

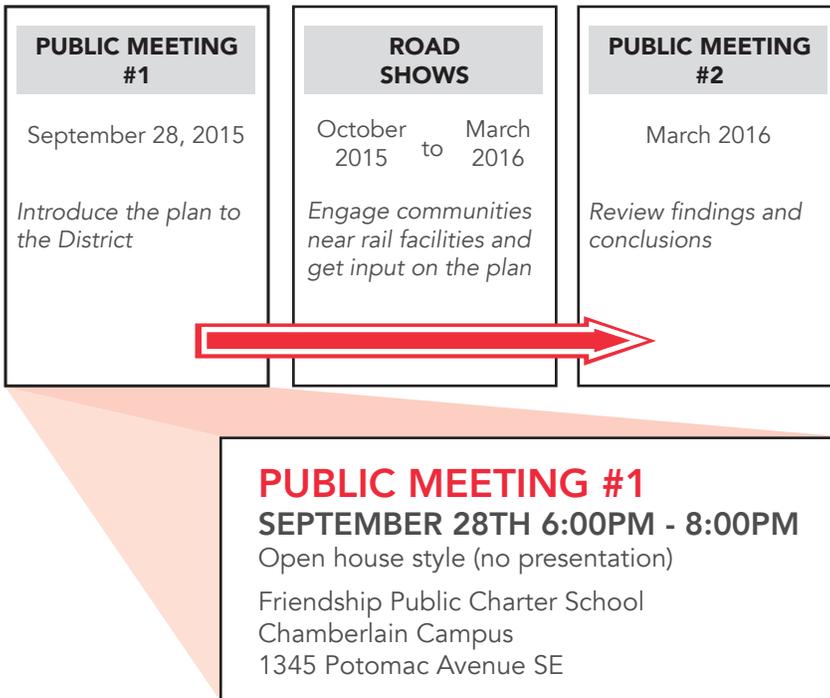
The two-year action plan for *moveDC*, the District's multimodal transportation plan, identified the need for a State Rail Plan that focuses on passenger and freight rail infrastructure shared by CSX, VRE, MARC, Amtrak, and Norfolk Southern.

A carefully crafted vision for integrating this passenger and freight rail network is necessary to realize the potential of rail transportation in the District. The District's rail network is vital for its ongoing development, and strategic investments can position the District for continued growth. **A completed plan will provide a high-level strategic framework, goals, and objectives to leverage the District's rail network for continuing economic competitiveness and quality-of-life investments while also addressing ongoing rail safety, oversight, and policy implementation.**

## The need for a State Rail Plan

The District does not have a State Rail Plan that complies with the Federal Railroad Administration standards under the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008. While the District does not own rail right-of-way or operate freight or passenger rail service, the lack of a compliant plan potentially restricts access to federal funds for all rail projects. Additionally, the District's leadership desires to have a comprehensive vision document that lays out policy and plans for the District's rail network.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS



## REGULATIONS GUIDING THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008 requires states to have approved State Rail Plans to be eligible for PRIIA capital grant programs and other future federal rail financial assistance.

The PRIIA legislation requires the following content, which will be included in the District's plan:

- Inventory of rail system, services, and facilities
- Review of rail lines including high-speed rail and abandonments
- Passenger rail service objectives
- General transportation, economic, and environmental impacts on rail service
- Long range service and investment program project list
- Statement of public financing issues
- Identification of rail infrastructure issues reflecting consultation with all relevant stakeholders
- Review of passenger and freight intermodal connections
- Review of publicly funded projects, including safety
- Performance evaluation of passenger rail service
- Compilation of studies and reports on high-speed rail corridor development

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