

NORTHERN TIER PASSENGER RAIL STUDY

Glossary

ACRONYMS

ACEC	—	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
ACHP	—	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ADT	—	Average Daily Traffic
ASL	—	American Sign Language
B&E	—	Berkshire & Eastern Railroad
BCA	—	Benefit-Cost Analysis
BCR	—	Benefit-Cost Ratio
BMP	—	Bridge Management Plans
BRT	—	Bus Rapid Transit
BRTA	—	Berkshire Regional Transit Authority
CART	—	Communication Access Realtime Translation
CE	—	Categorical Exclusions
CFR	—	Code of Federal Regulations
CMAQ	—	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMP	—	Conservation Management Permit
CO₂	—	Carbon Dioxide
Corridor ID	—	Intercity Rail Corridor Identification and Development
CRISI	—	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
CTDOT	—	Connecticut Department of Transportation
CSX	—	CSX Transportation
DART	—	Dallas Area Regional Transit
DEIS	—	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
EA	—	Environmental Assessment
EIS	—	Environmental Impact Statement
EJ	—	Environmental Justice
EOEEA	—	Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
FEMA	—	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	—	Federal Highway Administration
FIRMs	—	Flood Insurance Rate Maps
FRA	—	Federal Railroad Administration
FRTA	—	Franklin Regional Transit Authority
FSU	—	Fitchburg State University
G&W	—	Genesee & Wyoming Railroad
INFRA	—	Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects
INRIX	—	Intelligent Traffic Information Exchange
ITC	—	Intermodal Transportation Center
LBS	—	Location-Based Services
MACRIS	—	Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System
MassDOT	—	Massachusetts Department of Transportation
MassDEP	—	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
MassGIS	—	Massachusetts Bureau of Geographic Information
Mass MoCA	—	Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art
MAPC	—	Metropolitan Area Planning Council
MART	—	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority
MBTA	—	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
MEGA	—	National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program

MEPA	—	Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act
MGTM	—	Million Gross Ton-Miles
MTA	—	Metropolitan Transportation Authority
MPO	—	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MRA	—	Massachusetts Railroad Association
MUTCD	—	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
NECR	—	New England Central Railroad
NEPA	—	National Environmental Policy Act
NHESP	—	Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
NMFS	—	National Marine Fisheries Service
NNEIRI	—	Northern New England Intercity Rail Initiative
NPV	—	Net Present Value
NS	—	Norfolk Southern Railway
O&M	—	Operations and Maintenance
OLI	—	Operation Lifesaver, Inc.
PAR	—	Pan Am Railways, Inc.
PAS	—	Pan Am Southern LLC
PIMA	—	Public Involvement Management Application
PRIIA	—	Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008
PSR	—	Pittsburg and Shawmut Railroad
PTC	—	Positive Train Control
PVTA	—	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority
RAISE	—	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
REMI	—	Regional Economic Models, Inc.
REP	—	Commonwealth Rail Enhancement Program
ROD	—	Record of Decision
ROW	—	Right-of-Way
RRIF	—	Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing
RTIG	—	Regional Transit Innovation Grant
RTAC	—	Regional Transportation Advisory Council
RTC	—	Rail Traffic Controller
RTP	—	Regional Transportation Plan
SEPTA	—	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
SGR	—	State of Good Repair
SHPO	—	State Historic Preservation Officer
STB	—	Surface Transportation Board
STC	—	Springfield Terminal Company
TIF	—	Tax Increment Financing
TIFIA	—	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
TOD	—	Transit-Oriented Development
USCG	—	United States Coast Guard
USDOT	—	United States Department of Transportation
USEPA	—	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	—	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
VMT	—	Vehicle Miles Traveled
WMATA	—	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
WMPRC	—	Western Massachusetts Passenger Rail Commission
WPA	—	Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act