

GROW AMERICA Act Title IX – Rail for America Act



RAIL— *Moving America Forward*

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) enables the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future.

Rail has never been safer.

FRA is committed to continuous safety improvement:

- Continuing strong oversight that is data driven
- Advancing proactive safety based programs to mitigate risk
- Predictable dedicated funding to improve infrastructure through capital investments and robust research and development



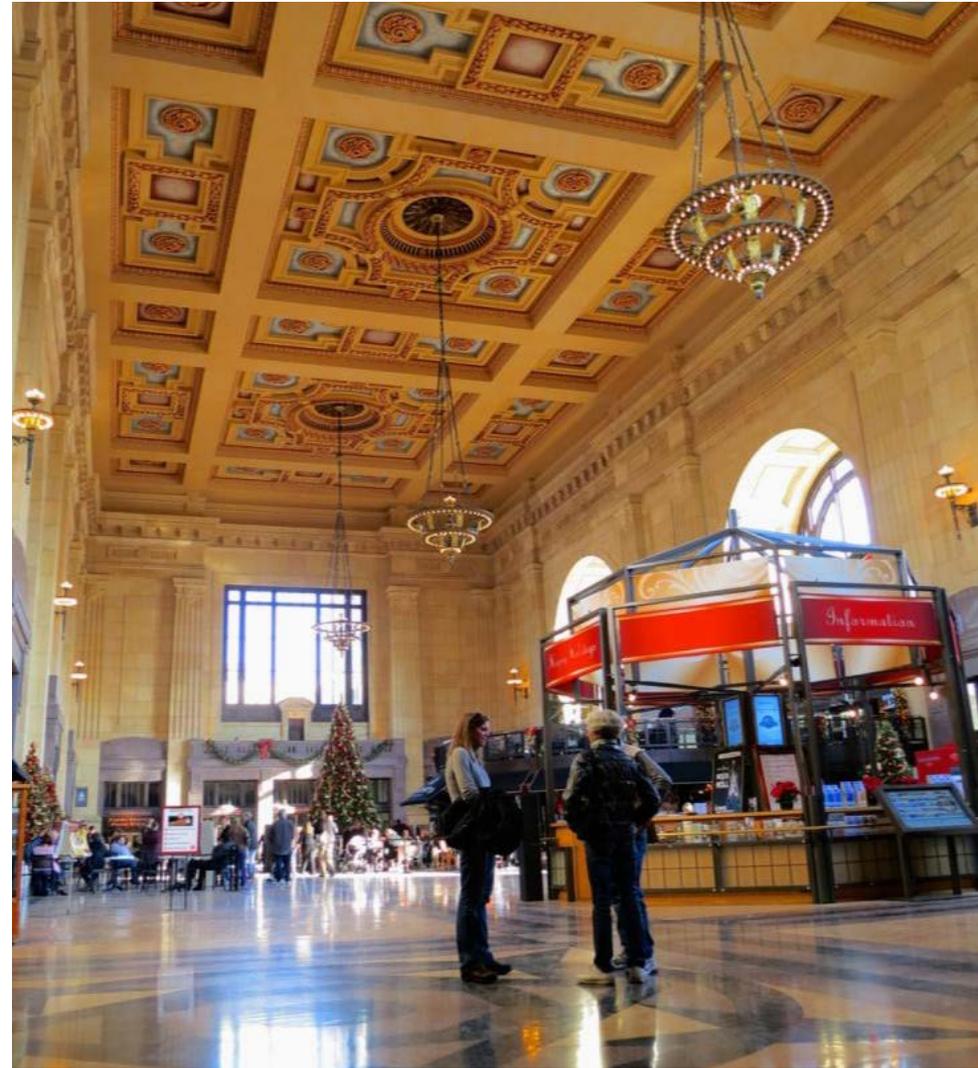


The GROW AMERICA Act
*provides **predictable, dedicated funding** for rail.*

GROW AMERICA

Five Priorities for Rail

1. Driving Continuous Safety Improvement
2. Modernizing Rail Infrastructure
3. Meeting the Growing Market Demand
4. Promoting Innovation
5. Ensuring Transparency & Accountability



