



AAO WHISTLE STOP TOUR – FRA UPDATE & STUDY RESULTS
FEBRUARY 2024





PRESENTATION AGENDA

Overview

Corridor ID Overview

Current Status

Step 1, Step 2, Step 3 Process

All Aboard Ohio's Economic Impact Study Results

Questions

Corridor ID Program Overview

Build the foundation for a long-term rail program



Corridor ID creates a foundational framework for identifying and developing new or improved intercity passenger rail (IPR) services. Under the program, FRA will:

Bring world-class passenger rail service to regions across the country



Solicit proposal for implementing new or improving existing IPR services

Select corridors for development

Partner with corridor sponsor to prepare (or update) a Service Development Plan (SDP)

Grow a safer, cleaner, more equitable rail system



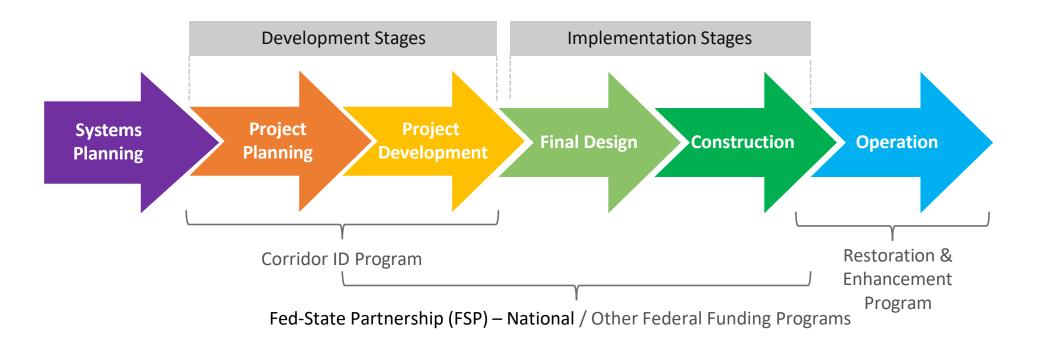
SDP includes a "corridor project inventory"

Corridor project inventories populate a prioritized "pipeline" of projects

Projects in the Corridor ID Pipeline are eligible for funding under FRA's financial assistance programs



FRA Project Lifecycle Stages – Corresponding FRA Funding Programs





Establishing the Program – Significant Policy Positions



Corridor ID will be the primary mechanism for developing off-Northeast Corridor intercity passenger rail corridors and projects for subsequent implementation



Corridor ID is a home
for all types of
Intercity Passenger
Rail corridors—new,
significant
improvements, and
modest
improvements to
existing service are all
welcome



Corridor ID will
regularly solicit
proposals for
additional corridors
to enter the
program—this is not
a one-time
opportunity



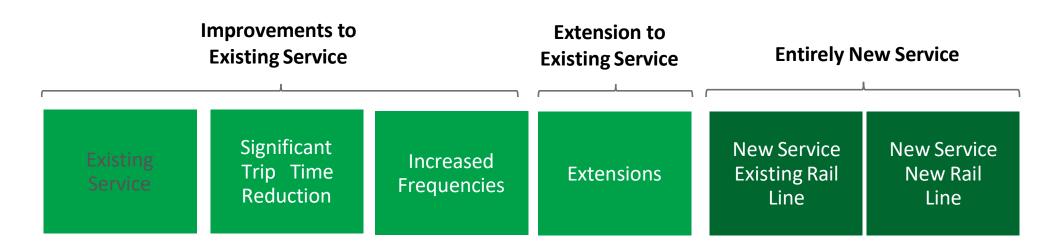
Level of non-Federal commitment may be modest at the beginning but must grow as a corridor advances through the Program



Corridors/Projects
that advance to the
Project Pipeline
should be ready for
immediate
implementation
(Final Design/
Construction)



What Are the Different Types of Corridors?





