

Sample Draft Policy Option Template

TLU - Intercity Travel: Aviation, High Speed Rail, Bus

Policy Description

Provide transportation infrastructure between cities to support connectivity of non-auto transportation modes. Rail transport is one of the most energy efficient means to move people and goods over commonly traveled routes on land. Intercity rail provides express train passenger services covering longer distances than commuter trains, which can reduce automobile use and possibly aircraft activity. Increased rail capacity could allow shifting more freight to rail from trucks.

Policy Design

Goals: Reduce transportation sector GHG emissions from intercity travel by making passenger and freight rail more accessible, efficient and available. Achieve a 10 percent increase in passenger rail trips by 2020 (Compared with BAU forecasts) and a 20 percent increase by 2025. [These goals need to be quantitative and tied to the years for which MI has statewide GHG emission reduction goals].

- **Timing:**
- **Parties Involved:**
- **Other:**

Implementation Mechanisms

TBD – [CCS drafts based on TWG inputs; this can be developed as they go along, and can start early or late as they prefer; the level of detail can vary on TWG approval]

Related Policies/Programs in Place

TBD

Types(s) of GHG Reductions

CO₂:

Estimated GHG Reductions and Net Costs or Cost Savings

TBD – [CCS should provide a worksheet and other reference material as needed for transparency]

- **Data Sources:** [TBD by CCS on TWG approval]
- **Quantification Methods:** [e.g., Full life-cycle analysis with supply/demand equilibrium adjustments on TWG approval]

- **Key Assumptions:** [TBD, as needed on TWG approval]

Key Uncertainties

TBD – [as needed and approved by the TWGs]

Additional Benefits and Costs

TBD – [as needed and approved by the TWGs]

Feasibility Issues

TBD – [as needed and approved by the TWGs]

Status of Group Approval

Pending – [until MCAC moves to final agreement at meeting #5 or #6]

Level of Group Support

TBD – [blank until MCAC meeting #5]

Barriers to Consensus

TBD – [blank until final vote by the MCAC]