

Treatment of Passenger Rail and Transit in the SIS Strategic Plan

Issue	2005 SIS Strategic Plan	Potential Approach in 2010 SIS Strategic Plan
<i>Designation</i>		
Passenger Terminals	Terminals providing on-site ticketing and support services and handling at least 100,000 interregional passengers (rail, bus, or multimodal) per year Minimum distance of 50 miles between SIS and Emerging SIS terminals of the same type	Consider restating minimum size threshold as percent of national or state total and/or vary the threshold by type of terminal (Amtrak, Greyhound, commuter rail) Reduce minimum distance for rail stations
Passenger Rail Systems	All passenger rail corridors providing scheduled interregional and interstate service (no minimum volume required)	Same
Commuter Rail/ Intra-regional Transit Systems	Designate only those systems that are integrated into an interregional/ interstate rail system so passengers can make a connection to another region using no more two operators (e.g., Tri-Rail with Amtrak)	Designate high-capacity systems that connect multiple urban areas within a single economic region and provide an alternative to SIS highway corridors
Local Transit Systems	No designation	No designation, but some funding eligibility (see below)
<i>Project eligibility funding</i>		
Use of funds off-SIS	Can use proportionate fair share funds for mitigation of development impacts on the SIS off-system	Provide flexibility to use SIS funds for investments for local/regional projects to relieve congestion on SIS facilities in cases in which the reliever project would remove local trips from the SIS facility and improve the performance of the SIS facility at a lower cost than adding capacity to the SIS facility (e.g., transit in or parallel to SIS highway right of way, parallel frontage road, general aviation reliever airport, etc.)

<i>Project eligibility funding (cont.)</i>		
Passenger terminal development	Funding for SIS intermodal passenger terminal development projects (transportation portion only, not commercial space)	Same
Passenger terminal ground access	Funding for designated SIS intermodal connectors, continuation of these connectors on-site to terminal, pick-up/drop-off circulators, etc.	Identify transportation facilities that provide direct service between two SIS hubs (e.g., airport and seaport or airport and passenger terminal) as an eligible project for SIS funding allocated for either or both hubs Enable funding for transit, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations at SIS passenger hubs