Freight Rail Recommendations

Goal	No.	Recommendation	Revenue Scenario Total ($millions)[1]				Cost[2]	Ranking
			1B	2B	3B	4B		
EC	8	Conduct economic impact analysis of freight rail in Louisiana in coordination with LED and educate the State's legislature and Congressional delegation on the need for State and Federal funding for the State's freight railroads.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
INF	11	Help freight railroads secure grants and loans from existing and future federal assistance programs.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
INF	12	Support the establishment of a state-funded Rail Retention and Infrastructure Program and provide statewide funding for shortline rail program.	0.0	0.0	90	90	--	High
INF	13	Fund highway/rail grade separation program.	294	294	307	396	--	High
INF	14	Add two program manager positions to the Rail Section of DOTD.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
INF	15	Provide state funding sources for the New Orleans Rail Gateway Project.				✓[3]	High	High
S	2	Create incentive programs for closures of public and private grade crossings.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Medium	High
S	3	Continue funding for active warning devices at rail/highway crossings.	322	322	334	370		High
CDE	12	Provide continued financial support to the Southern Rail Commission (SRC).	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	14	Continue to study existing and potential intercity passenger rail corridors where ridership levels can be sustained or increased.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	18	Support the re-establishment of the Amtrak Sunset Limited route.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	23	Promote the National Passenger Rail System (Amtrak long distance lines).	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low
EC	6	Implement Baton Rouge to New Orleans Passenger Rail.				✓[4]	High	High
EC	7	Implement Dallas to Shreveport/Bossier Passenger Rail.[5]					High	Medium

[1] Forecasted budgeted total in nominal dollars.

[2] Cost categories: Low = Less than $50 million, Medium = $50-100 million; and High = Greater than $100 million.

[3] INF-15 is a Priority B megaproject. Priority B megaprojects are funded in Scenario 4B.

[4] EC-6 is a Priority B megaproject. Priority B megaprojects are funded in Scenario 4B.

[5] EC-7 is a Priority C megaproject. Priority C and D megaprojects are not currently funded through the revenue scenarios.

LEGEND:

CDE – Community Development & Enhancement Goal

EC – Economic Competitiveness Goal

INF – Infrastructure Preservation & Maintenance Goal

S – Safety Goal