



**Station Policy Draft
CTB Rail Committee
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Purpose and Background

- Provide a policy guide to a locality/public entity: Project Sponsor
- Serves as a guide for DRPT to evaluate station proposals
- Allows CTB to review the relationship between State Rail Plan and future station proposals.
- Emphasis on an incremental approach
- Identify categories for station proposal
 - Add new station to an existing route
 - Modify an existing station along an existing route
 - Adding new station where service does not yet exist



- **Identify key players:**
 - DRPT, Project Sponsor, Host RR, Amtrak, VRE, FRA, FTA
- **Clarify roles and responsibilities**
- **DRPT and the Project Sponsor will collaborate first.**



Station Stop Cost Factors

Operations

- Amtrak staff, management, ticket services
- Fuel
- Food and beverage
- Equipment: maintenance, cleaning
- Leases
- Insurance
- Performance payments
- Alternative transportation (during service disruptions)

Capital Construction & Equipment

- Track construction
- Signal systems
- Grade separations & roadway crossings
- Locomotives
- Trains
- Stations
- Long-term track maintenance (federally funded construction projects)



Stations

Platforms

- Tactile strip & surfaces
- ADA compliance
- Stormwater treatment
- Lighting
- Utilities
- Litter/garbage collection
- Insurance



Building

- PIDs
- Maintenance
- Utilities
- Parking
- Landscaping
- Insurance
- Security
- Janitorial



Revenues

- Tickets
- Food & beverage
- Express freight
- Public subsidies - VA

Local Investment

- Land use/Connectivity
- Economic activity
- Public roads, sidewalks, & bike lanes
- Public transit



Proposed Milestones

- **Proposal Phase**
 - DRPT/Sponsor clarify type of proposal and necessary elements
 - DRPT/Sponsor collaborate on Cost Factors and Considerations
- **Assessment Phase**
 - Inform CTB-R and request concurrence
 - Inform Host RR and Amtrak
 - Present to CTB before undertaking further analysis
- **Negotiation Phase**
 - DRPT/Stakeholder prepare cost estimate
 - Recommend to CTB for approval of any station decision
 - DRPT lead coordination with Host RR and Amtrak



Consideration Factors

- Consistency with Virginia State Rail Plan
- Effect on the railroad network and other existing services
- Effect of station on others stations
- Review of recent investment history in corridor
- Effect of total ridership on route
- Cost of proposed station
- Land use surrounding station
- Transportation connections availability or planned



Expectations for a Station

- Local and Regional Consensus
- Preferred Site for Station Location
- Land Use and Transportation
- Multimodal Connectivity





Questions?

