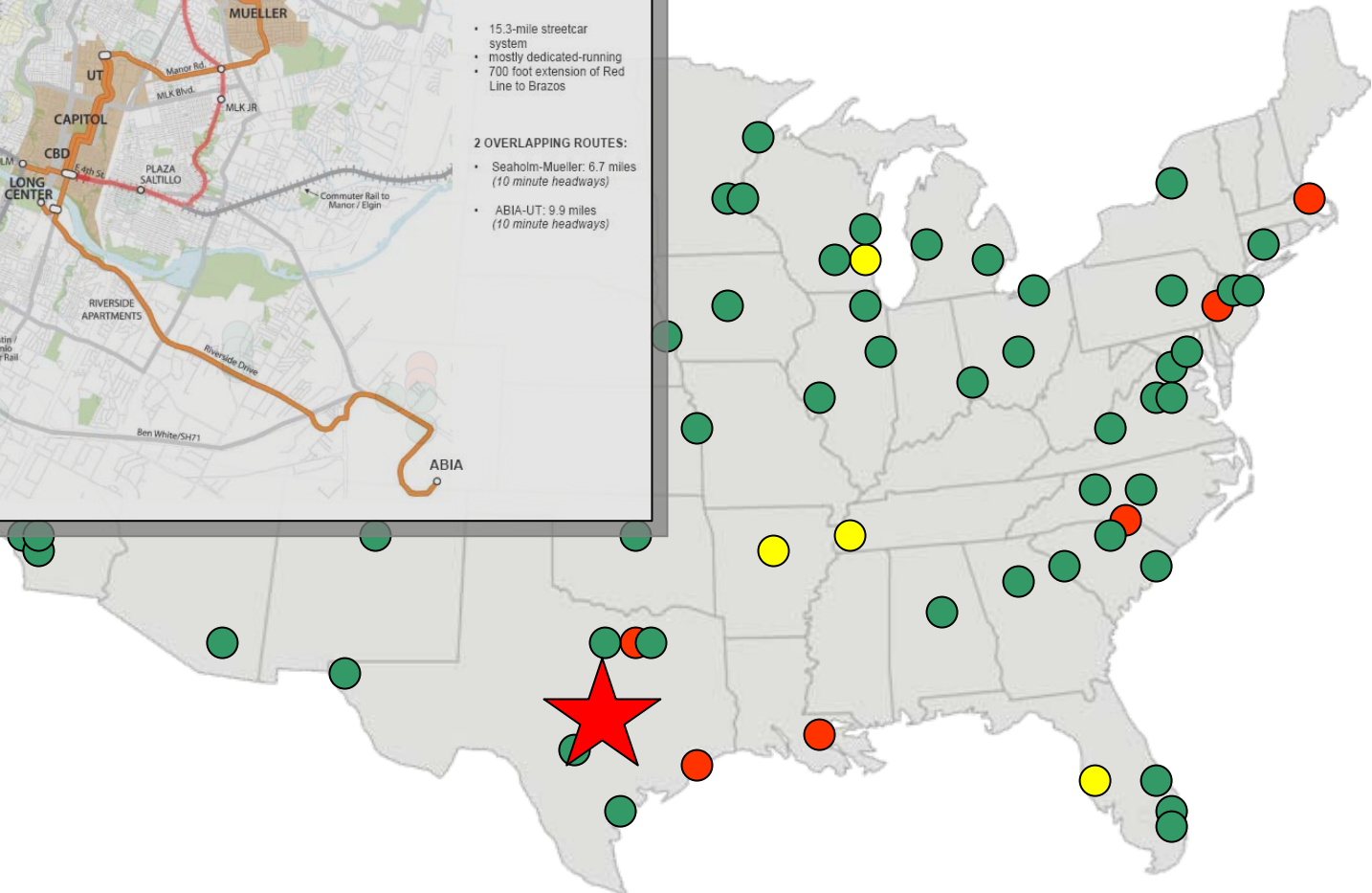
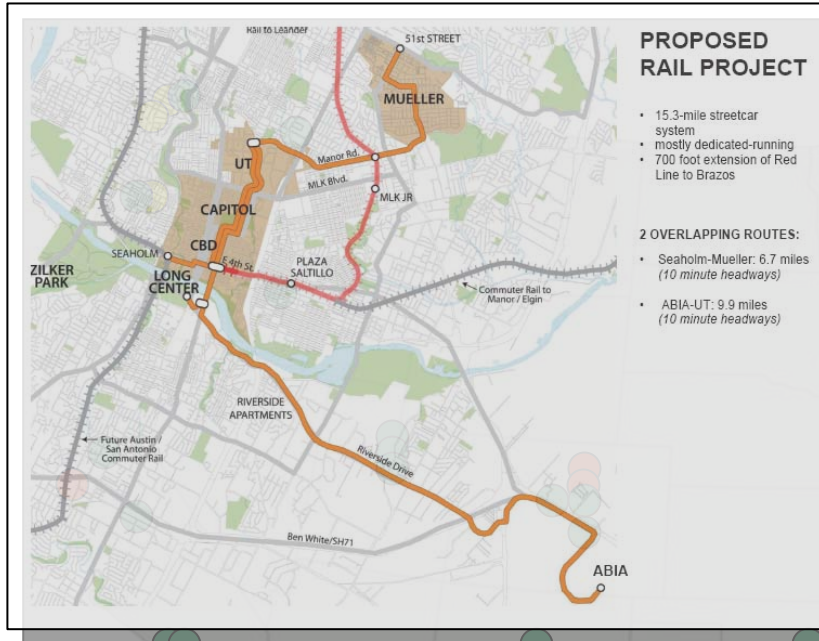
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ensure that the Atlantic Street railroad bridge is rebuilt to a configuration that allows for streetcar operation
- Review new developments along the potential streetcar routes to ensure compatibility with the City's Master Plan
- Conduct detailed engineering investigation of proposed alignments and identify all potential utility impacts
- Develop a Financing Plan to facilitate future funding options
- Perform a FTA-compliant alternatives analysis and prepare NEPA documentation to be eligible for federal funding
- Develop a complete streetcar network plan beyond the Minimum Operating Segment (MOS)

