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## Update Scope

### New Haven to Springfield Rail Project Update

#### Focus

This study would be a point-in-time status report on all the aspects of the project to date. As this is a many-faceted project with many interested parties, including AMTRAK, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, regional planning organizations in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and local governments, the materials regarding the project are dispersed among many agencies, and sometimes appear to provide conflicting information. This review would provide an objective, non-advocacy approach to bringing all the information together in a summary report.

#### Background

In 2006, Governor Rell recommended, and the General Assembly authorized the initiation of commuter rail service between New Haven, Hartford and Springfield, which would be supplemented by the existing AMTRAK rail service on that line. The original rail service was originally scheduled to begin in 2010, but because of time required for conducting environmental impact studies and funding issues, the start date of the service is now expected to be in late 2016.

#### Areas of Summary Description

1. History of the project
2. Overall scope of the project
3. Current project standing, including listing completed work and projected operation timetable
4. Active participants in the project, and roles and functions around the project
5. All funding applied for by source and by applicant, funding allocated and expended
6. Estimated gap in funding and any efforts underway to secure that funding

#### Areas Not Included in Initial Phase

If further study in this area is desired, a second phase could identify potential revenue sources to fund the remaining components of the project, review previous and current efforts at obtaining funding, and describe what steps might be taken to pursue additional revenues going forward.

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