RailNation:DC 2023
Workshop: Developing Route Support Teams

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

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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
Thanks!

Questions?

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