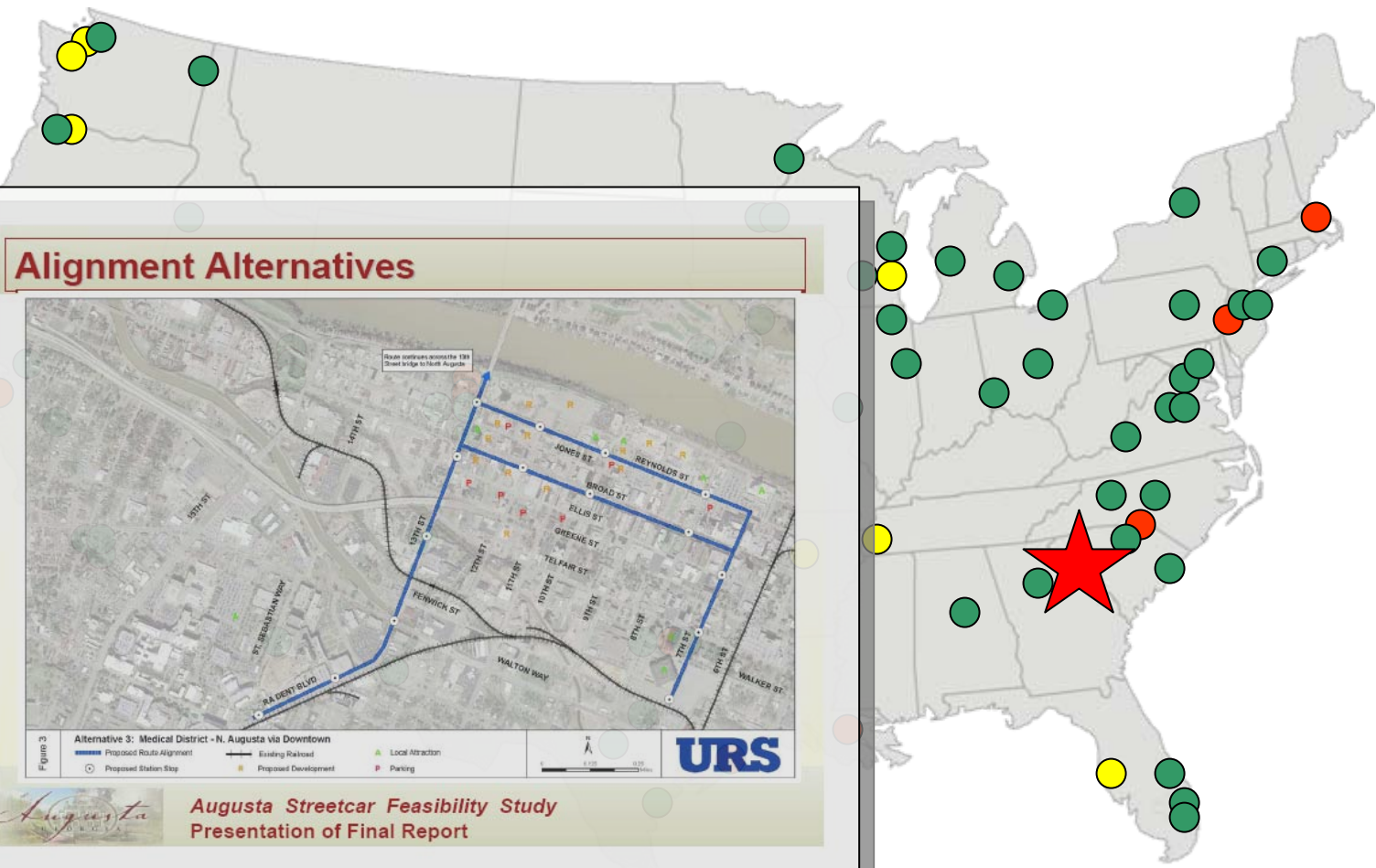
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