The Ethan Allen Express is a popular passenger rail connection between NYC and Castleton College and the Killington Ski Area (Rutland). Amtrak plans to complete a route extension from Rutland north to Burlington. Once the extension is complete, the route will provide service from the Burlington Waterfront to Penn Station in NYC. This extension is one strategy being employed by the State to quadruple intercity passenger ridership over the next 20 years and reduce carbon emissions as identified in the Vermont State Rail Plan and the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan. Construction of the Ferrisburgh-Vergennes Train Depot and Platform is one of the initial investments by Vermont to help realize the economic and environmental benefits that can be achieved by increased passenger rail usage.

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