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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Federal Railroad Administration

Introduction of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, a generational investment in America's transportation network. It will:
 - Modernize infrastructure.
 - Increase equity.
 - Create good paying jobs.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides never-before-seen funding amounts for rail in America.

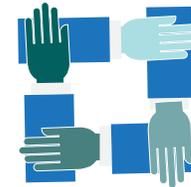
USDOT Departmental Objectives

KEY DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES

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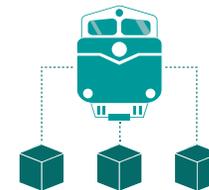
Safety



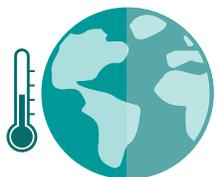
Racial Equity,
Economic Inclusion



Equitable Economic Strength,
Improving Core Assets



Transformation of our Nation's
Transportation Infrastructure



Resilience, Addressing
Climate Change

OST Grant Program Opportunities

Programs	Purpose	Appropriated	Additional Authorized	Highway Trust Fund	Total
National/Regional Significance (MEGA Projects)	Support multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance.	\$5 billion (\$1 billion annually)	\$10 billion (\$2 billion annually)	N/A	\$15 billion
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)	Support surface transportation projects of local and/or regional significance.	\$7.5 billion (\$1.5 billion annually)	\$7.5 billion (\$1.5 billion annually)	N/A	\$15 billion
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)	Offers aid to freight infrastructure by providing funding to state and local government for projects of regional or national significance. Cap on multimodal projects has been raised to 30% of program funds.	\$3.2 billion	\$6 billion	\$4.8 billion	\$14 billion
SMART Grants	Provides grants to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety.	\$500 million (\$100 million annually)	\$500 million (\$100 million annually)	N/A	\$1 billion

