FRA LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE STUDY

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Midwest Regional Working Group Meeting

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Prioritization Considerations

Part 1

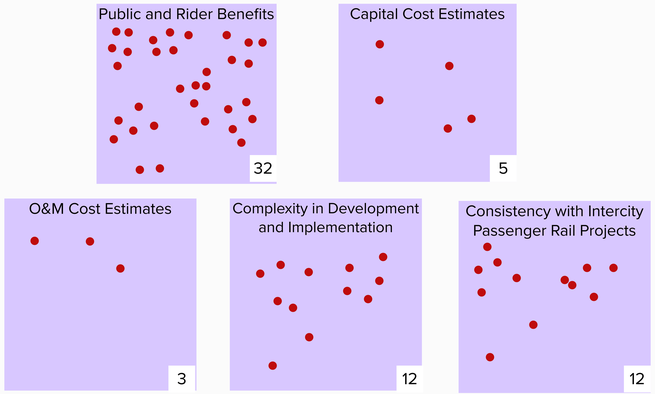
Proposed Preferred Routes

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

ri	Health and enivromental benefits	Estimated ridership gains	consumer surplus	Transit-Oriented Development Potential in Station Areas	operating cost per passenger mile	Air Quality	air quality impacts	Environmental/ emissions benefits, resiliency	making sure all current and proposed routes (those proposed by states) are covered by the long-distance netword
Service to the full contiguous 48 states	direct/indirect economic benefits	Parallel congested highways, as well as, rural service.	Service to Tribal Nations	ridership	Opportunities for air-rail modal share capture	automobile VMT reduction	Service to new areas	Equity (serving justice 40 areas)	geographic equity
Service to as many congressional districts as possible	new service vs overlapping service	sustainability	access to other modes	Congestion and environmental	lack of other options and congestion of other modes	Environmental Justice	Connect largest markets currently without passenger rail	connect disadvangated communities to medical centers, jobs, and higher education	synergies between this and other rail investments (freight, state rail initiaitves, etc.)
en	Need a means and metric to showcase progress on ALL routes no matter when trains finally start operating	Service to disadvantaged communities	Service to communities who have few other (if any other) transportation options	increase in land value	Does interlining provide frequency benefits to meet demand?	risk to future climate threats such as sea level rise	Low income and disadvantaged communities	emissions reduction potential	Environmetal

measure complexity and timeframe by segment, not corridor.