Corridor ID Selection and Beyond



Selected Ohio Corridors

- Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati (Ohio Rail Development Commission/State)
- Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit (Ohio Rail Development Commission/State)
- Chicago-Fort Wayne-Lima-Columbus-Pittsburgh (Metropolitan planning organization from central Ohio MORPC)
- Increased service for the Daily Cardinal between New York and Chicago (Long distance corridor Amtrak)



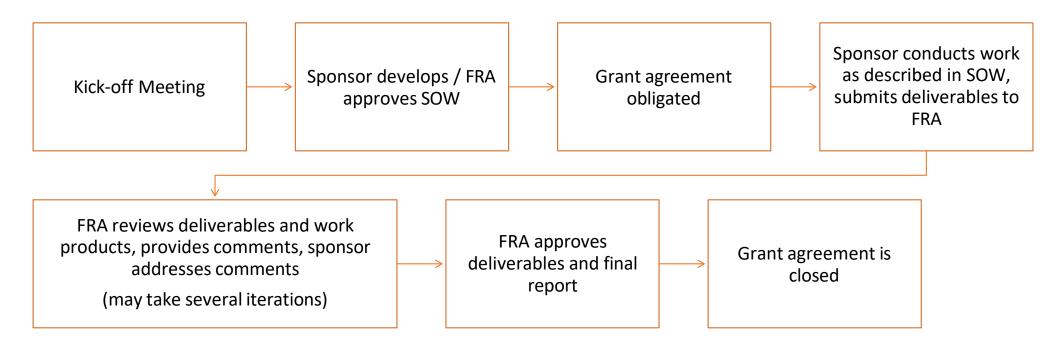
What Happens Next—Steps 1, 2, and 3

Grant	Step 1: Scoping	Step 2: Service Development Plan	Step 3: Preliminary Engineering / NEPA
Funding	\$500k / 0% match	\$X / 10% match (\$X determined during Step 1)	\$X / 20% match (\$X determined during Step 2)
Scope	Using SDP SOW framework, sponsor develops scope, schedule, and budget for Corridor SDP, accounting for work ongoing and/or undertaken to date	Sponsor develops a service development plan in accordance with Corridor SOW and in coordination with FRA	 In coordination with FRA, sponsor completes preliminary engineering for capital projects Sponsor completes environmental review in coordination with FRA for capital projects
Notes	 After kick-off meeting, FRA will review work undertaken to date Step 1 grant deliverable is SDP SOW to include corridor-specific scope, schedule, and budget for service development planning 	 Final service development plan includes a Capital Project Inventory as part of the Phased Implementation Plan If readiness criteria are met, capital projects identified in SDP may be advanced into Step 3 Project Development, at FRA's discretion and subject to funding availability 	Capital projects that complete Step 3 will move to Project Pipeline and may be prioritized for funding under Fed-State Partnership Program



Corridor ID Grant Process Overview for Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 Grants

Each step will have a separate grant agreement





Step 2: Service Development Plan Draft SOW Framework Overview



Step 2: Service Development Plans—Why is the SDP Important?

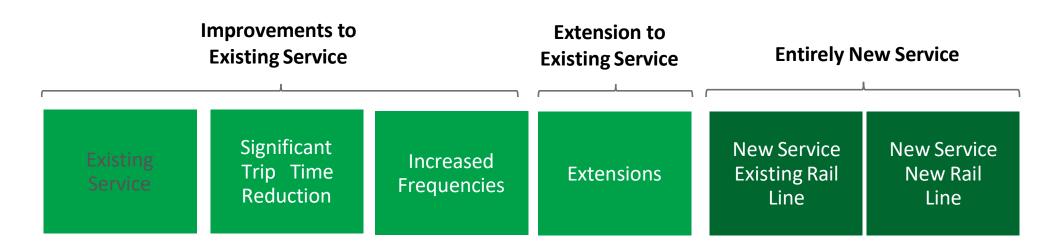
- Statutorily Required 49 USC 25101(d)
- Creates a Planning Framework Sets the stage for the next stage of development
 - Relationship-building
 - Improved project delivery timeframes
 - On-the-ground outcome benefits
- **Demonstrates Feasibility** Corridor sponsor's strategic plan for improving, expanding or initiating a corridor, and identifies:
 - An operating plan
 - A capital plan
 - An investment case
- Organizational Tool Develops consistency through standardizing analyses and processes to achieve similar set of outcomes across various corridors



Step 2: Service Development Plan Draft SOW Framework

Task 2: Task 9: Task 3: Task 4: Task 8: Task 1: Task 5: Task 7: **Draft P&N &** Service **Project Alternatives Transportation Environmental Implementation** Governance Stakeholder **Planning & BCA** Development Administration **Analysis Planning Planning** Structure **Phasing** Coordination Plan **Project** Corridor Phased Service **Draft Purpose &** Public **Financial Route Options Data Collection** Governance Implementation Development Management Need **Engagement Planning** Plan Report Plan Plan Stakeholder **Benefits-Cost Operations** Agency **Service Options Closeout Report Engagement Analysis** Coordination **Analysis Plans** Ridership and **Environmental** Investments Revenue Concerns **Packages Forecasting Analysis Station Area and Access Analysis** Conceptual Engineering **Capital Cost** Estimation **Labor & Fleet Planning Operating &** U.S. Department of Transportation Maintenance **Federal Railroad Administration** Costing

What Might the SDP Look Like for the Different Types of Corridors?





