

PASSENGER RAIL ROLES

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| | FEDERAL | STATE | LOCAL |
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| National Passenger Rail Routes | <p>Fulfill the federal vision of providing excellent passenger rail service at the national level.</p> <p>Provide sufficient funding for capital, operating subsidy, station development, and marketing.</p> <p>Joint effort with the state and local agencies.</p> | <p>Advocate for sufficient funding.</p> <p>Educate local jurisdictions and railroad companies regarding available state and federal grant programs and provide application support with technical staff. Example programs include federal enhancement (Platform and depot work), and ICAAP.</p> <p>Work with railroad companies to provide safe crossings.</p> <p>Provide technical support, if requested.</p> | <p>Advocate for sufficient funding.</p> <p>Apply for available grant programs when appropriate and provide matching funds for:</p> <p>a) Rail crossings b) Station Improvements</p> <p>Provide funding advocacy, and marketing support.</p> <p>Work with transit agencies and passenger service providers for connectivity.</p> <p>Work with Amtrak to generate ridership at the local level.</p> |
| Intercity Passenger Rail Routes | <p>Establish and fund a federal-aid program (preferably at 80% federal) for capital needs such as track work, equipment, and signal system upgrades.</p> <p>Joint effort with the state and local agencies.</p> | <p>Fulfill the state intercity rail vision of providing excellent passenger rail service for Iowa.</p> <p>Provide matching funds for capital investment.</p> <p>Provide funding for operating subsidy.</p> <p>Provide funding and leadership role for marketing initiatives, funding advocacy, and planning studies.</p> | <p>Provide funding for passenger rail stations.</p> <p>Manage passenger rail station operations.</p> <p>Apply for federal or state grants for funding support if needed.</p> <p>Provide funding advocacy and marketing support.</p> <p>Work with transit agencies and passenger service providers for connectivity.</p> <p>Work to generate ridership at the local level.</p> |
| Commuter Passenger Rail Routes | <p>Provide funding programs through the Federal Transit Administration.</p> <p>Joint effort with the state and local agencies.</p> | <p>Advocacy for funding at state level.</p> <p>Educate local jurisdictions and railroad companies regarding available grant programs and provide application support with technical staff.</p> <p>Provide limited funding for capital and operating subsidy support (Based upon the transit funding model).</p> <p>Fund a statewide consultant study to determine route opportunities and feasibility.</p> | <p>Fulfill the local commuter rail vision of providing excellent passenger rail service for communities.</p> <p>Provide primary funding for capital and operating subsidy.</p> <p>Responsible for commuter system operations.</p> <p>Provide funding advocacy and marketing support.</p> <p>Work with transit agencies and passenger service providers for connectivity.</p> <p>Work to generate ridership at the local level.</p> |

- Notes: 1. Capital work includes track, equipment, signal upgrades, and train layover facilities.
2. Advocacy involves each jurisdiction having responsibility for obtaining sufficient funds to support passenger rail services at all levels of operation.
3. Marketing focuses on all jurisdictions having responsibility in promoting passenger rail services at all levels.