

East-West Passenger Rail Study Update

February 10, 2020

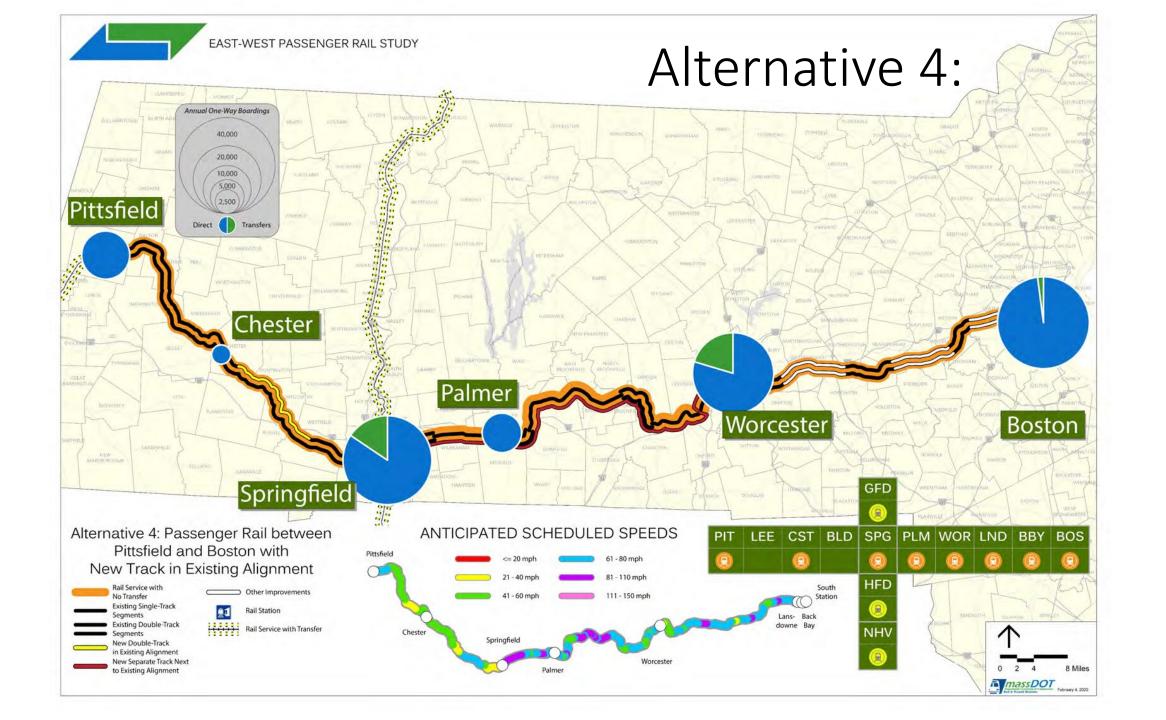
Rail Study Analysis Released February 6

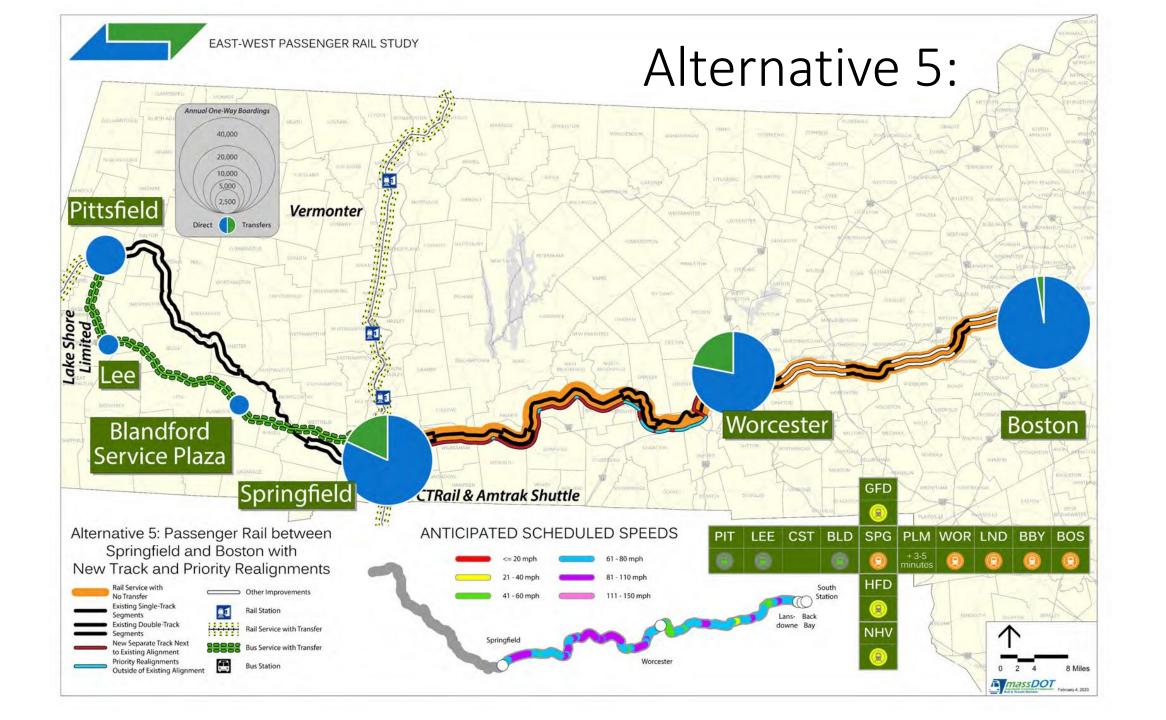
- February 6: MassDOT released data to public on specific Preliminary Alternatives for passenger rail service between Pittsfield, Springfield, Worcester and Boston.
- Advisory Committee heard a presentation on data in Springfield.
- Committee and the public asked to consider data and provide feedback on data focused on six options made public last year.
- Information includes possible corridors, station stops, frequency of weekday round trips, anticipated ridership and costs.
- We know how important enhanced rail service connecting Western
 Massachusetts and Boston is and this data gives us a better foundation to work
 from as we consider the options.
- MassDOT will work with the Advisory Committee to develop cost-effective options to include in the final report this spring and work with our Congressional delegation because federal funding will clearly be needed.