Resources

FRA Webinars:

https://railroads.dot.gov/rail-network-development/training-guidance/webinars-0

Corridor Identification and Development Grant Program:

https://railroads.dot.gov/corridor-ID-program

• Corridor ID Program Support:

PaxRailDev@dot.gov





ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

About Scioto Analysis & Economic Impact Study Overview

Ridership Overview

Initial and ongoing Impact of 3C&D by Region

Graphs of Economic Impact

Potential Future Studies to complete the picture

ABOUT SCIOTO ANALYSIS

- Drawing from a multidisciplinary toolkit rooted in microeconomic analysis and statistical methods, Scioto Analysis works to give policymakers the information they need to make informed public policy decisions.
- Rob Moore the principal of, Scioto Analysis has worked as an analyst in the public and nonprofit sectors and has analyzed diverse issue areas such as economic development, environment, education, and public health. His specialty is applied microeconomic analysis of public policies and tradeoffs between efficiency and equity outcomes in economic development and social safety net programs.









3C+D ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

- Funded through a grant from the Columbus Foundation coordinated by All Aboard Ohio
 one corridor only (3C+D)
- Performed by Scioto Analysis
- Study projects economic impact, employment, earnings, and tax revenue impacts for the proposed project's initial investment and ongoing ridership revenue.
- Illustrates the proposed project's initial investment and ongoing ridership revenue



A NOTE ON **RIDERSHIP**

A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO RIDERSHIP ESTIMATES

- Values from the 2007 ORDC-funded "Ohio Hub Passenger Rail Economic Impact Study" were scaled to consider current (night-time) ridership for Cleveland.
- The economic impact conclusions of this report should be thought of as both the most achievable and the lowest expected.



REPORTED RIDERSHIP

Region	Population	Annual Ridership	Annual Revenue	
Cleveland-Elyria	2,084,462	54,000 - 109,000	\$4.3 - \$7.5 million	
Greater Columbus	2,328,769	133,000 - 268,000	\$9.2 - \$17.0 million	
Greater Dayton	941,379	91,000 - 184,000	\$5.6 - \$10.9 million	
Cincinnati	2,268,393	129,00 - 259,000	\$7.9 - \$15.5 million	





STATEWIDE IMPACT OF 3C+D INVESTMENT

Investment in the 3C+D will contribute:

- Initial contribution to the Gross State Product = \$ 106,000,000 to \$ 107,000,000
- Ongoing annual contribution to Gross State Product = \$25,000,000 to \$47,000,000 per year
- Initial job creation of 1,100 to 1,200 new jobs
- Statewide the **initial investment** will generate \$64,000,000 to \$66,000,000 **in new wages**



STATEWIDE IMPACT OF 3C+D INVESTMENT BY REGION

This study also includes regional estimates of the impact of the investment. Regional impacts are listed in the table below.

Region	Time Horizon	Economic Impact	Jobs Created	Earnings Generated	Tax Revenue
	One-Time	\$14-24 million	150-240 jobs	\$8-14 million	\$490,000-\$530,000
Cleveland-Elyria	Annual	\$3.9-6.9 million	25-44 jobs	\$1.6-2.9 million	\$100,000-\$170,000
	One-Time	36-48 million	400-520 jobs	\$22-29 million	\$900,000-\$1.2 million
Greater Columbus	Annual	\$9-16 million	60-110 jobs	\$3.9-7.2 million	\$170,000- \$300,000
	One-Time	\$21-27 million	220-280 jobs	\$12-16 million	\$720,000-\$930,000
Greater Dayton	Annual	\$4.6-9 million	28-54 jobs	\$1.9-3.7 million	\$110,000-\$220,000
	One-Time	\$16-36 million	190-410 jobs	\$10-23 million	\$500,000-\$1.2 million
Cincinnati	Annual	\$8-15 million	60-110 jobs	\$3.6-6.9 million	\$190,000-\$360,000



