

State Transportation Commission

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State Rail Plan

Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA)

- Established new federal funding programs for passenger rail services
- Requires development of State Rail Plan
 - Addresses both passenger & freight rail
 - Inventory & analysis of existing rail system
 - Requires long-range service & investment program, including list of rail capital projects
 - Review of intermodal connections
 - Performance evaluation of rail services

Background

- HNTB Michigan selected through competitive bidding process
- Consultant team has extensive experience in developing state rail plans, studies, and projects
- Funded with federal monies
- MDOT added tasks to address specific rail issues

Scope of Work

- Establish goals & objectives
- Assess existing conditions
- Parameters for prioritizing improvements
- Establish investment needs
- Analysis of benefits
- Role of public vs. private sector
- Funding and programming



Outreach

- Meetings & workshops with key stakeholders
 - Railroads, manufacturers, shippers
 - Passenger rail advocates
 - Local & regional agencies
- General public
 - Public meetings
 - Website
 - Newsletter & Media



Schedule

- Contract executed May 19, 2010
- Public meetings in September 2010 and April 2011
- Study complete in June 2011



Thank you!