



U.S. Department of Transportation • Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
Capital Assistance to States–Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program
Project Summary for the State of Maine

Project	Location in Maine	FRA Program Share	Matching Funds from Other Sources	Total Project Cost
Portland, Maine Area Track Improvements	Portland	\$500,000	\$858,330	\$1,358,330
Benefiting Intercity Passenger Train Routes: The <i>Downeaster</i> (5 round-trips/day, Portland–Boston)				
Project Description: The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) will undertake a track improvement project on rail lines owned by Pan Am Railways in the Portland, ME area. These include tracks extending from the Portland station to the equipment layover facility, including a “wye” which is currently out of service for the purpose of turning of passenger train equipment. These tracks are used by the State-supported <i>Downeaster</i> service, which currently operates at five frequencies per day.				
Project Benefits: Completion of this project will allow for increased passenger train speeds through the area, and will allow for passenger train equipment to be turned around on the wye. The reactivation of the wye is particularly important in situations where locomotives must be switched off of trains in the case of mechanical difficulties. The project would have additional value should the State’s planned extension of <i>Downeaster</i> service to Brunswick, ME be realized.				
Source(s) of Matching Funds: State of Maine (\$631,730); Pan Am Railways (\$226,600)				

