

ATTACHMENT E
GROUP ACTIVITY QUESTIONNAIRE



Community Advisory Group

Range of Alternatives Meetings

GROUP ACTIVITY

- North Alignments:

Each alignment involves trade-offs. List the strengths and weakness of each North alignment.

Think about this from both a **community standpoint** and a **technical standpoint**.

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- Residential/commercial displacements
- Community/neighborhood resources (schools, religious institutions, community centers, police/fire/hospitals, local businesses, etc.)
- Cultural/historic resources
- Public parks and recreation areas
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Vibration
- Safety
- Visual/aesthetics

Technical issues include the project's effect on things such as:

- Amtrak operations
- Freight rail operations
- Other nearby rail and roadway infrastructure
- Does it meet the project **purpose**?

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- Does it meet the project **needs**?
 - *Improved Amtrak route efficiency*
 - *Reduced congestion and delays for freight and passenger rail service*
 - *Adequate capacity for passenger and freight rail traffic in the overall regional rail network.*



- South Alignments:

List the strengths and weakness of each South alignment. Again, be sure to think about this from the perspective of all stakeholders – community members, rail passengers, etc. – considering both **community issues** and **technical issues**.

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- TABLE RECOMMENDATION:

- Based on the strengths and weaknesses list, what solution would the table advance?
- If this alternative were selected, what would the impacts to the community be? (e.g., 10 homes lost, increased train noise near my home, etc.)