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Railroad-DOT Mitigation Strategies

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CT Active Rail Lines
Operating Railroads

- Amtrak
- Metro North
- Pan Am
- Genesee and Wyoming
- Housatonic
- Other Short Lines
Railroad Force Account

• Metro North
  – Infrastructure Maintenance and Capital Improvements on State Owned Rail ROW
  – Support for 3rd Party Contractors related to Rail Infrastructure Capital Improvements
  – Support for highway construction crossing or adjacent to the Rail ROW
Railroad Force Account

• Amtrak
  – Capital Improvements to Amtrak Infrastructure to support expanded CT *rail* service
  – Support for highway construction crossing or adjacent to the Rail ROW
Previous Agreements

• Metro North
  – State only funded work can be authorized with a Capital Action Form under the standing operating agreement with the State
  – Federal flow down provisions not included in operating agreement
  – Federally funded projects required a separate Force Account Agreement
    • Lengthy and time consuming process
Previous Agreements

• Amtrak
  – All Force Account work required a separate agreement
  • Very lengthy process
Master Agreements

• Amtrak
  – Master Agreement in place specific to Hartford Line Project (FRA funded)
    • Includes boiler plate language and federal flow-downs
    • Specific tasks authorized with a Project Authorization Letter (PAL)
    • Includes scope, budget and special conditions
    • Accompanied by PO
    • Reduced processing time by months
Master Agreements

• Amtrak (cont.)
  – Statewide Master Agreement in place
    • Includes federal flow-down provisions for both FTA and FHWA
    • Can be used for rail infrastructure work or highway related work
    • Same PAL process as the Hartford Line agreement
    • Reduces processing time and project delivery by months
Master Agreements

• Metro North
  – Drafting Statewide Master Agreement
    • Includes both FHWA and FTA flow-down provisions
    • PAL process similar to Amtrak agreement
    • Can be used for FTA funded infrastructure work or FHWA funded highway work
    • State only funded work will continue to use the old Capital Action Form process
Questions?

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