GREATER COLUMBUS REGION

- Stations (NOT CONFIRMED; part of planning process): Downtown Columbus (Convention Center), city of Delaware, village of Crestline (near Mansfield)
- Total economic initial impact on region: \$36M - \$48M
- Ongoing Annual economic impact: \$9M - \$16M per year
- Generate initial impact of 400-520 jobs, mostly in construction

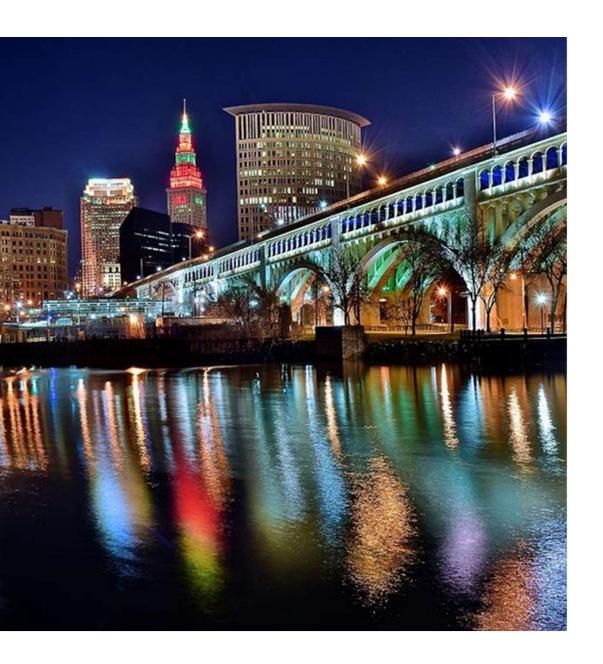




CINCINNATI REGION

- Stations: Cincinnati Union Terminal and Sharonville
- Total economic impact on region: \$16M \$36M
- Generate 190-410 jobs, mostly in construction
- Annual economic impact: \$4.2M \$8.1M per year





CLEVELAND/ELYRIAREGION



- Stations: Downtown Cleveland and near Cleveland Hopkins Airport
- Total economic impact on region: \$14M - \$24M
- Generate 150-240 jobs, mostly in construction
- Annual economic impact: \$3.9M - \$6.9M per year



DAYTON/SPRINGFIELD REGION

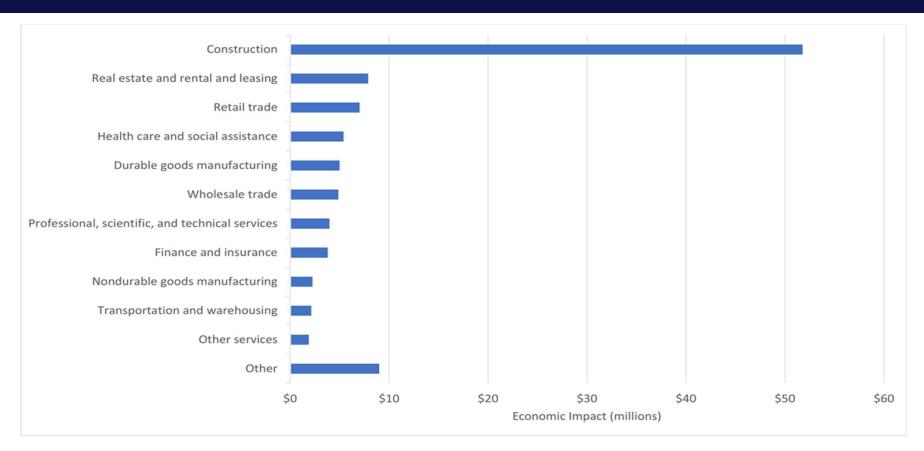
- Stations: Downtown Dayton, downtown Springfield
- Total economic impact on region: \$21M 27M
- Generate 220-280 jobs, mostly in construction
- Annual economic impact: \$4.6M \$9M per year





