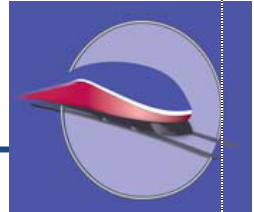


Preapplication for HSIPR Program

OMB No. 2130-0583



Preapplication instructions:

- For each question, enter the appropriate information in the designated gray box; keep text answers brief.
- For a multi-State project/program, States are encouraged to identify a lead applicant.
- Please submit one preapplication for each individual project, planning study, or corridor service program.
- Answers provided in this form **will not be used for evaluation or selection purposes.**
- Applicants should complete and submit this form electronically to: HSIPR@dot.gov.

A. Who are you?

(1) Select applicant type, as defined in Appendix 1.1 of the HSIPR Guidance (*Check the appropriate box from the list*):

State

Amtrak

If one of the following, please append appropriate documentation as described in Section 4.3.1 of the HSIPR Guidance:

Group of States

Interstate Compacts

Public Agency established by one or more States

Amtrak in cooperation with a State or States

(2) Name of lead State or organization applying: State of Delaware

(3) Name(s) of additional States and/or organizations applying in this group (*if applicable*):

(4) Application point of contact (POC):

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What is your project?

(5) Project/program name: Northeast Corridor Project - Wilmington to Newark

(6) Describe the project or program; if a program has multiple phases please describe each and how they fit together; if the project or program relates to another HSIPR application describe the linkage (*less than 1000 characters*):
 The project adds capacity for commuter rail service on the Amtrak Northeast Corridor (NEC) in Delaware. It includes installation of a third track of 1.5 miles between Ragan and Yard Interlockings on in the NEC south of Wilmington. This will provide three or more tracks all the way from Wilmington to Maryland. The current two-track configuration of the segment is identified as a choke point in the Amtrak NEC Master Plan. The third track will permit faster inter city and high speed access from the south to the Wilmington Station. The improvement will also increase service reliability and reduce congestion during peak travel periods. The project also includes improvements to the Newark Train Station. The goal is to eliminate conflicts between freight and passenger rail services, allow for expanded parking, improve station facilities and provide load-level boarding for inter-city and commuter trains.

(7) Location information

(A) Describe the location of the proposed project/program (attach map if available) (*less than 250 characters*): One mile south of the NEC Station in Wilmington, DE

(B) Which high-speed rail and/or intercity passenger rail route(s) benefit from this project? Identify endpoints, major locations served, and name of current route (if applicable) (*less than 250 characters*): Amtrak Acela and Regional services

(C) State(s) in which the project/program investment is/are located: Delaware

(D) State(s) in which the benefiting service(s) is/are located: All states along the Northeast Corridor

(8) Project/program type:

(A) Types of capital investments contemplated (*Check all that apply*):

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structures (bridges, tunnels, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Stock Refurbishments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Track-Rehabilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Stock Acquisitions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track-New Construction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stations, Terminals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Rights-of-Way | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Facilities (Yards, Shops, etc.) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Interlockings | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Crossing Improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications, Signaling, Control | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric Traction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please describe</i>): | |

(B) Describe the types of proposed improvements (e.g., new passing tracks, interlocking reconfigurations, station improvements, equipment acquisitions, etc.) (*less than 500 characters*): 8,000 feet of additional track eliminating existing 2 track bottlenecks, new rail station with high level platform, pedestrian crossovers and parking.

(C) Service attributes (*Check all that apply*):

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Frequencies on Existing Route | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved On-Time-Performance on Existing Route |
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New Service Increased Average Speeds/Shorter Trip Times Other (Please describe):

(9) Project/program milestones (mm/yyyy):

Construction start date: August
2009Construction completion date: June
2011Service improvements realized: June
2011

(10) Anticipated benefits (on intercity passenger rail service(s) benefitting from project/program)

Project/Program Benefits	Before (FY 2008 levels)	After (Project completion)	Not Applicable	Not Sure
Annual passenger-miles	1.2 billion	1.4 billion (2018)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average daily round trips (weekday)	45 (15 Acela Express, 21 Acela regional, 9 SEPTA)	55 (15 Acela Express, 21 Acela Regional, 19 SEPTA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-time performance (OTP) (at endpoint terminals)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Top speed (mph)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average operating speed (mph) (between endpoint terminals)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What will your project/program cost & how will it be funded?

