

GROW AMERICA Act Title IX – Rail for America Act



RAIL– *Moving America Forward*

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) enables the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future.

Rail has never been safer.

FRA is committed to continuous safety improvement:

- Continuing strong oversight that is data driven
- Advancing proactive safety based programs to mitigate risk
- Predictable dedicated funding to improve infrastructure through capital investments and robust research and development



The GROW AMERICA Act

Generating Renewal, Oppportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America

12 Focus Areas

1. Providing **environmental protection**
2. Expanding our ability to **move freight**
3. Growing **surface transportation** in America
4. Making critical investments in **highways and bridges**
5. Promoting **innovative financing**
6. Building **ladders of opportunity**
7. Empowering **local decision makers**
8. Creating more **efficient project delivery**
9. Investing in **rural America**
10. Improving **transportation safety**
11. Supporting safe, reliable **public transportation**
12. Shaping a pathway to **transportation careers**





The GROW AMERICA Act
*provides **predictable, dedicated funding** for rail.*

GROW AMERICA

Five Priorities for Rail

1. Enhancing World-Class Safety
2. Modernizing Rail Infrastructure
3. Meeting the Growing Market Demand
4. Promoting Innovation
5. Ensuring Transparency & Accountability



#1. Enhancing America's World-Class Rail Safety

FRA is dedicated to ensuring continuous safety improvement

- **POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL (PTC):**
 - Merit-based extensions of PTC deadline
 - Funding to help commuter railroads and Amtrak implement PTC
- **UNIFORM OPERATING RULES:**
Harmonizes railroad operating rules in geographic areas with joint operations
- **HOURS OF SERVICE:** Authorizes regulations on hours of service based on sound science, to replace inflexible statutory requirements



#2. Modernizing America's Rail Infrastructure

Building upon the investments made by previous generations

- **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA):**
 - Provides full funding to make all stations ADA-compliant
 - Standardizes passenger equipment and platforms
- **INFRASTRUCTURE BACKLOG:** Funds substantial backlog of repair needs on public rail assets
- **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT:** Funds replacement of old and obsolete passenger equipment



#3. Meeting the Growing Market Demand

New programs to promote market-based investments in enhancing and growing rail

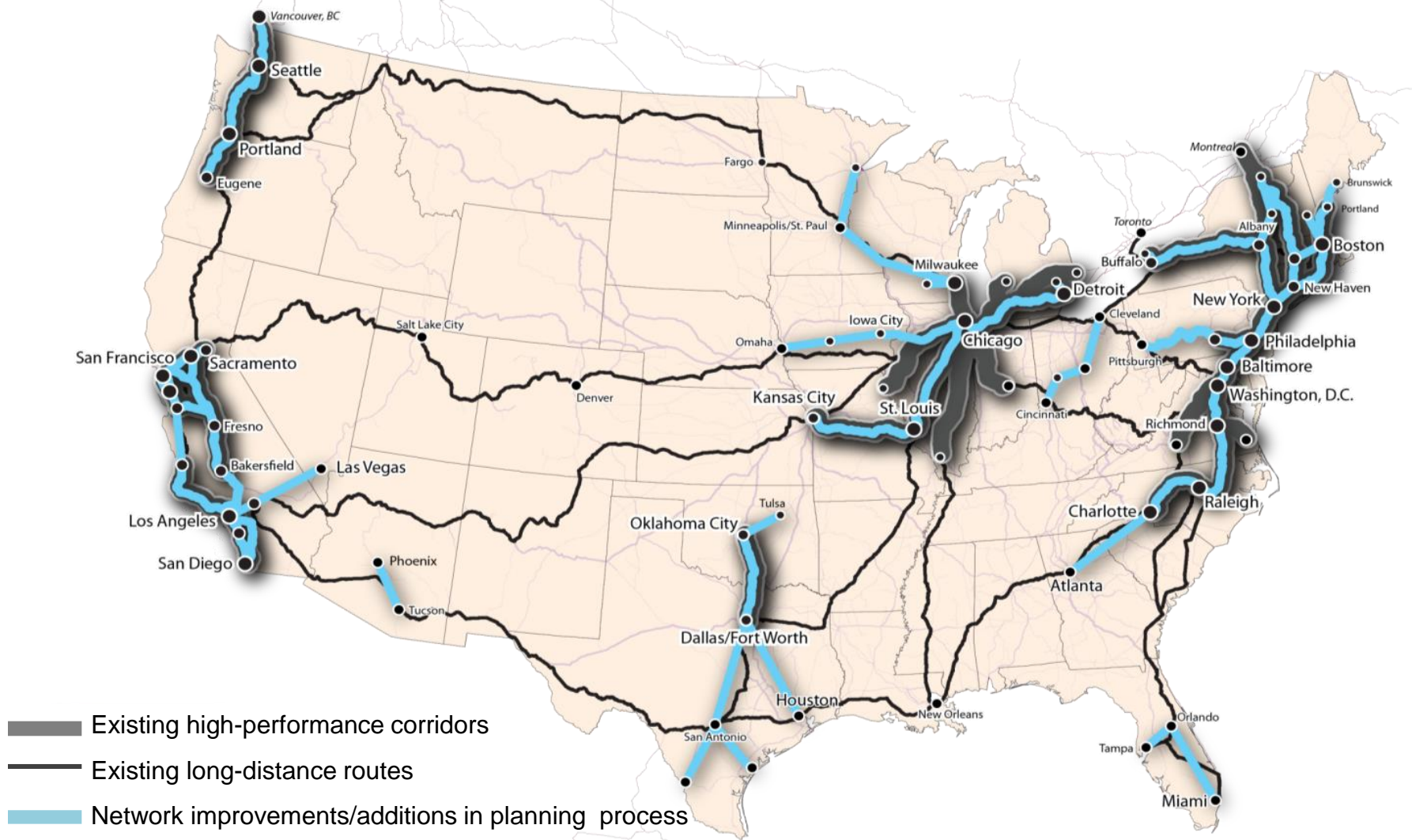
- **\$19 billion investment package** from Rail Account of Transportation Trust Fund
- Addresses both **current needs and future improvements**
- Approx. 40% dedicated to **“one-time” backlog needs**

