

Appendix F: IIJA and FRA Rail Plan Checklists

IIJA Checklist

IIJA Review Item (§21104) Plan Content	Plan Location
Identification of significant freight system trends, needs, and issues with respect to the State	Trends identified in Chapter 6; Needs and Issues identified and addressed in Chapter 5
A description of the freight policies, strategies, and performance measures that will guide the freight-related transportation investment decisions of the State;	Performance Measures identified in Chapter 1, Chapter 7 and Chapter 10
Multimodal critical rural freight facilities and corridors designated within the State under section 70103 of this title	Chapter 2
Critical rural and urban freight corridors designated within the State under section 167 of title 23	Chapter 2
A description of how the plan will improve the ability of the State to meet the national multimodal freight policy goals described in section 70101(b) of this title and the national highway freight program goals described in section 167 of title 23;	Chapter 1
A description of how innovative technologies and operational strategies, including intelligent transportation systems, that improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement, were considered	Chapter 5 and Chapter 6
In the case of routes on which travel by heavy vehicles (including mining, agricultural, energy cargo or equipment, and timber vehicles) is projected to substantially deteriorate the condition of roadways, a description of improvements that may be required to reduce or impede the deterioration;	Chapter 4, Chapter 5 and Chapter 10
An inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such as truck bottlenecks, within the State, and for those facilities that are State owned or operated, a description of the strategies the State is employing to address those freight mobility issues;	Chapter 4, Chapter 5 and Chapter 10
Consideration of any significant congestion or delay caused by freight movements and any strategies to mitigate that congestion and delay;	Chapter 4, Chapter 5 and Chapter 10
A freight investment plan that, subject to subsection (c)(2), includes a list of priority projects and describes how funds made available to carry out section 167 of title 23 would be invested and matched; and	Chapter 8, Chapter 9, Chapter 10 and Appendix E
The most recent commercial motor vehicle parking facilities assessment conducted by the State under subsection (f);	Chapter 4
The most recent supply chain cargo flows in the State, expressed by mode of transportation;	Chapter 3
An inventory of commercial ports in the State;	Chapter 4
If applicable, consideration of the findings or recommendations made by any multi-State freight compact to which the State is a party under section 70204;	N/A

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The impacts of e-commerce on freight infrastructure in the State;	Chapter 5
Considerations of military freight;	Chapter 2
Strategies and goals to decrease —	
(A) the severity of impacts of extreme weather and natural disasters on freight mobility;	Chapter 4, Chapter 5
(B) the impacts of freight movement on local air pollution;	Chapter 5
(C) the impacts of freight movement on flooding and stormwater runoff; and	Chapter 4 and Chapter 5
(D) the impacts of freight movement on wildlife habitat loss; and''; and	Chapter 5
Freight Advisory Committee	
Consultation with the State freight advisory committee, if applicable.	Chapter 1 and Appendix A
Relationship with Long Range Plan	
“(1) INCORPORATION. ---A freight plan described in subsection (a) may be developed separate from or incorporated into the statewide strategic long-range transportation plan required by section 135 of title 23.	Chapter 1
“(2) FISCAL CONSTRAINT. ----The freight investment plan component of a freight plan shall include a project, or an identified phase of a project, only if funding for completion of the project can reasonably be anticipated to be available for the project within the time period identified in the freight investment plan.	Chapter 9 and Chapter 10
Planning Period	
A State freight plan described in subsection (a) shall address a 8-year forecast period.	Chapter 3
Updates	
(1) In general -A State shall update a State freight plan described in subsection (a) not less frequently than once every 4 years.	Previous state Freight Plan April 2015; FAST Act Amendment 1 Dec 2017; Amendment 2, August 2020
(2) Freight investment plan -A State may update a freight investment plan described in subsection (b)(9) more frequently than is required under paragraph (1).	Chapter 9 and Chapter 10
Commercial Motor Parking Facilities	
(1) the capability of the State, together with the private sector in the State, to provide adequate parking facilities and rest facilities for commercial motor vehicles engaged in interstate transportation;	Chapter 4 and Chapter 5
(2) the volume of commercial motor vehicle traffic in the State; and	Chapter 3 and Chapter 4
(3) whether there exist any areas within the State with a shortage of adequate commercial motor vehicle parking facilities, including an analysis (economic or otherwise, as the State determines to be appropriate) of the underlying causes of such a shortage.	Chapter 4

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Priority	
(1) enhance reliability or redundancy of freight transportation; or	Chapter 5 and Chapter 10
(2) incorporate the ability to rapidly restore access and reliability with respect to freight transportation.	Chapter 5 and Chapter 10

