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Tennessee State Rail Plan

Tennessee Short Line Railroads Meeting

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State Rail Plans (SRPs)

- Published and presented to FRA
 - Stand-alone document
 - Combined with Statewide Freight Plan
 - Element of the State Long-Range Transportation Plan
- States must establish or designate a State Rail Transportation Authority
- Includes freight and passenger (intercity and commuter) rail
- Basis for federal and state rail investments



State Rail Plan

Under **49 U.S. Code Chapter 227**, each state prepares and maintains a state rail plan as a means for



Establishing state policy involving freight and passenger rail transportation, including commuter rail operations, in the State

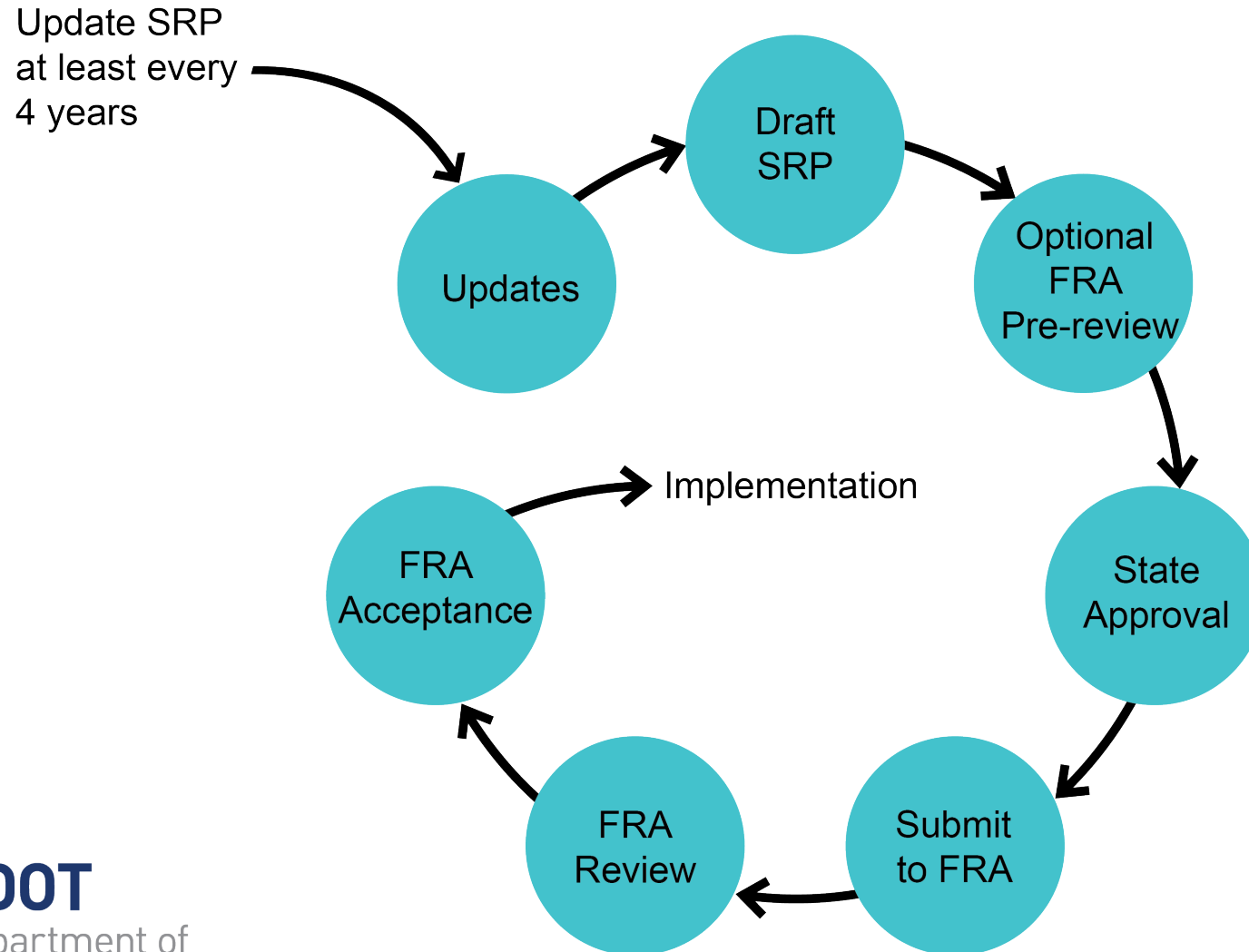
Establishing the period covered by the State rail plan (four years);

Presenting priorities and strategies to enhance rail service in the state that benefits the public

Includes projects to be eligible for federal funding from competitive discretionary grant programs

Serves as the basis for federal and state rail investments

State Rail Plan Preparation Process



Required SRP Content

(per Final FRA SRP Guidance – 09/2013)

EX	Executive Summary
Ch. 1	The Role of Rail in Statewide Transportation (Overview)
Ch. 2	The State's Existing Rail System <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Description and Inventory2. Trends & Forecasts3. Rail Service Needs & Opportunities
Ch. 3	Proposed Passenger Rail Improvements & Investments
Ch. 4	Proposed Freight Rail Improvements & Investments
Ch. 5	The State's Rail Service Investment Program
Ch. 6	Coordination & Review
TA	Technical Appendix



Rail Plan Schedule

Task	2025												2026	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
0. Project Management														
1. State's Vision & Role in Rail														
2. Existing Rail System														
3. Impacts of Rail														
4. Trends and Forecasts														
5. Passenger Rail														
6. Freight Rail														
7. Rail Service/Investment														
8. Coordination and Review														
9. Final Report														

Questions

State Policies

- Which affect you **positively**?
- Which affect you **negatively**?



State Programs

- Which affect you **positively**?
- Which affect you **negatively**?



What are your most immediate or pressing needs?

- Infrastructure –
Rehab/replace/preservation
- Funding
- Workforce
- Connectivity –
Class I Rail, Trucking, other?
- Safety –
At-grade crossings, blocking roadways, other?
- Operational costs
- Equipment availability

Business Forecast

- What do you see as opportunities for growth?
- What shippers and commodities are driving the increases?
- What are the potential business losses?
- Have you developed grant applications before?
- Other comments?