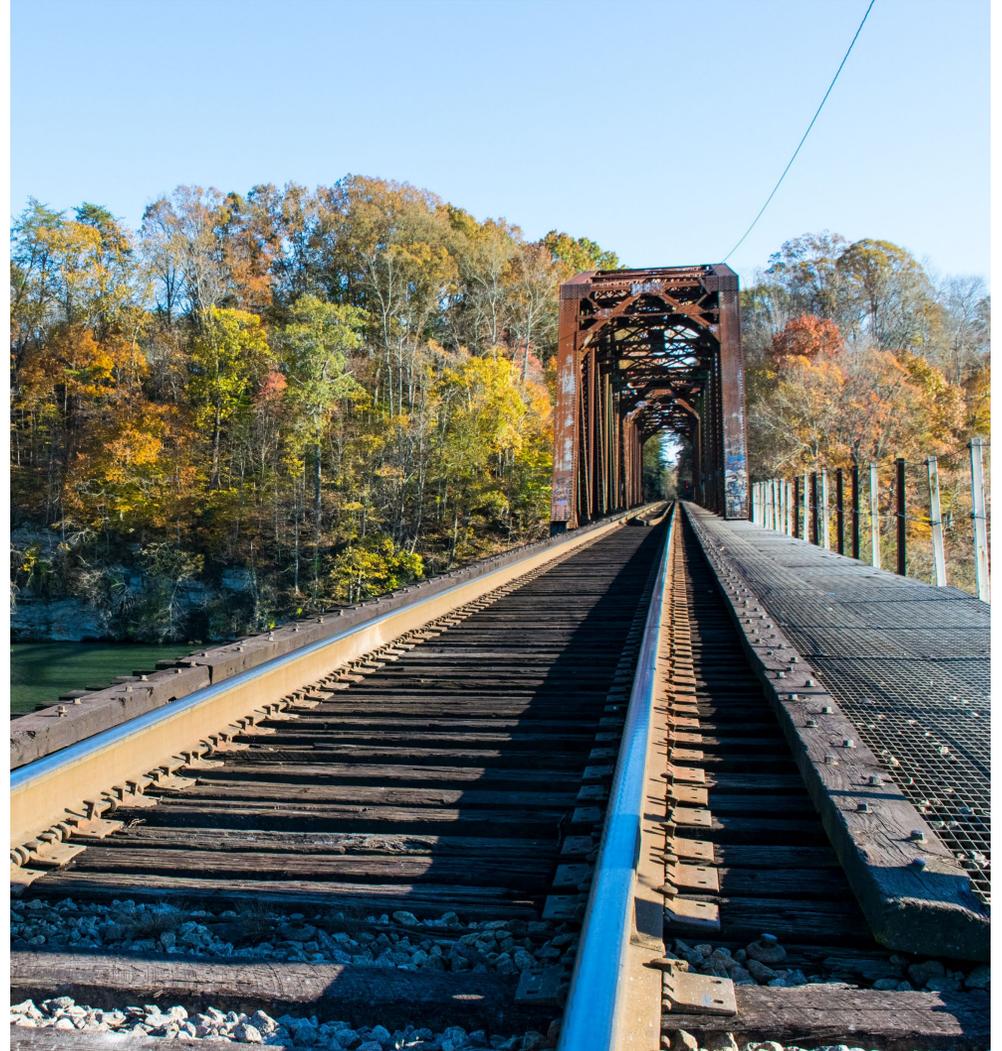
Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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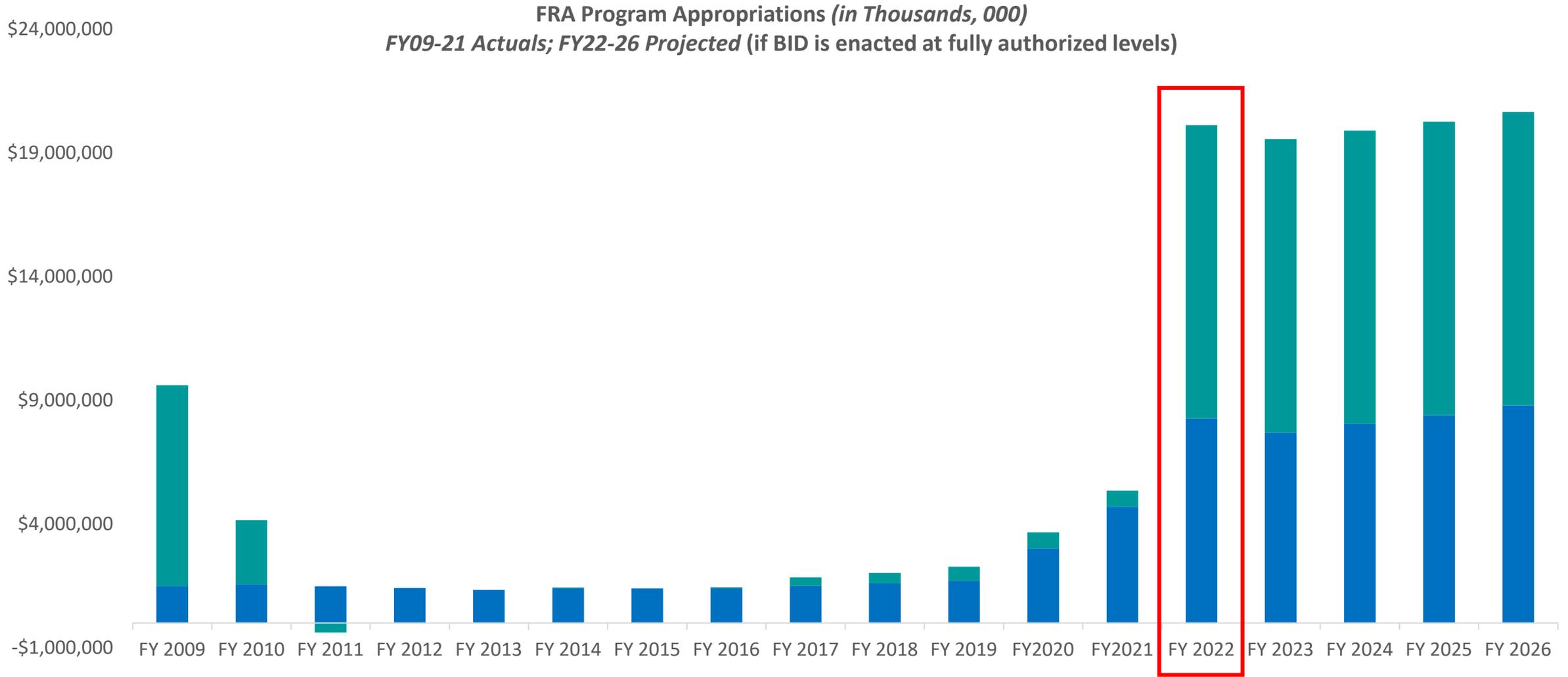
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is:

- A robust investment into rail throughout the nation with dedicated funding for rail over the next 5 years.
- A boost to transportation funding for communities nationwide.
- An expansion of FRA's existing competitive discretionary grant programs.



FRA Appropriations



Overview of Grant Programs and Process

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FRA Grant Program Opportunities

Programs	Purpose	Appropriated	Additional Authorized Over Five Years*	Total
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)	To fund projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.	\$5 billion (\$1 billion annually)	\$5 billion (\$1 billion annually)	\$10 billion
Railroad Crossing Elimination (New)	To promote highway rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.	\$3 billion (\$600 million annually)	\$2.5 billion (\$500 million annually)	\$5.5 billion
Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail	To fund capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service if an eligible applicant is involved.	\$36 billion (\$7.2 billion annually)	\$7.5 billion (\$1.5 billion annually)	\$43.5 billion
Restoration & Enhancement	To provide operating assistance to initiate, restore, or enhance intercity passenger rail service.	\$250 million (\$50 million annually from Amtrak National Network fund)	\$250 million (\$50 million annually)	\$500 million

* At fully authorized levels

Additional New Programs

Corridor Identification and Development Program

This program will identify new intercity passenger rail corridors, develop the necessary service planning elements, and create a non-NEC Project Pipeline for associated capital projects.