#1. Driving Continuous Safety Improvement

- **POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL (PTC):**
 - Merit-based extensions of PTC deadline
 - Funding to help commuter railroads and Amtrak implement PTC
- **UNIFORM OPERATING RULES:**
Harmonizes railroad operating rules in geographic areas with joint operations
- **HOURS OF SERVICE:** Authorizes regulations on hours of service based on sound science, to replace inflexible statutory requirements



#2. Modernizing America's Rail Infrastructure

Building upon the investments made by previous generations

- **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA):**
 - Provides full funding to make all stations ADA-compliant
 - Standardizes passenger equipment and platforms

- **INFRASTRUCTURE BACKLOG:** Funds substantial backlog of repair needs on public rail assets

- **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT:** Funds replacement of old and obsolete passenger equipment



#3. Meeting the Growing Market Demand

New programs to promote market-based investments in enhancing and growing rail

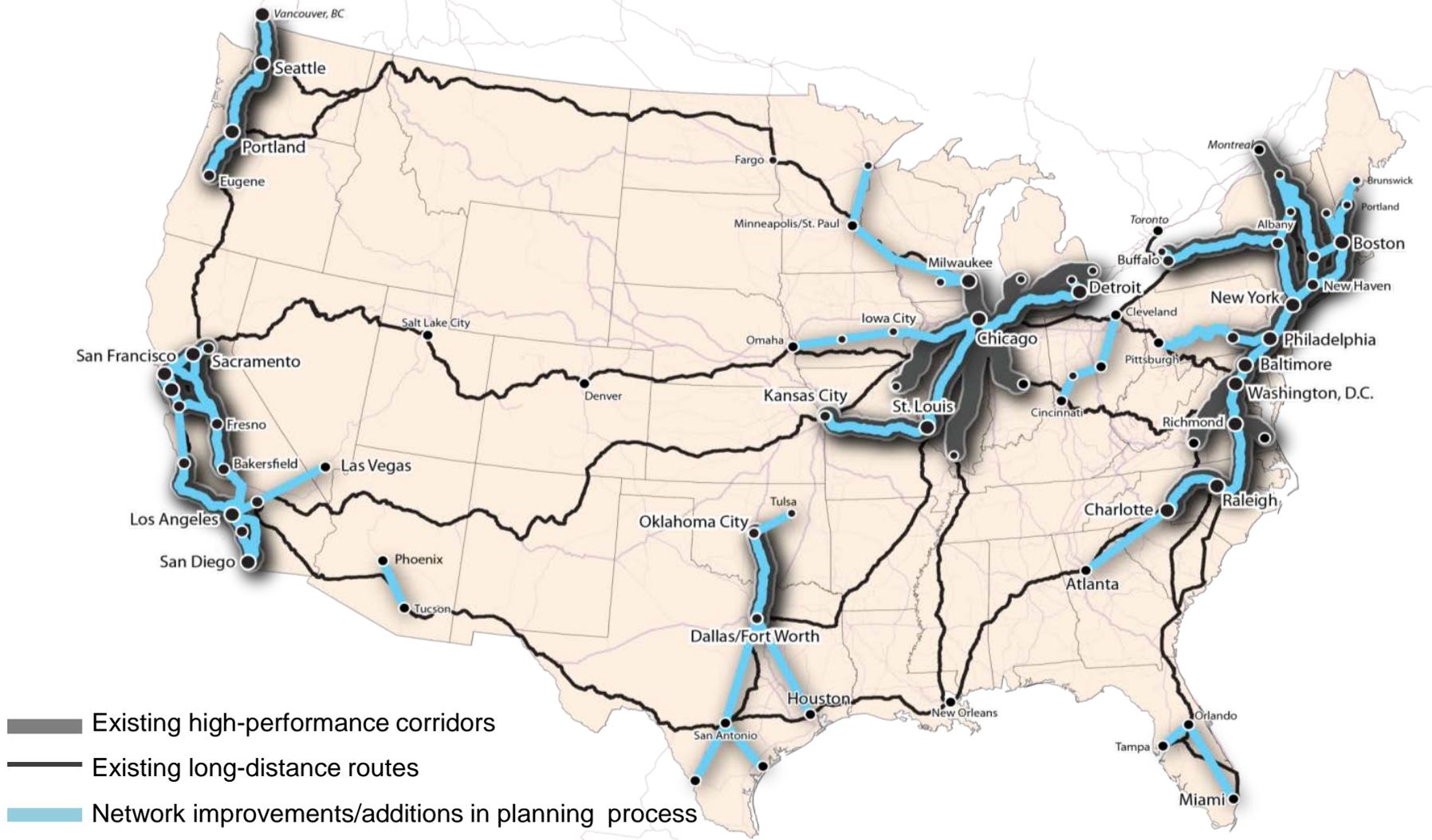
- **\$19 billion investment package** from Rail Account of Transportation Trust Fund
- Addresses both **current needs and future improvements**
- Approx. 40% dedicated to **“one-time” backlog needs**

