A Guidebook for Implementing Passenger Rail Service on Shared Passenger and Freight Corridors

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When passenger rail service is implemented on a shared-use corridor, states and freight railroads are required to reach agreements regarding access, the proper level of infrastructure improvements, maintenance costs, and other issues prior to receiving project funding. There is no broadly accepted methodology to address these issues, which can set the stage for a long and costly negotiating process for all participants, causing delays or jeopardizing project implementation.

The National Highway Cooperative Research Program is attempting to address these challenges by developing a guidebook designed to assist agencies with determining the appropriate level of public- and private investments, and by suggesting performance measures for passenger and freight rail services operating on shared-use corridors. Presenters will provide an overview of guidebook to assist agencies with developing principles, processes, and methods to support agreements that will affect the ultimate success of shared-use passenger and freight agreements between public and private railroad stakeholders.

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