

A Feasibility Study on Developing Courier Service of Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation

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ABSTRACT

Comparing to other transportation means, the high speed rail has the advantages such as rapidity, punctuality, and safety. Although Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation (THSRC) will only provide the passenger service in the initial stage of operations, it can try to expand to other business in order to increase its income niche. Hence, this research studies on the decision problem that whether the THSRC should develop the high time-value express mail business. We start with the model construction and probabilistic analysis based on references and influence diagram methodology. According to our approach, not to develop the express mail business is the best decision alternative. We can also infer that market share, domestic demand, employee count, average salary, service price, and train cost are the six critical decision factors by the tornado graph. Therefore, THSRC should take care of these factors if it wants to expand its business scope to the express mail. In addition, sensitivity analysis indicates that market share and domestic demand are the key factors affecting the decision choices. Based on the analysis, we can also understand the key value of every factor for positive payoff. Finally, we apply simulation under the situations of different loan proportions in order to figure out the influence of uncertain factors, their possible consequences, and the respective probability distribution graph of profit. Our study offers the THSRC a risk analysis reference for developing the express mail business.

Keywords : Taiwan high speed rail ; express mail ; influence diagram ; simulation analysis

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