FRA LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE STUDY

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Central Regional Working Group Meeting

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Prioritization Considerations

Part 1

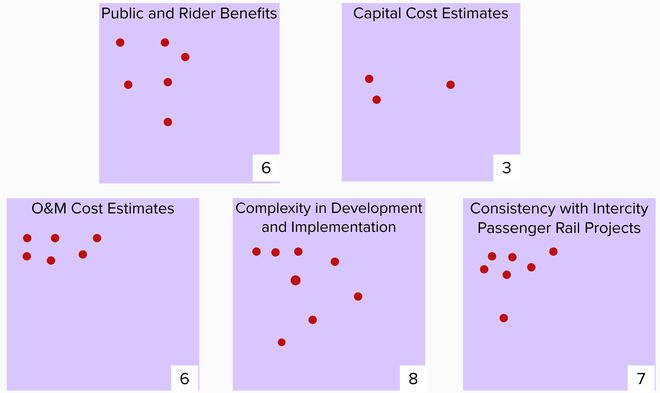
Proposed Preferred Routes

Part 2

What parameters are the most important to consider for prioritization?

10 minutes

Place the sticky dot on each "Category" that should be prioritized as we develop an implementation phasing plan. Please limit to 3 sticky dots.



Part 3

What other examples should be considered?

10 minutes

Provide input on the sticky notes below for any other examples you think should be considered.

Implementation Considerations

Category	Examples
Public and Rider Benefits	Access to new markets Passenger rail travel time savings Jobs and earnings supported by operations/construction Expanding geographic coverage of the long-distance network Increasing number of passenger rail connections
Capital Cost Estimates	Total capital costs Capital costs per mile
O&M Cost Estimates	Operating cost by route mile Operating cost by population served
Complexity in Development and Implementation	Number of host and operating railroads
Consistency with Intercity Passenger Rail Projects	Corridor ID selections for long-distance routes Benefit to state supported services

Public/Rider Benefits: Increased Sales Tax receipts in station areas	Health Benefits	Public/Rider Benefits: Cost of Doing Nothing	Public/Rider Benefits Coordination schedules with local transit	Under promise and overdeliver		Near term strengthening of Amtrak national system	O&M by route mile	Access to new markets; expanding geographic coverage of the long-distance NEXTWORK; INCREASING # OF PASSENDGER RAIL CONNECTIONS.	
Opportunity for incremental implementation	Overlap with CID selections (shared corridors)	Direct & indirect economic benefits for communities being served by passenger rail	Early Win (segment\route implimented early to show success)	Ridership counts and multiply out the individual benefits	Phasing of a long route into small segments; possibly with corridors	Other implementation considerations: Include in consideration status of existing studies on a particular route which may put some routes in a position of readiness" for a possible more timely implementation of the route. Also, consideration of largest population centers, or, conversely, historically underserved constituencies (e.g. HBCUs			
Build upon current routes with established ridership	Fare policy and compatibility with populations served.								