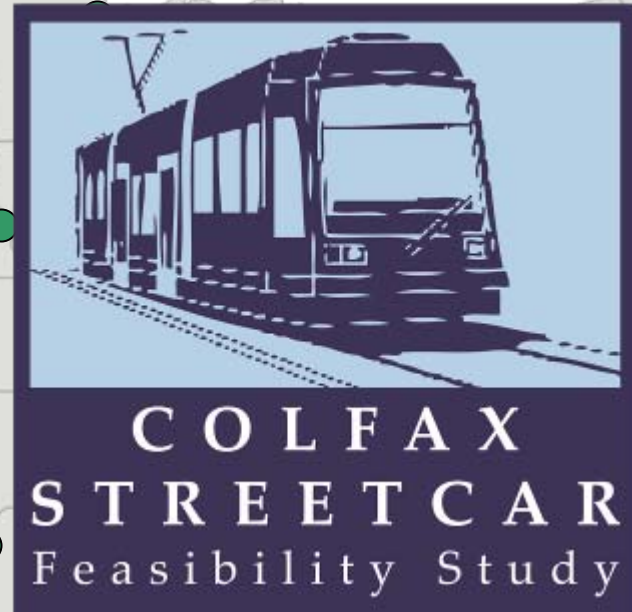
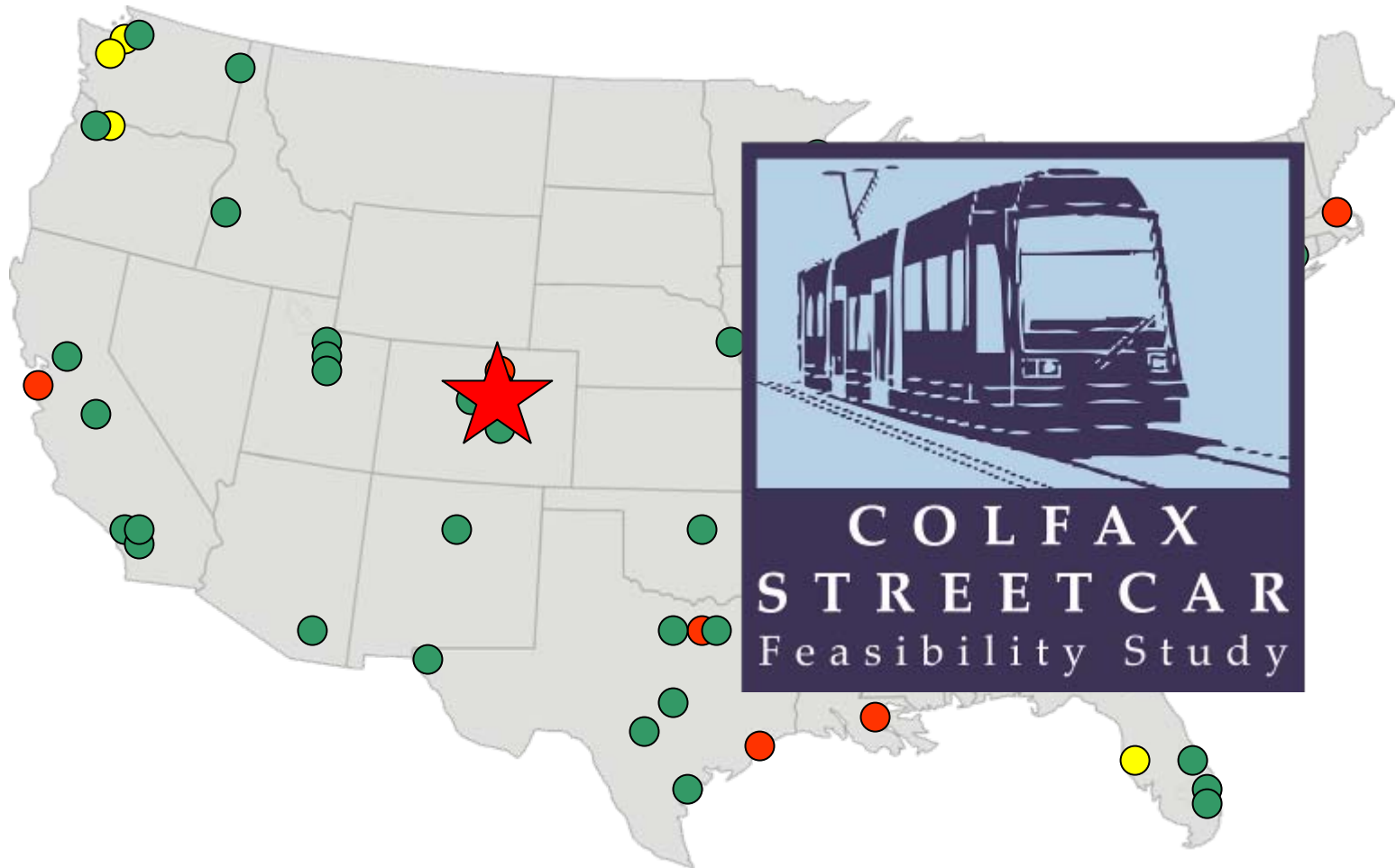


