







## **OUR MISSION**

To enable the safe, reliable and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future.

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## KEEPING RAILROADS AND THE PUBLIC SAFE

Created by an Act of Congress in 1966 (The Department of Transportation Act), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is one of nine operating administrations that make up the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The FRA is:

- Led by an Administrator appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate; and
- Comprised of eight regional locations, in addition to our Washington, DC headquarters employing over 900 people

## FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RAIL REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

The FRA accomplishes its mission by:

- Providing a rigorous oversight and inspection program based on strategic use of data
- Advancing proactive approaches for early identification and mitigation of risk
- Leveraging capital investments and executing a robust research, development and technology program

The FRA has many programs and initiatives that help foster a safe railroad environment nationwide. Along with our partnerships, FRA personnel either sponsor or are represented on boards, committees, and task forces that share information or provide forums for collaborative efforts.

## LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCING RAIL NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

The FRA advances market-based rail improvements by managing a diverse, multibillion-dollar grant portfolio and providing technical assistance to DOT loan programs. The major components of the grant portfolio are:

- Amtrak Grants
  Safety Infrastructure Grants
- Research and Development Grants
  DOT Grants (TIGER/INFRA)
- High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Grants
  FAST Act Discretionary Grants







