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Amtrak Expansion Feasibility Study

Status:

- Amtrak and BNSF will begin study in the near future

Purpose:

- Identify ridership, start-up and operating costs of expanding passenger rail service between Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth
- Facts and estimates – not recommendations



Need for Study

- Information needed for decisions about future of expanded passenger rail service in Kansas, and Oklahoma
- Public and local government interest and support





State Support

- Kansas legislature responsible for deciding to fund expanded passenger rail in Kansas
 - 2/3 majority needed to use state funds for passenger rail
 - Oklahoma Legislature will also need to decide on funding for expansion of service
- State support needed for costs of





If Service is Approved

- Update studies
- Passenger rail plan
- Secure funding
- Improve infrastructure
- Select/improve stations
- Improve rail crossings
- Procure train sets
- Negotiate agreements
- Market the service





Discussion Points

- What is the State's role?
- What is the Locals' role?

