



Wisconsin Rail Plan 2050

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Update to Wisconsin Rail Plan 2030

- *First Wisconsin Rail Plan was adopted in 2014*
 - *Project listing tables within the plan were updated in 2020*
- *Covers all rail modes:*
 - *Railroad crossings*
 - *Freight rail*
 - *Wisconsin's state-owned rail system,*
 - *Long distance passenger rail, intercity rail, and commuter rail*

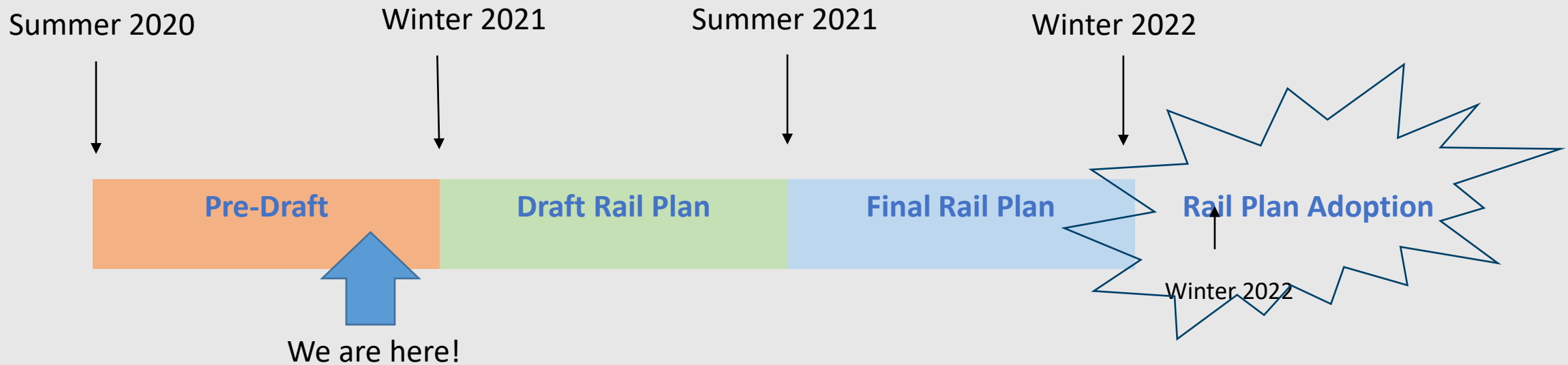


Making the Plan Current

- *Need to refresh the Plan with*
 - *Freight commodity flow statistics*
 - *Rail data trends*
 - *Existing and possible future service levels*
 - *Rail system conditions*
 - *Future rail-related improvements or plans (project listing tables)*
 - *Inclusions from FRA state rail plan guidance from late 2013*



Plan is now in pre-draft stage



Conducting stakeholder outreach to help initial identification of trends, issues and opportunities.



System Level Equity Analysis

Environmental Justice & Title VI Communities +

- *EJ demographic groups (minority and low income)*
- *Title VI demographic groups (race, color, national origin)*
- *Also seniors, youth, people with disabilities, and people without cars*



System Level Equity Analysis

Why it matters where people live

- *Where are communities living relative to rail infrastructure like freight rail lines and train stations?*
- *What potential negative impacts are possible for those living near active rail lines? Example: air quality issues near a rail yard*
- *What potential positive opportunities are possible, such as easy access to stations?*



What Should be Considered in the Plan?

- *Federal Railroad Administration has minimum requirements for state-wide long range rail plans including*
 - *Data driven approach*
 - *Descriptions of existing conditions*
 - *Plans and programs chosen in context*
- *WisDOT also looks at system level environmental conditions*



Expected Plan Policy Discussion

Freight Rail and Crossing Safety

1. *Changes since last rail plan in the movements of frac sand, oil, and coal*
2. *Intermodal rail-truck facilities, like at the Port of Milwaukee or a regional intermodal facility in SE WI somewhere*
3. *Prioritizing rail-crossing safety improvements*
4. *Safety of all users at rail-crossings*



Expected Plan Policy Discussion – Amtrak; Hiawatha service; commuter rail

- 1. Amtrak passenger rail, Hiawatha and commuter rail's role in non-driver mobility*
- 2. Demand forecast model of long-range passenger rail service*
- 3. Access to stations by walking, bicycling, and transit*



Outreach

- *Who else do you think would like to know about the plan and offer ideas?*
 - *Community or special interest groups?*
 - *Existing media or list serves?*
- *How does this group want to stay involved?*





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