

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FRA Corridor ID

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Pre-Proposal Conference  
Transportation Council Room  
November 7, 2024

# Agenda

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Safety Briefing

Introductions & Agenda Overview

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# RFP Amendment

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- Several industry questions were raised regarding precluding the Step 1 Contractor from proposing on Step 2
- NCTCOG reviewed other FRA Corridor ID Sponsor procurement processes and consulted with FRA
- NCTCOG is addressing this issue by the following:
  - Issuing an amended RFP to permit Step 1 Contractor to propose on Step 2
  - All deliverables resulting from Step 1 will be made publicly available to all potential Step 2 proposers
  - Extend proposal deadline by 2 weeks to December 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. to ensure all potential proposers have an opportunity to consider proposing on this RFP
  - Contact all potential proposers about update to RFP

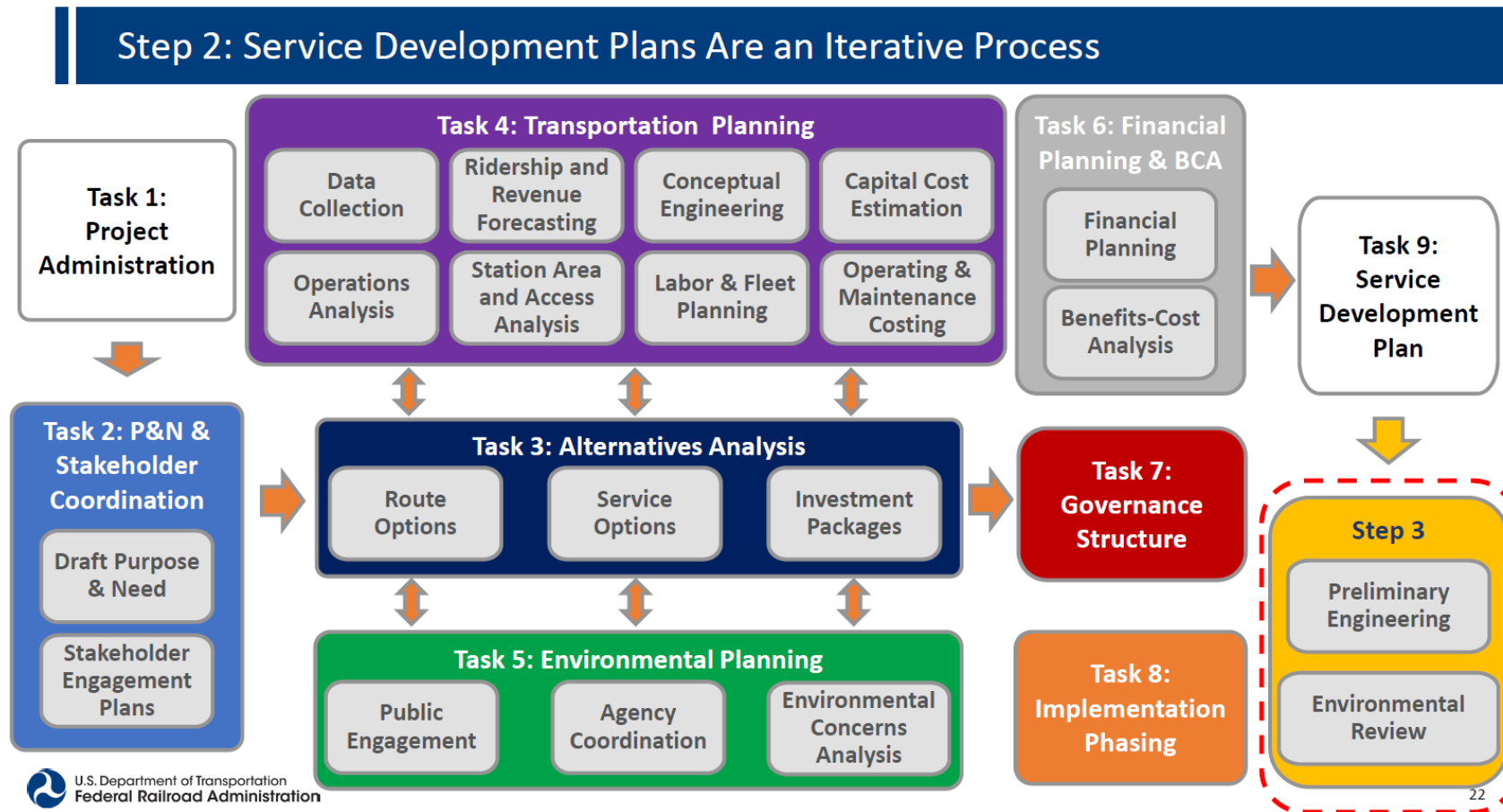
# Project Background

# FRA Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program Steps

Grant	Step 1: Scoping	Step 2: Service Development Plan	Step 3: Preliminary Engineering / NEPA
Funding	\$500k / 0% match	\$X / 10% match ( <i>\$X determined during Step 1</i> )	\$X / 20% match ( <i>\$X determined during Step 2</i> )
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using Service Development Plan SOW framework, <b>sponsor develops scope, schedule, and budget for Corridor SDP</b>, accounting for work on-going and/or undertaken to date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsor <b>develops a service development plan</b> in accordance with Corridor SOW and in coordination with FRA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In coordination with FRA, sponsor completes <b>preliminary engineering</b> for capital projects</li> <li>Sponsor completes <b>environmental review in coordination with FRA</b> for capital projects</li> </ul>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After kick-off meeting, <b>FRA will review work undertaken to date</b></li> <li><b>Step 1 grant deliverable is SDP SOW</b> to include corridor-specific scope, schedule, and budget for service development planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final service development plan includes a <b>Capital Project Inventory</b> as part of the <b>Phased Implementation Plan</b></li> <li>If readiness criteria are met, capital projects identified in <b>SDP may be advanced into Step 3</b> Project Development, at FRA's discretion and subject to funding availability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital projects that complete Step 3 will move to <b>Project Pipeline</b> and may be prioritized for funding under Fed-State Partnership Program</li> </ul>

**RFP Update: Participation in any of the steps does not preclude participation in future procurements. Deliverables resulting from Step 1 will be made available to potential Step 2 proposers.**

