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## 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



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## Background

- HNTB Michigan selected through competitive bidding process
- Consultant team has extensive experience in developing state rail plans, studies, & 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
- Role of public vs. private sector
- Analysis of benefits
- 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



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