



RAIL PASSENGERS
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Workshop: Developing Route Support Teams

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- **Step 5.** What federal deadlines are we working against?

1. Divide Into Groups





2. Which Corridors Are in Play

Corridor Identification Program: initial pipeline list due May 2023.

FRA Long Distance Study: report due November 2023, but FRA has publicized routes under consideration.

State/Regional Rail Plan: were any good projects not submitted to the Corridor ID? (And if so, why not?)

Rail Passengers Association Committee on Routes + Schedules: Next session.



3. Who are your (potential) allies?

Who are the key agents?

- Cities/towns
- Elected leadership
 - Governors
 - Mayors
 - Senators/Representatives
- Transportation authorities
- State ARPs
- Host RRs
- Amtrak
- Businesses/Industries



4. What are the deliverables?

Brainstorm concrete, tangible products that your Route Support Team can deliver over the next year.

- Coalition sign-on letter
- Elected officials sign-on letter
- IMPLAN assessment of economic benefits
- Op-ed campaign
- In-person event
- Speakers' bureau
- Grant request for a study/project.
- Get creative!

5. Map Out a Calendar



| Program | Program Participants | Current Status | 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| | | | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Corridor Identification and Selection Program | FRA + States | Applications due March 27 | Red | Red | Red | Yellow | Green | | | | | | | |
| Federal-State Partnership for IPR Grants - NN | FRA, States + Amtrak | \$4.54bn available; applications due April 21 | Red | Red | Red | Red | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | ? | |
| Federal-State Partnership for IPR Grants - NEC | FRA, States + Amtrak | \$8.99bn available; applications due March 27 | Red | Red | Red | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | ? | |
| Restoration & Enhancement Grants | FRA, States + Amtrak | No funding | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intercity Rail Compact Grants | FRA + States | Open Application Process | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| Amtrak NN Grant Corridor Set-Aside | FRA + Amtrak | Awaiting Amtrak Leg. Grant | Yellow | Yellow | Green | | | | | | | | | |
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| FRA Long Distance Restoration Study | FRA, States + Amtrak | Route Analysis | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Green | |

Finally: Report Back

Be ready to
provide a
summation of
your discussion

Focus on likely
champions, key
deliverables, next
steps

It's OK to identify
known unknowns



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Thanks!

Questions?

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