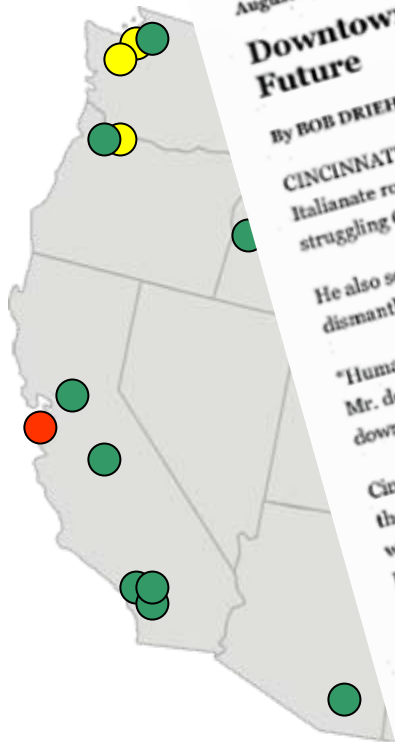
Alignment Alternatives



Augusta Streetcar Feasibility Study
Presentation of Final Report

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Downtowns Across the U.S. See Streetcars in Their Future

By BOB DRIEHAUS

CINCINNATI — From his months-old French bistro, Jean-Robert de Cavet sees restored Italianate row houses against a backdrop of rundown tenements in this city's long-struggling Over-the-Rhine neighborhood.

He also sees a turnaround for the district, thanks to plans to revive a transit system that was dismantled in the 1950s: the humble streetcar line.

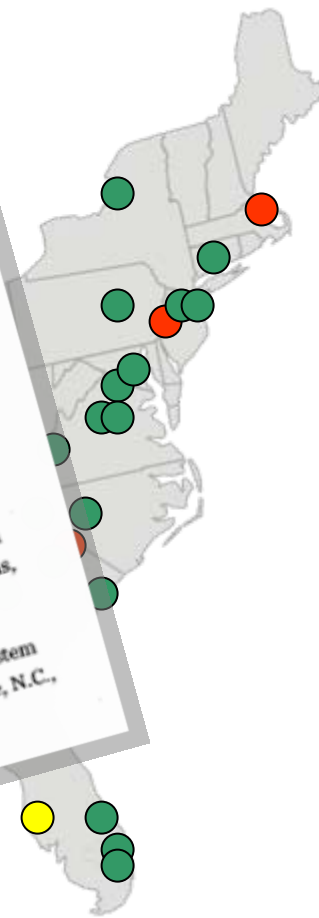
"Human beings can be silly because we move away from things too quickly in this country," Mr. de Cavet said. "Streetcar is definitely going to create a reason for young people to come downtown."

Cincinnati officials are assembling financing for a \$132 million system that would connect the city's riverfront stadiums, downtown business district and Uptown neighborhoods, which include six hospitals and the University of Cincinnati, in a six- to eight-mile loop. Depending on the final financing package, fares may be free, 50 cents or \$1.

The city plans to pay for the system with existing tax revenue and \$30 million in private investment. The plan requires the approval of Mayor Mark Mallory, a proponent, and the City Council.

At least 40 other cities are exploring streetcar plans to spur economic development, ease traffic congestion and draw young professionals and empty-nest baby boomers back from the suburbs, according to the Community Streetcar Coalition, which includes city officials, transit authorities and engineers who advocate streetcar construction.

More than a dozen have existing lines, including New Orleans, which is restoring a system devastated by Hurricane Katrina. And Denver, Houston, Salt Lake City and Charlotte, N.C., have introduced or are planning to introduce streetcars.



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Why streetcars?



Streetcars have become a major tool in the redevelopment of many cities



Streetcars can provide a transit improvement or enhancement that is somewhere between buses/BRT and light rail in cost and capacity



Streetcars can extend the pedestrian experience and promote walkability



Streetcars can enhance vibrant streetlife and redevelopment if combined with other development activities including new zoning



Streetcars can be one tool to reduce VMT while increasing trip capacity



Today's Session

- **Gloria Ohland/Reconnecting America:
The Economic Impact of Streetcars**

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- Interactive 'talk show' panel discussion:
 - **Keith Jones**/URS Fort Worth
 - **Jeff Boothe**/Holland & Knight/Community Streetcar Coalition
 - **Rick Gustafson**/Shiels Obletz Johnsen/Portland Streetcar Inc.
 - **Jim Graebner**/TranSystems Denver

But First, What's on Your Mind?