National High-Performance Rail System (\$M)		
	FY 2015	Total (FY15-18)
CURRENT PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE	2,450	9,500
Northeast Corridor	550	2,600
State Corridors	225	600
Long-Distance Routes	850	3,120
National Assets, Legacy Debt, and Amtrak PTC	475	1,780
Stations - ADA Compliance	350	1,400
RAIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	2,325	9,550
Passenger Corridors	1,300	6,400
Commuter Railroads - PTC Compliance	825	2,350
Local Rail Facilities and Safety	125	500
Planning & Workforce	75	300
TOTAL	4,775	19,050

#3 Cont. The pipeline of future projects is strong

When this network is built—

- The U.S. will have **10,500** high-performance rail corridor miles.
- **225M** Americans (**72% of U.S.**) will have access to rail transportation.
(190M by corridor trains; 35M by long-distance trains only)



#3. Cont. Meeting the Growing Market Demand

New policies to promote market-based investments in enhancing and growing rail

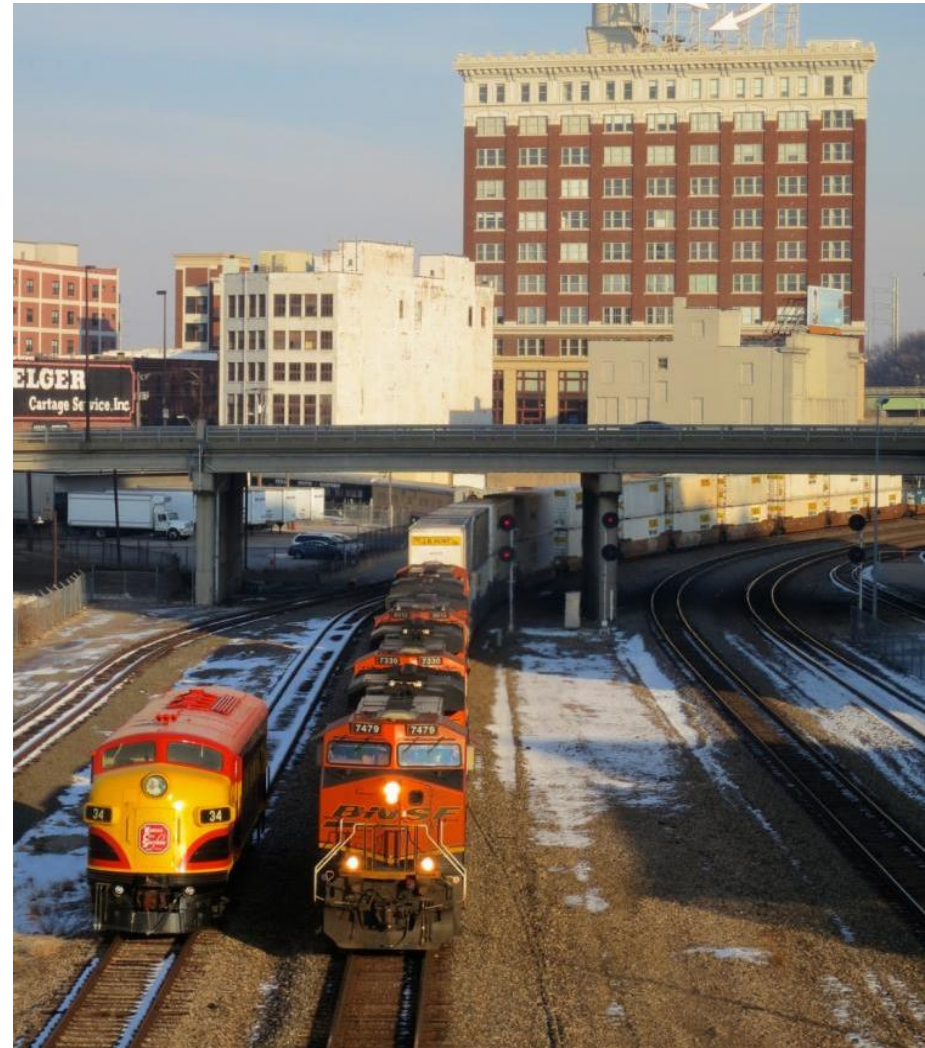
- **REGIONAL FOCUS:** establishes Regional Rail Development Authorities to support planning, development, and operation of multi-state rail networks
- **RRIF LOAN PROGRAM:** authorizes subsidy of credit risk premiums
