

## Readout of U.S. Department of Transportation Visit to Key Infrastructure and Inspection Sites on the Northeast Corridor

*Federal Railroad Administration Administrator's visit comes as leadership from the U.S. Department of Transportation continue to closely monitor NEC service and offer support to Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT*



*FRA Administrator Amit Bose talks with Amtrak Executive Vice President Gerhard Williams while viewing an Amtrak electrical substation alongside FTA Regional Administrator Michael Culotta and Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT representatives.*

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WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Administrator Amit Bose and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Regional Administrator Michael Culotta joined Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT (NJT) personnel to see inspections underway along the Northeast Corridor (NEC) to investigate recent service disruptions on the corridor, as well as weather-related incidents that have temporarily reduced reliability for commuters and travelers along key portions of the NEC. The visit comes as leadership from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), including Secretary Pete Buttigieg, continue to closely monitor the situation.

Over the last month, safety personnel from FRA have been supporting Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT (NJT) and taking part in their focused inspections included in a joint plan announced by the two railroads on [June 27](#) to identify and address the root cause of service outages and disruptions.

While in Morrisville, PA, directly outside of Trenton, NJ, FRA Administrator Bose and FTA Regional Administrator Culotta viewed Amtrak infrastructure first-hand, joining inspections of catenary wires and visiting one of Amtrak's electrical substations—a critical piece of infrastructure that collects power and routes it to distribution towers, ultimately feeding necessary power into catenary wires, which is picked up by pantographs to power the trains. While in Trenton, NJ, Amtrak demonstrated how inspections are conducted with specific vehicles and tools to ensure catenary systems are maintained. The FRA Administrator and FTA Regional Administrator also visited a NJ TRANSIT yard in Morrisville, PA, where they looked at NJT equipment, including damaged pantographs under inspection.

The FRA Administrator and FTA Regional Administrator's visit builds on ongoing work by Amtrak, NJT, and FRA in northeast states to tackle recent service issues and restore and improve reliability for commuters and travelers.

At the same time, USDOT, FRA and FTA are investing billions along the NEC, reversing decades of federal underinvestment in America's busiest rail corridor. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, significant, long-term projects are moving forward with funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to modernize the NEC and provide safer, faster, and more reliable service for commuters and travelers. This includes more than \$16 billion in [FRA Fed State-NEC grants](#) to rebuild tunnels and bridges and upgrade tracks, power systems, signals, stations, and other critical infrastructure to reduce disruptions and delays and improve travel times.

USDOT remains committed to supporting near-term and long-term solutions that will provide Americans who depend on NEC the service they deserve.



*Top left and right: Bose and Culotta join catenary car inspections.*

*Bottom left: Bose joins Amtrak and NJT in the control room of an Amtrak electrical substation.*

*Bottom middle: Bose inspects damaged pantographs.*

*Bottom right: Bose reviews New Jersey Transit footage from a newly installed camera system to monitor catenary and pantographs from a moving locomotive.*