

# Northern Tier Passenger Rail Study

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## **Alternatives Development and Analysis Process**

The next step in the Northern Tier Passenger Rail Study process involves the development of four additional potential service plans (also known as "alternatives") for passenger rail service along the North Adams-Greenfield-Boston corridor.

The alternatives development process is taking a two-phase approach. In Phase 1, the team developed two alternatives to show the type of service schedules that could be achieved through a lower investment level and a higher investment level. A public workshop was held last month to review the two initial service plan alternatives and evaluation framework.

Feedback received will be used to refine the two initial service plans and develop the four additional service plan alternatives as part of Phase 2.

## **Northern Tier Attractors**

Massachusetts is home to numerous attractors and notable points of interest, including medical centers, colleges and universities, sports teams, and cultural and historical sites.

As part of the study process, these destinations have been informed by independent travel data, as well as comments collected at Working Group and public meetings, and from the study's comment form. This information has enabled the study team to better analyze potential ridership and impacts of expanded rail service.

Please visit the study [website](#) to sign up for study updates or to submit comments via the [comment form](#).

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The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is conducting a study to examine the benefits, costs, and investments necessary to implement passenger rail service from North Adams to Greenfield and Boston, with the speed, frequency, and reliability necessary to be a competitive option for travel along this corridor. Please visit

the Study website for more information on the project: <https://www.mass.gov/northern-tier-passenger-rail-study>

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