FRA Rail Checklist

FRA Plan Element	Content	Plan Location
FRA Guidance Rail Plan Chapter: The Role of Rail in Statewide Transportation (Overview)		
The State’s goals for the multimodal transportation system.	Transportation Connection	Chapter 1
A conceptual analysis of rail transportation’s role within the State’s transportation system.	High level description; mode shares; current projects	Chapter 2
A description of the institutional governance structure of the State rail program(s) and local agencies involved in delivering rail services,	NDDOT	Chapter 7
A description of the State’s authority for grant, loan, and public/private partnership financing;	ND Century Code and regulations	Chapter 7
FRA Guidance Rail Plan Chapter: The State’s Existing Rail System:		
The existing freight rail transportation system, services currently operating, operating objectives, and system performance	Freight infrastructure profile; crossings/safety analysis	Chapter 4
The existing intercity passenger rail transportation system, services currently operating, operating objectives	Passenger rail infrastructure profile	Appendix B
Major freight terminals that serve as intermodal connections	Freight: intermodal profile; port descriptions	Chapter 4
Passenger rail stations	Station inventory; intermodal connections	Appendix B
Objectives for the passenger rail services operating within the State, including minimum service levels by route, including service frequency, capacity, and projected ridership	Omitted	N/A
A performance evaluation of intercity passenger services operating in the State (both interstate and intrastate services) according to metrics such as those established under PRIIA Section 207	Selected performance measures for Amtrak trains	Appendix B
A statement on public financing for rail projects and service in the State, including a list of current and prospective public capital and operating funding resources, public subsidies, State taxation, and other financial policies	Identification of funding sources	Chapter 9
Ongoing programs and projects intended to improve the safety and security	General statement	Chapter 4
A general analysis of rail transportation’s economic and environmental impacts		Chapter 3
Trends and Forecasts		
Demographic and economic growth factors	Time series	Chapter 6
Freight demand and growth by type of service, e.g., intermodal, commodity, manifest.	Rail traffic flows; rail traffic projections	Chapter 2
Passenger travel demand and growth	Ridership projections	Appendix B

FRA Plan Element	Content	Plan Location
Fuel cost trends	Time series	Chapter 6
Rail congestion trends	Time series	Chapter 6
Highway and airport congestion trends	Time series	Chapter 6
Land use trends	Time series	Chapter 6
The State's Existing Rail System: Rail Service Needs and Opportunities		
Description of needs and opportunities	Description of needs and opportunities	Chapter 10
FRA Guidance Rail Plan Chapter: Proposed Passenger Rail Improvements and Investments		
	Description of improvements and investments	Appendix B
FRA Guidance Rail Plan Chapter: Proposed Freight Rail Improvements and Investments		
	Description of improvements and investments	Chapter 10
FRA Guidance Rail Plan Chapter: The State's Rail Service and Investment Program		
Vision/Goals	Adopt Transportation Connection	Chapter 10
Planned State rail agency organizational changes and proposed policy or legislative	Description of any planned State rail agency organizational changes and proposed policy or legislative changes and new programs within the 4 and 20-year time horizons.	Chapter 10
Investment Program	Near-term and long-term program	Chapter 10, Appendix B, Appendix D
Capital Financing Plan - Passenger Rail	Description of the 4 and 20-year financing plans for capital expenditures associated with the projects	N/A
Operating Financing Plan - Passenger Rail	Description of the 4 and 20-year financing plans for supporting operating costs associated with the State's publicly financed passenger rail	N/A
Describe the public and private economic benefits that exist and are anticipated- Passenger Rail	General discussion of benefits	N/A
Financing Plan - Freight	Description of funding alternatives	Chapter 9
Public and private economic effects - Freight	General discussion	Chapter 10
FRA Guidance Rail Plan Chapter: Coordination and Review		

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Public and Agency Participation	Description of the approach to public and agency participation in the development of the rail plan	Appendix A
Neighboring states coordination	Description of how the plan was coordinated with neighboring states	N/A
Stakeholder participation	Description of how the public, rail carriers, commuter and transit authorities operating in, or affected by rail operations within the State, units of local government and other interested parties were involved in the preparation and review of the plan	Appendix A
Issues raised during preparation	Description of issues raised during the preparation	Appendix B
Consideration of recommendations	Description of how recommendations made by participants were considered	N/A
State planning coordination	Description of how the state coordinates rail planning with other transportation planning programs	Chapter 7