**ATTACHMENT**

**Item 10 Approval of Work program**

**Committee Vision Statement**

Be the leading force in advancing high-speed and intercity passenger rail as part of an integrated transportation system.

**Committee Mission Statement**

To advance high-speed and intercity passenger rail in North America through collaboration, advocacy, and education through APTA and its diverse membership.

**Committee Work Program 2017**

* Organize informative and substantive Committee meetings in connection with the APTA Legislative Conference, the APTA Rail Conference, and the APTA Annual Meeting.
* Publish 3-4 editions of the SPEEDLINES newsletter.
* Push for passenger rail funding in a federal infrastructure bill, and in appropriations bills.
* Organize cutting-edge sessions on passenger rail topics at the APTA Rail Conference and APTA Annual meeting.
* Implement a roll-out and outreach plan in connection the new ROI study.
* Organize a HS&IPR Policy Forum.
* Comment on federal and state policies, regulations, new developments as needed.
* Partner with other organizations on a research and advocacy agenda for passenger rail.
* APTA involvement in World Congress on High Speed Rail/rebuild relationship and joint activities with UIC.

**Strategic Goals – APTA**

1: Safety & Security First Culture

“Promote, develop and support continuous improvement of safe and secure public transportation systems.”

2: Resource Advocacy

“Support the growth of federal and other funding and financing resources, improved

project delivery approaches, and a more efficient regulatory environment.”

3: Workforce Development

“Help members attract, develop, and retain a diverse workforce.”

4: Demographic Shift

“Assist members in addressing ever‐evolving lifestyles and mobility needs.”

5: Technological Innovation

“Lead and serve member efforts to evaluate, develop and adapt to emerging.

6: Association Development

“Provide world‐class member services through a vital and robust organization.”

**Strategic Goals – Committee**

1. **Objectives**
2. Advocate intercity corridor development as a critical element in the total transportation intermodal network for meeting current and emerging mobility needs.
3. Develop an advocacy agenda to achieve new dedicated sources of federal funding for the implementation of national and regional high-speed and intercity passenger rail services.
4. Provide a support mechanism, programs and activities for the meaningful exchange of information between persons and organizations with interest in high-speed and intercity corridor development by broadening the base of APTA members and others interested in and supportive of the mission of the Committee including federal, state and local policy leaders, rail labor and other stakeholders and creating a robust communications program on high-speed and intercity passenger rail issues including the establishment of APTA website pages dedicated to this subject.
5. Promote the safe joint complementary use of rail corridors for intercity, regional and local commuter services; ensuring that the entire rail transportation system works better for all users: people and freight.
6. Promote enhanced high-speed and intercity corridor development especially in the areas of improved safety, reliability, customer services, and operating performance.
7. Serve as a technical and information resource for newly established and/or planned intercity corridors.
8. Ensure appropriate attention to existing and new policies, legislative and regulatory issues as they pertain to intercity corridor development.
9. Support the development of improved high-speed and intercity passenger rail services by providing educational resources that demonstrate the benefits of high-speed and intercity passenger rail services.
10. Foster and support the high-speed and intercity corridor development profession by participating in the development of appropriate mid-level management seminars, technology and information exchange; and other training and staff development programs.
11. Build support for the necessary funding of high-speed and intercity corridors as part of a national intermodal transportation system through advocacy within APTA, and through coalitions with other interested organizations and associations.
12. Provide a forum for the discussion of shared technical, operations and regulatory issues for operators of national, regional, and local high-speed and intercity passenger rail services.
13. Monitor the development of new technologies and technical approaches affecting improved passenger rail services and develop a research agenda in cooperation with the APTA Commuter Rail Committee for enhances technology applications that will continue to improve passenger rail services and seek funding support from all available sources to pursue the required research.
14. **Goals**

The goals of the Committee shall be defined in a Committee Action Plan and adopted each year to guide the Committee’s activities for that year.