FRA LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE STUDY

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Northeast Regional Working Group Meeting

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Prioritization Considerations

Part 1

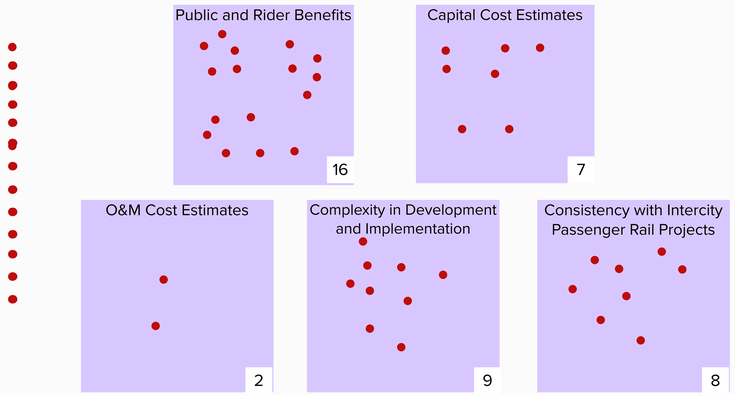
Proposed Preferred Routes

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 sticky notes 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

Economic development impacts/ benefits	Public and Rider Benefits: Increased Sales Tax receipts	Process for equitable resolution of freight railroad capacity claims.	Consider more than one route a day		Need statutory process for implementation of new LD routes.				Subsidy/ passenger
Quick wins!	Shared benefits of state-supported and long distance on the same alignment - evaluate long distance plans/alignments as Corridor ID and corridor development advances	Accessibility for the mobility impaired	Catalyst projects that generate more enthusiasm and support.	Travel time savings comp. to driving (rather than comp. to existing network)	Local connections are in place or easily implementable		Need authorization to serve Canada in conjunction with VIA. These are big markets.		Synergies with other routes (LDSL or SSSL)
Public and Rider Benefits: Comparison to the Cost of Doing Nothing						NSRL	Taking advantage of improvements completed in other projects		Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
							Comparison to essential air service, ie subsidy		