INITIAL STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT

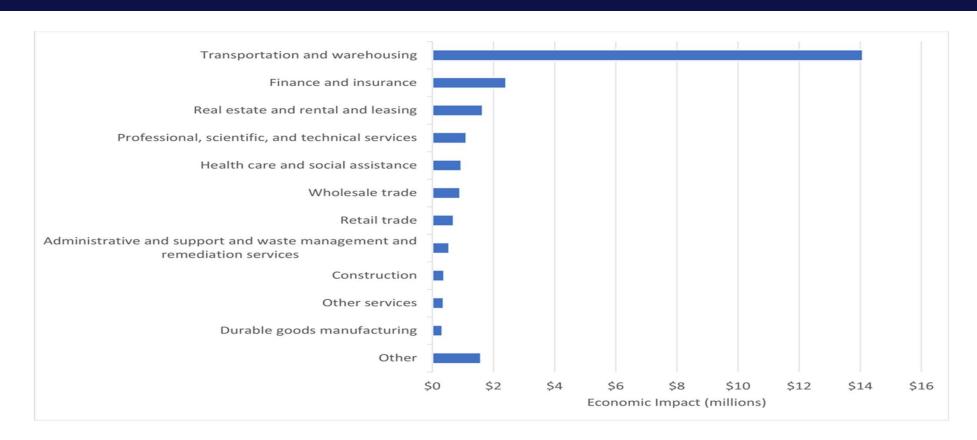
Total Economic Initial Impact of the 3C+D \$ 106,000,000 to \$107,000,000





ONGOING ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT SUPPORTED BY 3C+D BY INDUSTRY

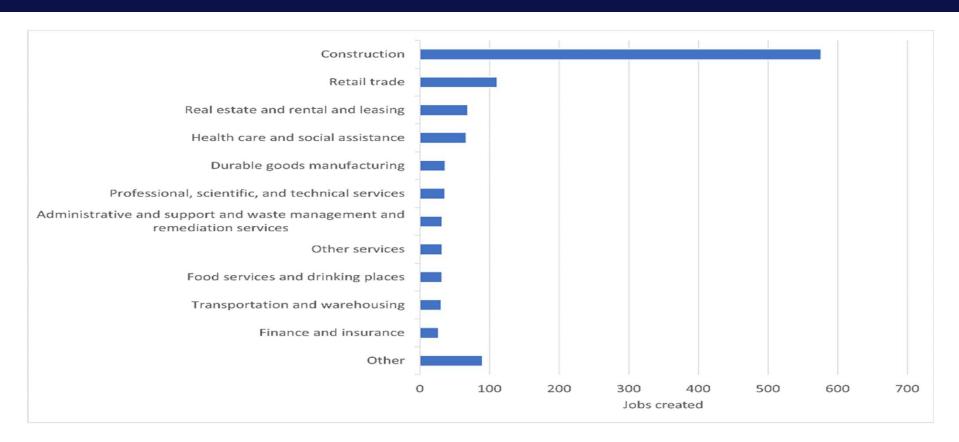
Statewide Ongoing Impact \$25,000,000 to \$47,000,000 per year.





INITIAL STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT

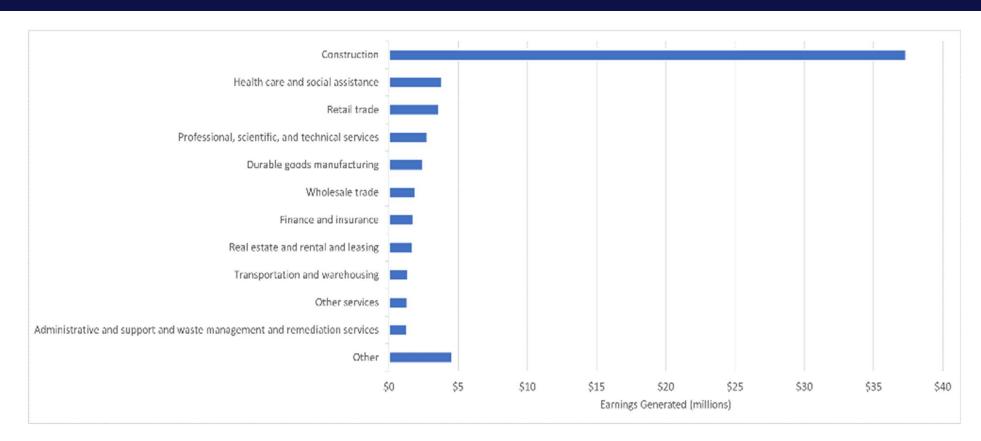
Initial creation of 1,100 to 1,200 new jobs in Ohio





STATEWIDE EARNINGS

Initial Statewide Investment will generate \$ 64,000,000 to \$66,000,000 in new wages for Ohio employees!



FUTURE WORK

Additional studies in need of funding will characterize expanded passenger rail's impact on:

- automobile miles not traveled
- statewide emissions reductions
- statewide and local reductions in traffic injuries and fatalities
- local induced economic activity in the form of development and property values
- local station development costs