Interstate Rail Compacts Grant Program

This program will provide funding for systems planning, including studying the impacts on freight rail operations and ridership.

The Lifecycle of Grants



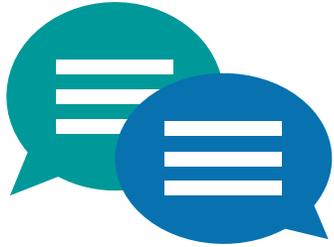
Key Activities

- NOFO Publication
- Technical Assistance/ Webinars
- Application Intake & Evaluation
- Briefings
- Project Selection

- Notification
- Terms and Conditions
- Budget and SOW Development
- Environmental Clearances *
- Engineering Review *
- Performance Measures *
- Stakeholder Agreements *
- Creating Grant Award in Grant Solutions

- Grant Administration
- Annual Monitoring
- Project Management
- Review Project Deliverables
- Provide Technical Assistance
- Enforcement and Compliance

- Grantee Notification
- Final Invoice
- Final Performance Report
- Tracking Project Benefit Agreements



Need to *Build Back Better*, the first time!

- Starts by listening and engaging with **YOU**, our stakeholders.



Process takes time.

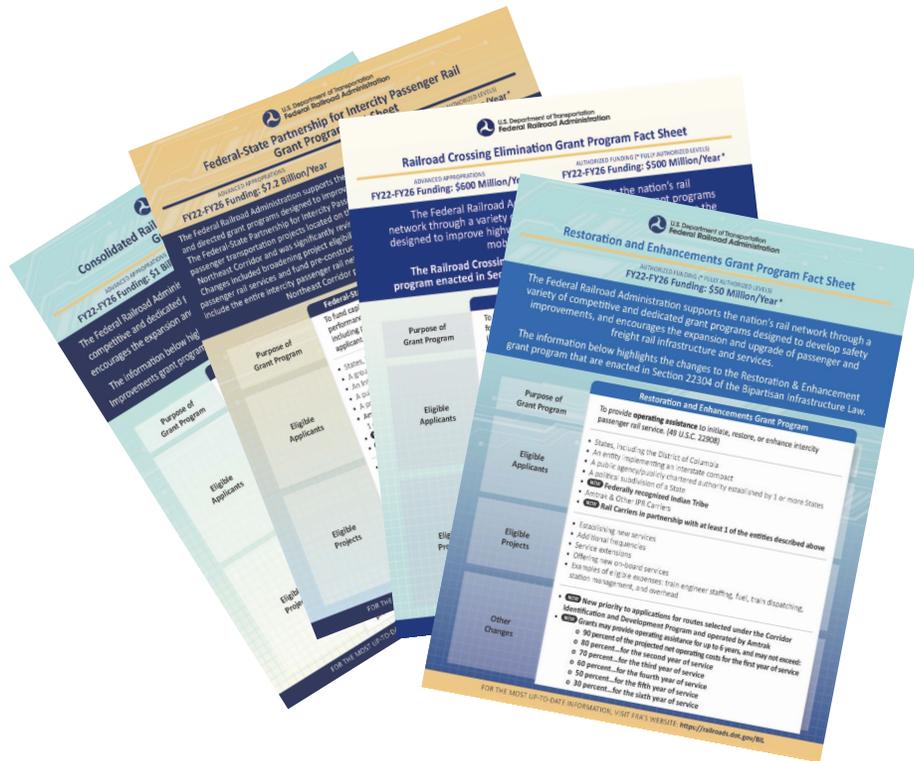
- FRA is looking at ways to streamline and improve.
- Looking to make sure grant programs are available throughout the year.



Responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer funds.

FRA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Website

For more information about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and rail, please visit our website.



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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Information from FRA

On November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—a generational investment in America’s intermodal transportation system of which freight and passenger rail is an integral part and an engine of our economy. The investments will:

- Help make our nation’s rail network safer, more reliable, resilient, sustainable, and equitable.
- Improve the lives of Americans, create good paying jobs, and lay the foundation for America to compete in the 21st Century.

What Does This Mean For FRA?

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will provide unprecedented Federal funding for rail improvement projects in America. Over the next five years, that means greatly expanding existing FRA programs and creating new programs to enhance our nation’s rail network. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes \$102 billion in total rail funding, including \$66 billion from advanced appropriations, and \$36 billion in authorized funding.

Learn More

To learn more about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and rail, watch the video from FRA Deputy Administrator Amit Bose and view the links for additional information about FRA’s programs.



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- FRA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Information
- Other Government Resources

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Next Steps

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Next Steps and Setting Expectations

What FRA is doing:

- Listening Sessions
 - We want to ensure that we are administering funds in the most equitable way possible.
 - Although we cannot change the eligibility requirements, we want to provide the necessary support to our stakeholders.
- Educational Sessions
 - Sessions focusing on the grant application process as well as on individual grant programs.
 - Designed to empower and inform applicants so applications are more competitive.

What we need from YOU:

- Engagement in these sessions.
- Patience – long road ahead and we want to be partners through the journey.

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