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This bill defines “project” in a section of statutes governing commuter rail and light rail transit funding, to be initial construction and not additional segments or enhancements following the original commencement of operating the line.

This has the effect of narrowing—for commuter and light rail transit projects—a ten percent cap on capital funding, as well as removing a prohibition on covering the operating costs, that can come from regional railroad authorities. As a result, railroad authorities could expend a greater share on line extensions and other enhancements.