- **SHARED-USE CORRIDORS:** requires comprehensive analysis of all aspects of shared-use corridor arrangements



#4. Promoting Innovation

Ensuring the U.S. has the world's best rail workforce and technologies

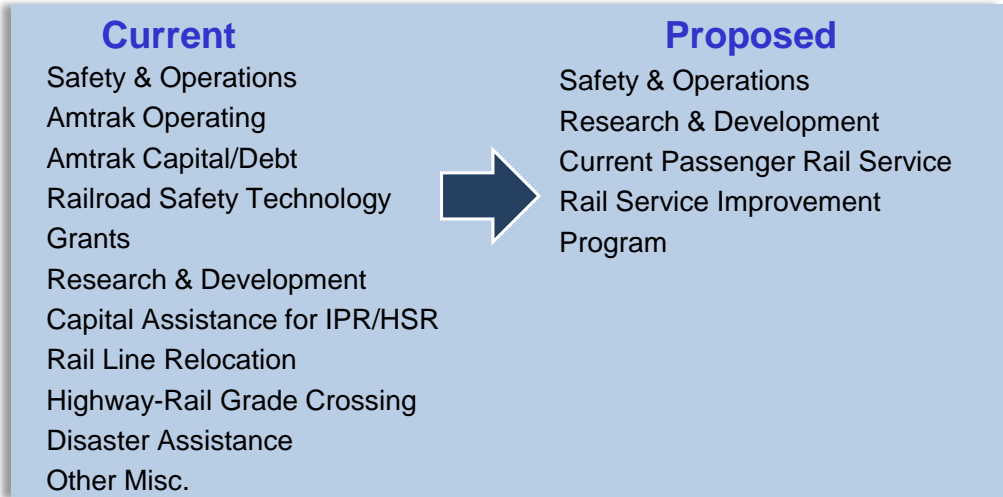
- **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT:** Continues focus on rail R&D to improve safety and develop new technologies
- **BUY AMERICA:** Strengthens “Buy America” requirements and ensures uniform applicability to all of FRA's financial assistance programs
- **WORKFORCE CAPACITY:** Supports University Transportation Centers and the Transportation Research Board to advance intellectual capacity in rail industry



#5. Ensuring Transparency & Accountability

Clarifying taxpayer investments and delivering public benefits

- **ALIGNMENT OF FUNDS:** Aligns funds for current passenger rail services by lines of business
- **PLANNING STANDARDS:** Outlines rigorous planning standards for national and regional rail development, as well as for Amtrak investments
- **STREAMLINED PROGRAMS:** Consolidates agency programs into 4 coordinated accounts





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