National High-Performance Rail System (\$M)		
	FY 2015	Total (FY15-18)
CURRENT PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE	2,450	9,500
Northeast Corridor	550	2,600
State Corridors	225	600
Long-Distance Routes	850	3,120
National Assets, Legacy Debt, and Amtrak PTC	475	1,780
Stations - ADA Compliance	350	1,400
RAIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	2,325	9,550
Passenger Corridors	1,300	6,400
Commuter Railroads - PTC Compliance	825	2,350
Local Rail Facilities and Safety	125	500
Planning & Workforce	75	300
TOTAL	4,775	19,050

#3 Cont. The pipeline of future projects is strong

When this network is built—

- The U.S. will have **10,500** high-performance rail corridor miles.
- **225M** Americans (**72% of U.S.**) will have access to rail transportation.
(190M by corridor trains; 35M by long-distance trains only)



#3. Cont. Meeting the Growing Market Demand

New policies to promote market-based investments in enhancing and growing rail

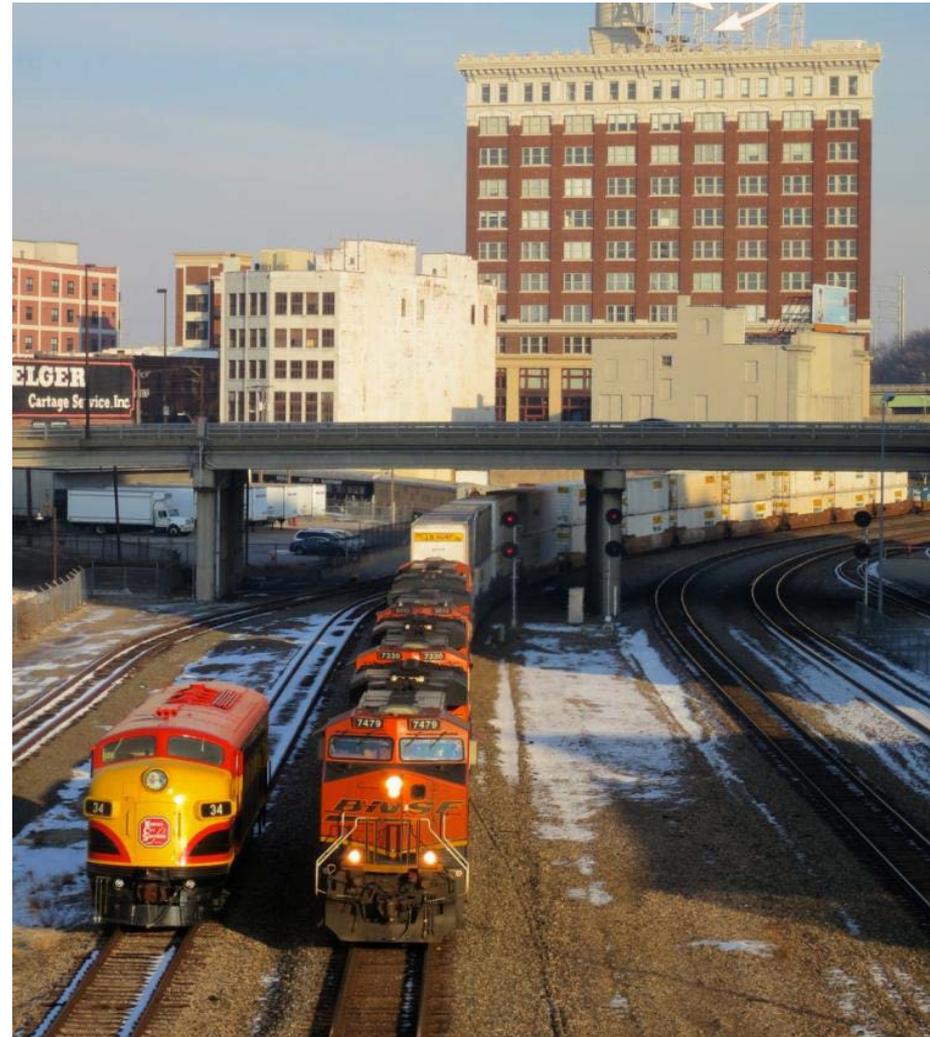
- **REGIONAL FOCUS:** establishes Regional Rail Development Authorities to support planning, development, and operation of multi-state rail networks
- **RRIF LOAN PROGRAM:** authorizes subsidy of credit risk premiums
- **SHARED-USE CORRIDORS:** requires comprehensive analysis of all aspects of shared-use corridor arrangements



