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### **INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Makes More Than \$1 Billion in Additional Funding Available to Support America’s Passenger Rail Future**

*Made possible by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, investments will further expand, modernize, and improve America’s intercity passenger rail network*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity announcing the availability of more than \$1 billion in funding to expand and modernize intercity passenger rail nationwide through the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program for projects not located on the Northeast Corridor (Federal-State National Program).

This new funding, provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, builds on \$8.2 billion in grants announced last December for 10 passenger rail projects across the country, including the first high-speed rail projects in our country’s history, as the Biden-Harris Administration continues to fund projects that will deliver the world-class passenger rail service Americans deserve.

“The funding we’re announcing today will help add new train routes and improve existing train lines across the country - another important step the Biden-Harris administration is taking to deliver world-class rail to Americans,” said **U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg**.

In addition to supporting new high-speed rail service in California’s Central Valley and the Brightline West High-Speed Rail project connecting Las Vegas, Nevada, and southern California, FRA is funding upgrades to frequently traveled rail corridors in Virginia, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia, as well as upgrades and capacity expansions at Chicago Union Station in Illinois, one of the Nation’s busiest rail hubs. In total, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes a historic \$66 billion specifically focused on rail projects, the largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak. See a map that shows corridors identified for future federal investment [here](#).

Eligible projects under the Fed-State National Program include projects that expand or establish new intercity passenger and high-speed rail service, improve the performance of existing service, and/or replace or rehabilitate rail infrastructure. Projects improving intercity passenger rail safety, reliability, performance, including any associated project planning elements—such as environmental review and final design—are all eligible for funding.

“This additional funding through Fed-State National will further expand intercity passenger and high-speed rail services across the Nation,” said **FRA Administrator Amit Bose**. “This funding addresses infrastructure needs, reduces congestion, and expands access to reliable transportation options for people living in underserved regions; all while honoring FRA’s commitment to working with states, Tribes, and stakeholders to reshape America’s rail network and lay the foundation for its future.”

Thanks to funding in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, FRA announced more than \$28 billion in grant awards to nearly 170 rail projects across the country last year. Including today’s announcement, the Biden-Harris Administration has now made available more than \$6.4 billion this year in infrastructure law funding across multiple grant programs, including the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, Railroad Crossing Elimination Program, and Fed-State Northeast Corridor (NEC) Program. These funds are vital for improving and expanding America’s freight and passenger rail networks, increasing safety in communities across the country, reducing greenhouse emissions, and creating good-paying jobs.

The NOFO is available on FRA’s website here and on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) [here](#). Applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m. ET, December 16, 2024, and FRA will provide technical assistance to potential applicants prior to the deadline. More information about the Partnership Program can be found on FRA’s website [here](#).

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