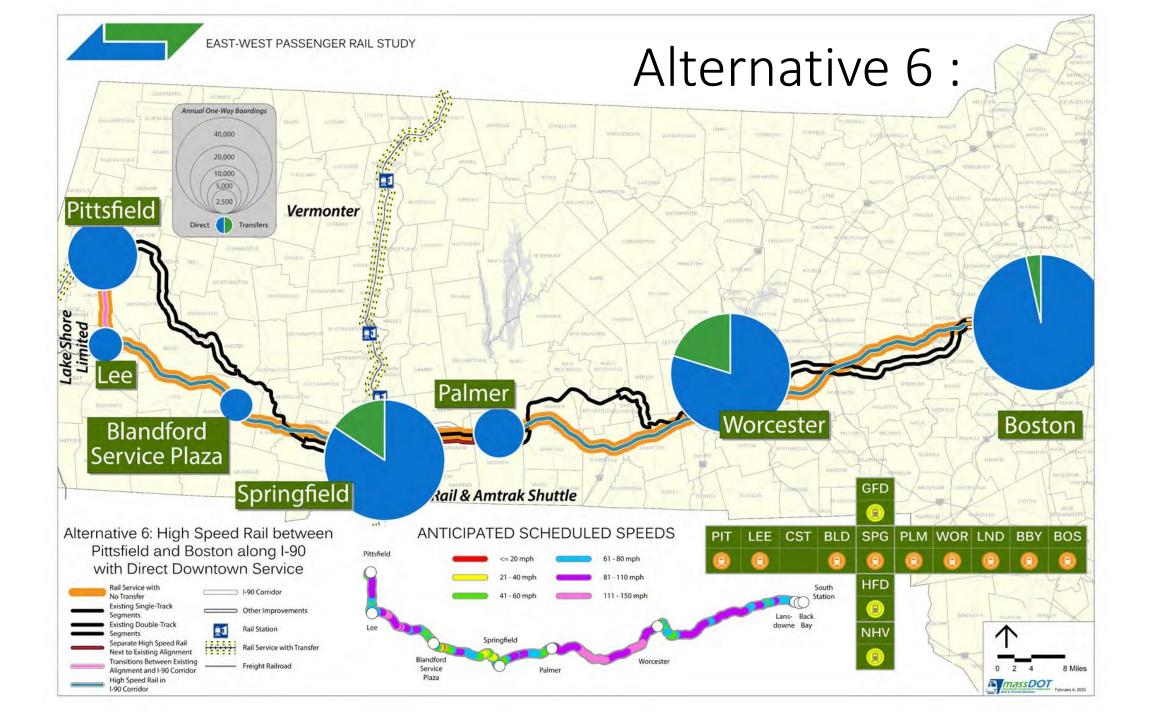












Study Schedule

| Task | 2018 | 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
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| Task 1: Document Past Efforts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 2: Current Conditions: Market Analysis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 3: Physical, Regulatory, ROW Ownership | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 4: Potential Service Plan and Alternatives | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 5: Analysis of 6 Preliminary Alternatives | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 6: Analysis of 3 Final Alternatives | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 7: Development of Recommended Next Steps | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| Task 8 Public Involvement Plan | ♦ | | | \rightarrow | | | | ♦ | | | | | | | | > | * | |
| Study Advisory Committee Meetings | ♦ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Informational Meetings | \rightarrow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draft and Final Report | \bigcirc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Future Events

- In addition to the February 6 public meeting of the Advisory Committee, there are two additional public meetings scheduled this month at which the data on the six Preliminary Alternatives will be discussed:
- February 12, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the UMass Center at Springfield
- Advisory Committee meeting on February 24, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel.