



## East-West Passenger Rail Study

Study Advisory Committee Meeting #1

December 18, 2018, 1 – 3pm

### AGENDA

**Meeting Objective:** To develop a common understanding of the purpose of the committee, the study scope, and process; preview initial groundwork for context analysis; and provide input on the study goals and objectives to help inform the development and evaluation of alternatives.

1:00	<b>Introductions</b> <i>Focus Question:</i> What is the <u>one</u> most important outcome you would hope to achieve from an East-West passenger rail service?
1:20	<b>Study and Committee Overview</b> <i>Study Purpose:</i> Conduct an evaluation of the benefits, costs, and impacts of a range of alternatives for rail service between Boston and Pittsfield <i>Study Tasks:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assess context</li><li>• Identify and analyze up to six alternatives</li><li>• Develop framework for next steps</li></ul>
1:30	<b>Preview of Study Context</b> <i>Related Planning and Infrastructure Projects</i> <i>Market Analysis</i> <i>Conditions Assessment</i> <i>Case Studies</i>
2:00	<b>Goals Exercise &amp; Discussion</b> <i>Potential Goals for Service Alternatives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve attractiveness of Western MA as an affordable place to live</li><li>• Enhance competitiveness for attracting new jobs and employers</li><li>• Improve mobility for transit-dependent populations</li><li>• Support economic development for Western MA businesses</li><li>• Reduce the number of automobile trips along the corridor</li><li>• Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air quality impacts from transportation</li></ul>
2:20	<b>Identifying &amp; Analyzing Alternatives</b> <i>Scope of Service Alternatives</i> <i>Context for Service Alternatives</i> <i>Alternatives Analysis Process</i>
2:40	<b>Next Steps</b>
2:50	<b>Public Comment</b>