Capital Costs

(11) Total anticipated project/program capital cost (in millions of dollars)(Note: preapplication estimates will not be binding):
\$42,000,000

(12) Will your project/program proposal include matching funds?

(A) Yes If yes, as what percentage of total costs? \$7,651,721

No

(B) Proposed source(s) of capital matching funds *(Please check all that apply)*:

State Local Private Other *(Please specify)*: N/A Not sure

(13) If an in-kind match is expected, provide a brief description of the asset *(less than 100 characters)*.

Operating Costs

(14) Is the project/program expected to result in an additional annual cost of operations for the benefitting service?

Yes No Not sure

(A) If additional operating funding is required, what would be the source? *(Select the appropriate option by clicking the gray box to activate the dropdown menu)*:

Dedicated State funding source If other is selected, please specify:

(B) What is the status of providing that funding? *(Select the appropriate option by clicking the gray box to activate the dropdown menu)*:

Legislation enacted If other is selected, please specify:

D. What preparation have you done?

(15) Please indicate the status of planning, engineering and environmental studies/documentation supporting your program or project. (Although applicants are asked to respond to all items, note that not all are required for all tracks.)

	No study exists	If no study exists, are you applying for HSIPR funds to complete study?	Study underway	Study completed? (year)	Not applicable
Corridor Service Planning Studies/Documents (for the intercity passenger rail service benefitting from project or program)					
Purpose & Need/Rationale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service/Operating Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prioritized Capital Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ridership/Revenue Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operating Cost Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tier 1 Programmatic (or "service") NEPA (Identify document from dropdown menu)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project Planning Studies/Documents (if application is for program (multiple projects), multiple boxes may be checked)					
Preliminary Engineering (PE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tier 2 (project-level) NEPA (Identify document from dropdown menu)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CE 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed Capital Cost Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Planning Studies/Documents					
Project Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Plan (capital & operating – sources/uses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>

(16) Is the project(s) included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? Yes No Not sure

(17) Is the project/program included in a Performance Improvement Plan for the host railroad? Yes No Not sure

(A) Who are your partners & what are their commitments?

- (18) **Right-of-Way Owner(s).** Provide the status of agreements with railroad(s) that own the right-of-way. (If appropriate, “owner(s)” may also include operator(s) under trackage rights or lease agreements.) (If more than two railroads, please include additional information in question 24.)

Railroad owner 1 (Name):

Amtrak

Status of railroad owner 1 (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

Master Agreement in place

Railroad owner 2 (Name):

Status of railroad owner 2 (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

Master Agreement in place

- (19) **Intercity Passenger Rail Operator.** If applicable, provide the status of agreements with partner that will operate the benefiting high-speed rail/intercity passenger rail services (e.g., Amtrak). (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

Final executed agreement on project scope/outcomes

- (20) **Benefits to Types of Rail Service.** What share of the project/program benefits will accrue to other non-intercity passenger railroad service types (e.g., commuter or freight)? (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray): 25% to 50%

If benefits to non-intercity passenger rail services are foreseen, are cost-sharing agreements in place with the beneficiary organization(s)? Yes No N/A Not sure

(B) Which track is the best fit for your project/program?

- (21) Anticipated HSIPR funding track (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

Track 1 (Projects) FD/Construction

If unsure, please explain:

- (22) Anticipated application filing date (Check the appropriate box):

2009 – first round

Subsequent round(s). (Note: Funding for subsequent rounds is not guaranteed.)

(C) What help do you need?

(23) Describe any areas in which you could use technical assistance, best practices, advice or support from others (*less than 500 characters*): No additional technical assistance needed at this time.

(D) Additional information (optional)

(24) Please provide any additional information, comments, or clarifications. This section is optional. This project is ready to construct. This project was included in the authorization under SAFETEA-LU.

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