**ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS: ROUTE ALTERNATIVES**

The project team took the following actions:

- Used analysis completed for numerous routes within the corridor by the departments of transportation for Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, the Federal Railroad Administration, and Amtrak; and
- Compared analyzed routes with the purpose and need for the proposed TCMC Project.

**WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS?**

An alternatives analysis is a process by which the project team carefully examines different routes and service options for a proposed project. For the proposed TCMC Project, the analysis looked at 11 route alternatives and four service alternatives, and a no-build alternative.

**THE PROPOSED TCMC PROJECT ROUTE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS LOOKED AT 11 ROUTE ALTERNATIVES AND A NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE.**