

Draft 2020 Plan Vision Goals and Objectives

Vision: A safe, efficient, modern passenger and freight railroad network that supports a thriving state economy by promoting an integrated intermodal transportation system. – Unchanged from 2013

2020 Goal #1: Promote rail safety.

Objectives

1. Promote safety at rail commuter stations (lighting, signage, etc.)
 2. Promote rail safety education programs
 3. Analyze public grade crossings, identify high-risk crossings, and prioritize safety improvements
 4. Streamline process for Section 130 funded crossing safety projects utilizing a collaborative structure
 5. Identify additional opportunities for funding partnerships for implementation of crossing sign improvements
 6. Collaborate with Operation Lifesaver to develop and implement rail safety education programs to support state initiatives including outreach through DMV and schools
 7. Review existing crossing inventory data and develop improvement program based on obligated funds
 8. Increase safety and efficiency by reducing at-grade crossings
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2020 Goal #2: Maintain a dedicated funding source to preserve, protect, evaluate and improve as needed West Virginia's rail infrastructure.

Objectives

1. Reexamine intermodal rail enhancement fund
 2. Maximize funding opportunities (federal & state)
 3. Identify and leverage Federal loan and competitive grant programs, including RRIF, CRISI, BUILD, INFRA, etc., for state rail projects and operations
 4. Coordinate with the USDOT national freight network as defined in the FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act)
 5. Improve return on investment through improved modal coordination
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2020 Goal #3: Support statewide business development and environmental stewardship initiatives by leveraging rail infrastructure and the movement of goods by rail.

Objectives

1. Support movement of goods by rail and through enhancing existing freight rail customers and new freight rail business opportunities
2. Assist shortline railroads to be FRA compliant
3. Analyze mainline capacity needs (identify percentage of capacity being utilized)
4. Preserve rail right-of-ways

5. Support the development of rail spurs and industrial development (work with state and local economic development authorities to identify key parcels and industrial parks/parcels)
 6. Support development of inland ports and enhancing rail connectivity
 7. Work in conjunction with other agencies on economic development initiatives
 8. Improve coordination within WVDOT to deliver all rail-related projects
 9. Integrate and promote rail mode into Statewide multimodal network
 10. Support statewide economic development projects and promote the movement of freight goods by rail
 11. Increase yard storage space
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2020 Goal # 4: Preserve, protect, evaluate and improve, as needed intercity passenger rail service.

Objectives

1. Explore improved frequency of the Amtrak Cardinal train
 2. Improve multimodal connectivity by evaluating multimodal connections to existing intercity rail service
 3. Improve station accessibility needs
 4. Coordinate with other states
 5. Enhance passenger train on time performance, service reliability, including additional track capacity needs
 6. Reduce passenger/freight train conflicts and passenger on time performance by improving capacity and support additional passenger rail frequencies
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2020 Goal # 5: Support rail-related tourism as part of an economic development program.

Objectives

1. Work with private industry to enhance economic opportunities
 2. Identify rail tourism and infrastructure needs
 3. Support rail-related tourism as part of WV economic programs, including exploring the opportunity for themed excursion trains, private and corporate sponsorships
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2020 Goal # 6: Preserve and support commuter rail service.

Objectives

1. Evaluate the need for existing/additional commuter rail service
2. Work with MARC to support West Virginia initiatives
3. Analyze commuter rail station accessibility needs