#4. Promoting Innovation

Ensuring the U.S. has the world's best rail workforce and technologies

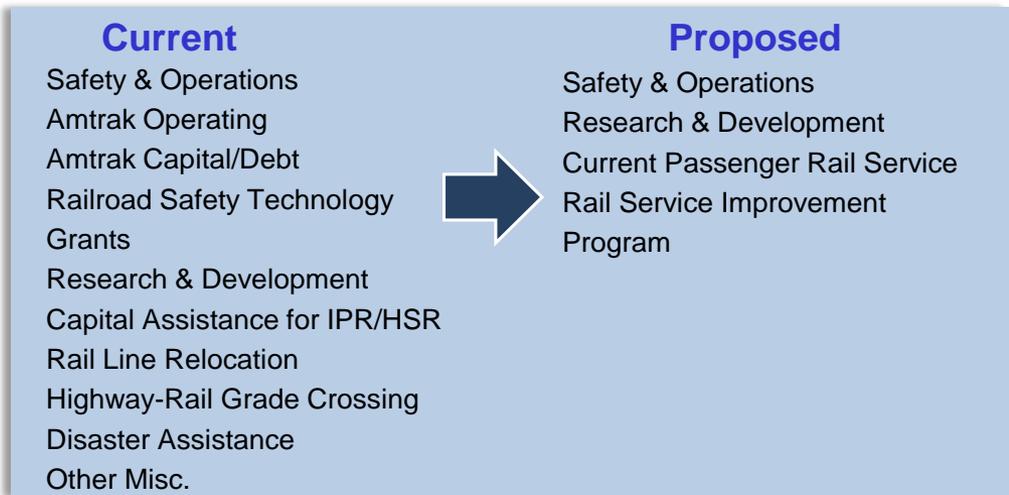
- **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:** Continues focus on rail R&D to improve safety and develop new technologies
- **BUY AMERICA:** Strengthens “Buy America” requirements and ensures uniform applicability to all of FRA's financial assistance programs
- **WORKFORCE CAPACITY:** Supports University Transportation Centers and the Transportation Research Board to advance intellectual capacity in rail industry



#5. Ensuring Transparency & Accountability

Clarifying taxpayer investments and delivering public benefits

- **ALIGNMENT OF FUNDS:** Aligns funds for current passenger rail services by lines of business
- **PLANNING STANDARDS:** Outlines rigorous planning standards for national and regional rail development, as well as for Amtrak investments
- **STREAMLINED PROGRAMS:** Consolidates agency programs into 4 coordinated accounts





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