

Rail Activation Overview

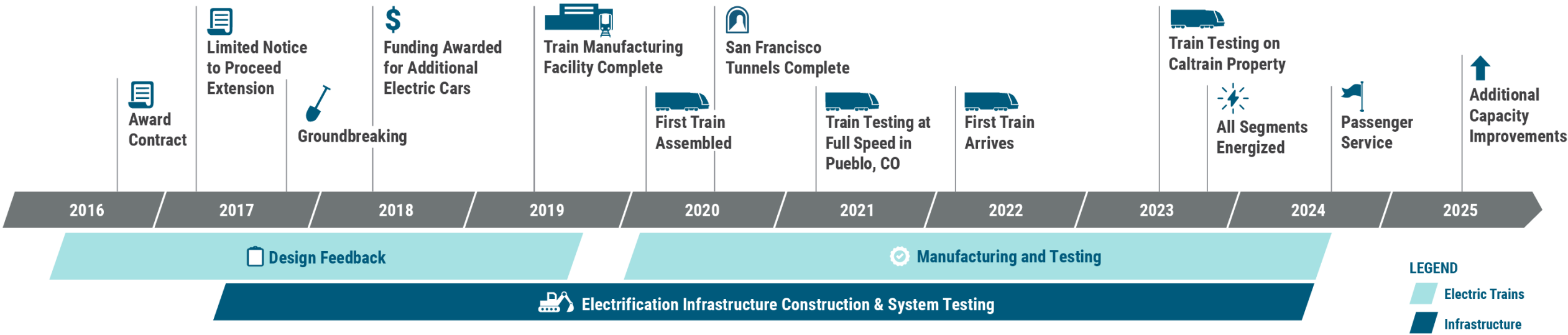
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Agenda

1. Background & Purpose
2. Rail Activation Scope
3. Process
4. Risks
5. Next Steps
6. Questions/Comments

Electrification Project Timeline



Rail Activation Purpose

- Establish clear goals, roles and responsibilities to ensure readiness for electrified passenger service
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of all necessary start-up activities for revenue service
- Ensure buy-in from full organization for the transition from construction to operations and maintenance

What is Rail Activation?

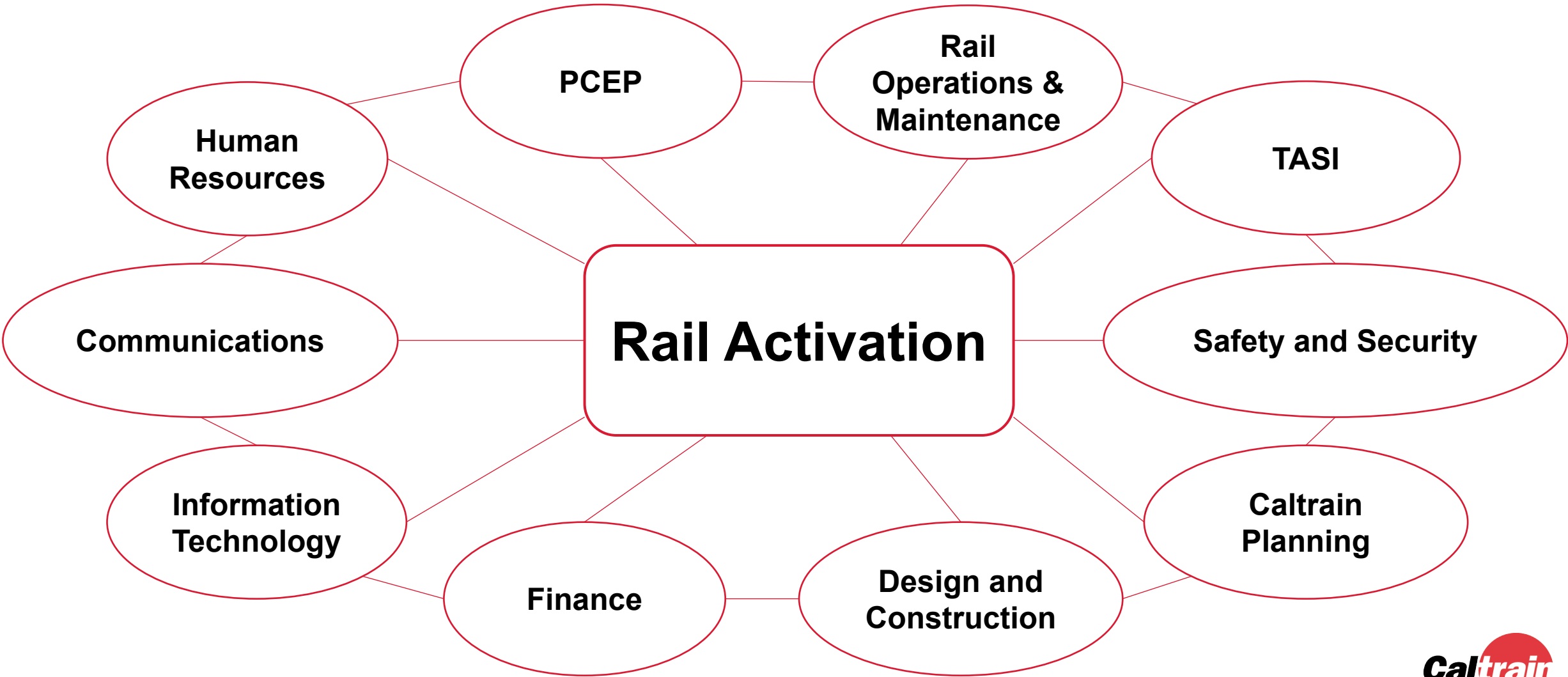
Rail Activation Scope

- Guiding program for:
 - Commissioning
 - Systems acceptance
 - Safety certification
 - Operation and maintenance (O&M) training
 - Organizational and resource planning for electrified service

Rail Activation Goals

- Successful start-up of operations in an electrified environment
- Ensure risks are fully identified, understood, and appropriately mitigated
- Establish process for collaboration among activation team members and ownership of action items

Rail Activation



Rail Activation Focus Areas

- System Safety & Security Plan
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Training, Certification & Hiring Plans
- Operations & Maintenance Plans
- Readiness to Enter Revenue Operation
- Electrified Service Plan
- Fleet Retirement & Storage Plans
- Financial Plan & Energy Procurement Strategy
- Community Outreach

Top Risks

- Building electrified system on top of existing diesel railroad
- Ensuring safety and familiarization with energized system
- Sufficient focus and dedicated resources
- Hiring, training and retention
- Collaboration among multiple disciplines
- Unexpected costs and requirements

Rail Activation Process

- Daily tracking of action items with necessary follow-up
- Weekly Rail Activation Committee meetings
- Weekly Commissioning meetings
- Monthly Executive Team meetings

Next Steps

Ongoing Tasks and Additional Next Steps

- Interviews with key stakeholders
- Milestone-based project schedule
- Identification of “start-up” costs
- APTA Peer Review findings
- Regular updates to the Board

Questions, Comments?

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