Findings & Conclusions

Key Survey & Interview Findings

- 63% of respondents believe it is currently an accepted practice to base the impact of infrastructure investments (transportation or otherwise) on the maximization of economic benefits.
- However, 87% of respondents do not believe economic potential is factored into the systems planning, project development, and project selection for investments in passenger rail.
- 89% of respondents indicated that they feel innovative types of financing options should be explored because it would be beneficial for increasing/improving investments in passenger rail.
- 44% of respondents indicated financing as the largest barrier to passenger rail investment.

The difficulty in measuring the impacts of passenger rail has created problems for transportation professionals. In order to obtain funding, transportation professionals need proof that passenger rail is beneficial. There needs to be a method to capture the economic potential of passenger rail. This can overcome the barrier to investment(s) and funding for passenger rail and explain the benefits of passenger rail. This can lead to a better connected transportation network in which passenger rail will be an integral part to ensure economic growth and mobility.

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