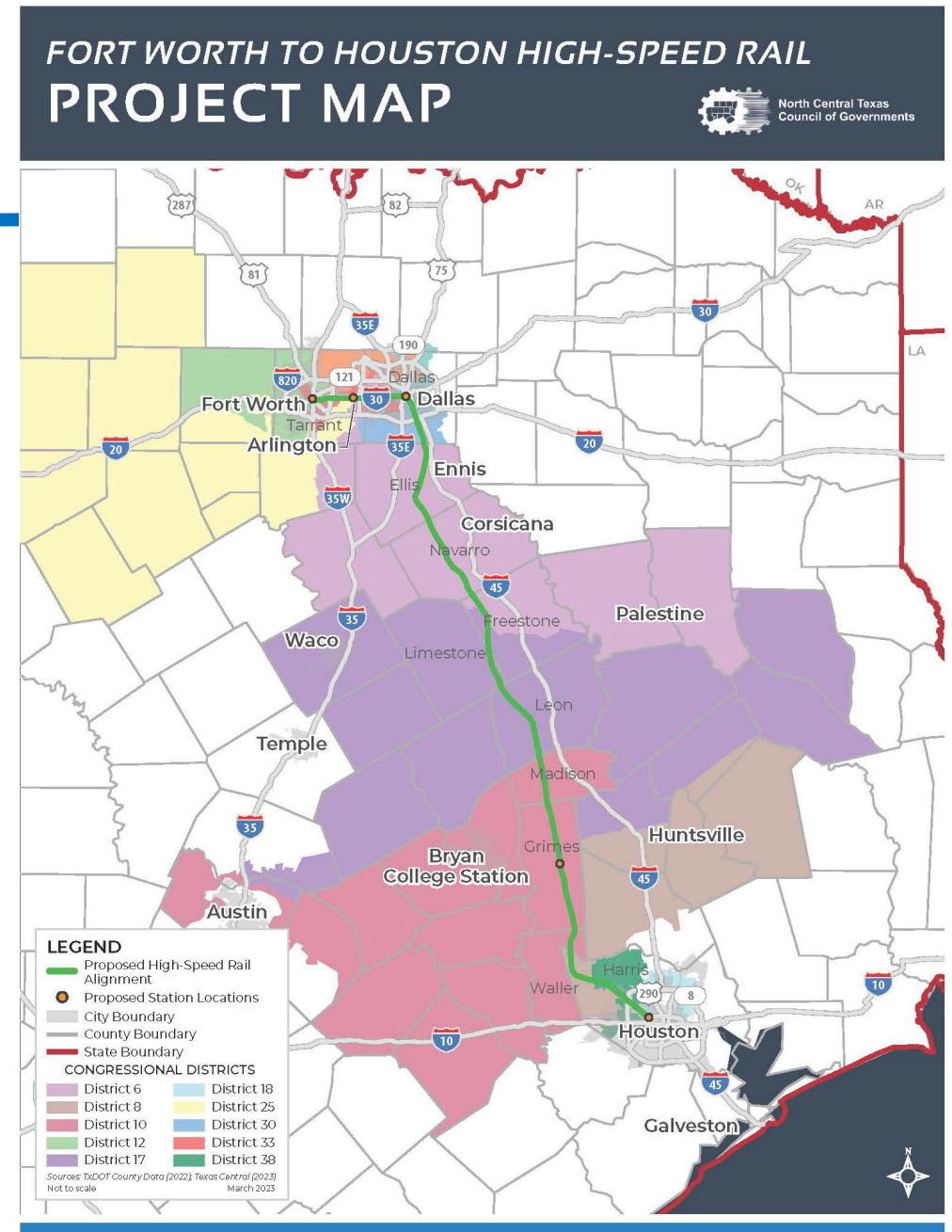
# Scope, Schedule, and Budget to Complete Step 2: Service Development Plan



