

RAIL

MOVING AMERICA FORWARD



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad
Administration**



OUR MISSION

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

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RAIL REGULATORY OVERSIGHT & SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

Created by an Act of Congress in 1966 (The Department of Transportation Act), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is one of nine agencies that make up the U.S. Department of Transportation. FRA is composed of eight regional offices, in addition to our Washington D.C., headquarters, dedicated to keeping railroads and the public safe.

FRA

Moving America's
Rail System
Forward Through
Strategic Goals:

SAFETY
INNOVATION
ACCOUNTABILITY



SAFETY is part of everything FRA does. Reducing and eliminating risk is essential to ensure safety across the rail industry.

INNOVATION is vital to advancing railroad efficiency and reliability.

ACCOUNTABILITY is a key value, deeply embedded in our organizational culture.

MAJOR RAILROAD SAFETY AND INVESTMENT INITIATIVES:

- Ensuring railroad implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) technology systems
- Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety and Trespass prevention
- Research and Development Grants ● Amtrak Grants
- Safety of Rail Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) shipments
- Risk Reduction and System Safety ● Tier III Passenger Equipment Safety Standards
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)
- Restoration and Enhancements Grants ● Federal-State Partnership Grants

FRA accomplishes its mission by:

- Conducting rigorous regulatory oversight of railroads through data-driven inspections and audits.
- Collaborating with industry, labor, and diverse stakeholders including states and localities to develop and implement performance-based regulations, and hazard mitigation approaches.
- Administering Federal funding in freight and passenger rail infrastructure and leveraging those strategic capital investments, as well as promoting the use of proven project delivery, management, and oversight tools.
- Continuously building strong and enduring partnerships (including public-private partnerships) across industry that foster a safe railroad operating environment and research for transformational technologies.

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



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