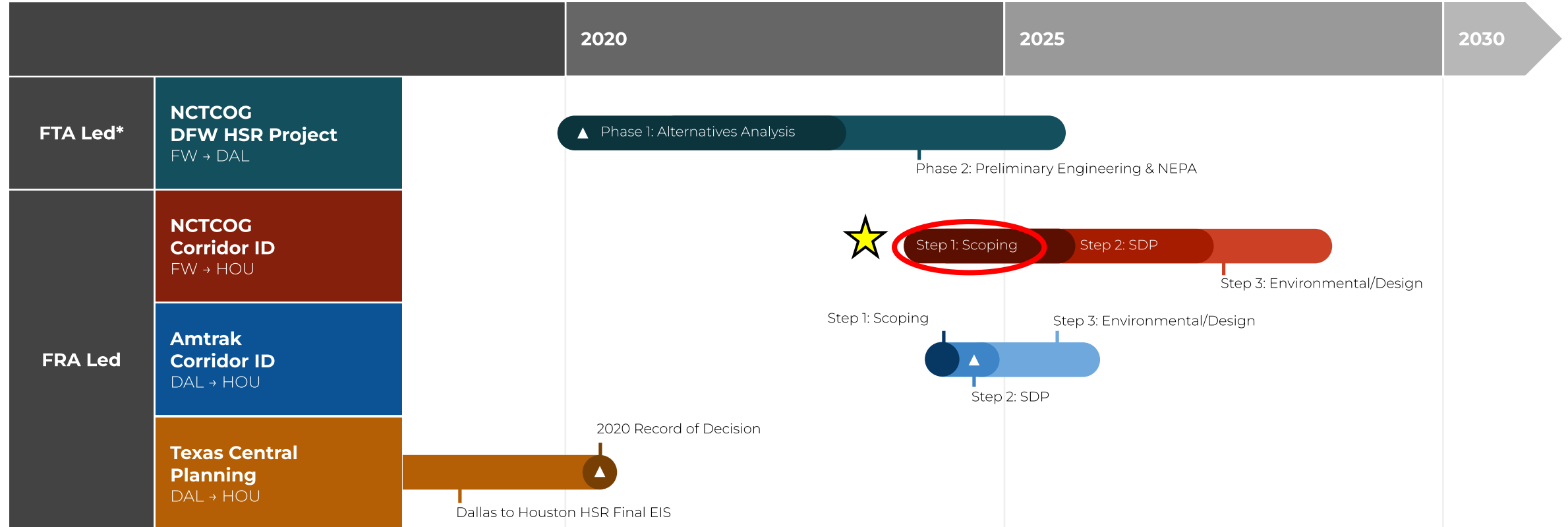
Source: Federal Railroad Administration

# Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor

- Dallas to Houston Segment
  - Advanced by Texas Central
  - Rule of Particular Applicability from FRA (use of Shinkansen technology)
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Completed & Record of Decision – 2020 (Environmentally Cleared)
  - Amtrak advanced Corridor into FRA's Corridor ID Program, is currently in Step 3
- Dallas to Fort Worth Segment
  - Being advanced by NCTCOG
  - Alternatives Analysis Phase initiated in 2020
  - Currently in Preliminary Engineering/NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Phase



# Planning Support for Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor



\*FTA and FRA co-led the Alternatives Analysis for Dallas to Fort Worth HSR and FRA is a Cooperating Agency for the FTA-led NEPA study

▲ Input from the DFW HSR alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering, and NEPA documentation related to the Dallas to Fort Worth segment will support development of Step 1 deliverables of the Fort Worth to Houston HSR Corridor ID process.

▲ Input from the Service Development Plan (CID Step 2) of Amtrak's Corridor ID project will support the Dallas to Houston segment of the Fort Worth to Houston HSR Corridor ID project, and serve as templates for the Dallas to Fort Worth segment.

▲ Input from the Texas Central FEIS supports the Service Development Plan (CID Step 2) and ongoing preliminary engineering and NEPA re-evaluation (CID Step 3) of Amtrak's Corridor ID project.



# Scope of Work

# CID Step 1: Scope of Work

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- Task 1: Project Management
- Task 2: Partner and Stakeholder Coordination
- Task 3: Service Development Plan (SDP) Statement of Work for CID Step 2
- Task 4: SDP Budget
- Task 5: SDP Schedule

Expected Schedule: 10 – 12 months (including NCTCOG and FRA review timeframes)

# CID Step 1: Scope of Work

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- Desired Outcomes
  - Roadmap to complete Corridor ID Program; become eligible for Federal-State Partnership Funding
  - Guidance on leveraging SDP for Fort Worth to Houston corridor to promote opportunities in integrating Dallas to Fort Worth with Dallas to Houston
- Out of Scope Items
  - NCTCOG staff will complete Existing Planning and Development Materials (Gaps Analysis) CID Step 1 deliverable
  - Amtrak/Texas Central coordination for Dallas to Houston segment led by NCTCOG
  - RFP Update: Step 1 Consultant **will not be precluded** from proposing on Step 2, Service Development Plan procurement

# Consultant Selection Criteria

Scoring Criteria	Weighted Percentage
Project Understanding	25%
Scope of Services	25%
Project Manager/ Staff Qualifications	20%
Project Cost	15%
Firm Qualifications/ Consultant References	10%
Project Schedule	5%

DBE Participation Goal: 32%

# RFP Schedule

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RFP Published	October 25, 2024
Questions Due	November 1, 2024
Pre-Proposal Meeting	November 7, 2024
Response to Questions	November 8, 2024
Proposals Due	<del>November 22, 2024</del> <b>December 6, 2024</b>
Interviews (if needed)	Week of January 13, 2025
Executive Board (Contract Awards)	February 27, 2025
Contract Execution	March 2025

# Questions?

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Responses to questions will be posted on November 8, 2024, at [www.nctcog.org/rfp](http://www.nctcog.org/rfp)