



All Aboard Ohio Cleveland Meeting

August 13, 2022

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Agenda

- Gulf service restoration
- Federal discretionary grant Notice of Funding Opportunities
- FRA Awards CRISI FY2021 grants
- FRA Awards RAISE FY2021 grants
- Advocacy efforts
- Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority
- General discussion



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Gulf Coast Passenger Rail Service Restoration

- *Sunset Limited* truncated at New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina
- Amtrak and the Southern Rail Commission desire service to Mobile
- CSX and NS fighting tooth and nail to prevent service restoration
- DOT files *amicus* brief declaring flatly that the STB “should order the restoration of the Gulf Coast service” and undercutting much of the evidence the two railroads submitted.
- CSX, NS and Alabama State Port Authority are asking the STB to wrap up the collection of supplemental evidence on Aug. 31

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Federal Passenger Rail Grants



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Notice of Funding Opportunities

- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI),
Monday, August 15
- Federal/State Partnership Passenger Rail Corridor ID programs: The following entities are eligible to submit proposals to participate in the Corridor ID Program: (1) Amtrak; (2) States; (3) groups of States; (4) entities implementing interstate compacts; (5) regional passenger rail authorities; (6) regional planning organizations; (7) political subdivisions of a State; (8) federally-recognized Indian Tribes; and (9) other public entities, as determined by the Secretary.
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Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Awards for Passenger Rail (FY2021)

Project	Description	Amount
ConnDOT Enfield Station and Track Improvements	Conduct environmental review, preliminary engineering, final design, and construction of a new station to accommodate increased service as part of the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Program.	\$13,800,000
Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Ettrick Station Improvements	The project will make improvements to the existing station building and infrastructure and construct a new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant 850-foot-long platform and will accommodate a third track.	\$6,355,829
BrightLine Tampa to Orlando High-Speed Rail Project	The project will advance preliminary engineering activities to support Phase III of the Brightline system, a 67-mile extension from Orlando to Tampa mostly within the right-of-way of I-4 in Central Florida.	\$15,875,000
MassDOT Springfield Area Track Reconfiguration Project	The proposed project will develop preliminary engineering and environmental clearance for track, signal, and infrastructure improvements around Springfield Union Station.	\$1,750,000
NCDOT Raleigh to Richmond Corridor	The project will advance the next phase of the R2R corridor development, which will eventually result in new intercity passenger rail service on a state-owned route.	\$57,900,000

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Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Awards for Passenger Rail (FY2022)

Project	Description	Amount
Baltimore Penn Station Maryland DOT	Construction of multi-modal transit station access improvements for Baltimore Penn Station including dedicated bus lanes on Charles Street, curb extensions at approximately 10 bus stops on Charles and St. Paul Streets, and curbside management investments adjacent to the station.	\$6,000,000
Prince George's County	Construct multimodal transit station improvements for New Carrollton Station. The project includes a new Train Hall for the existing MARC, Metrorail, and Amtrak service, incorporating connections to Metrobus, TheBus, and Greyhound bus services and the future Maryland Purple Line light rail and improve the Train Hall plaza space to be more welcoming to users.	\$20,500,000
Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority	This planning project will develop a Service Development Plan to consider new train services through fifteen counties between southeast Michigan and northern lower Michigan.	\$1,300,000
City of Yazoo, MS	The project has three components: construction of a train station , development of a stormwater park to capture and absorb excessive stormwater and flooding, and "complete streets" redevelopment that will include bike lanes, sidewalks, lighting, broadband infrastructure, and stormwater management along Main Street.	\$12,641,000
North Carolina DOT	This planning project will fund the planning of mobility hubs in seven communities along the passenger rail S-Line. The planning activities include feasibility and site assessments for all the partner communities, NEPA compliance, and preliminary engineering for four of the seven communities.	\$3,400,000

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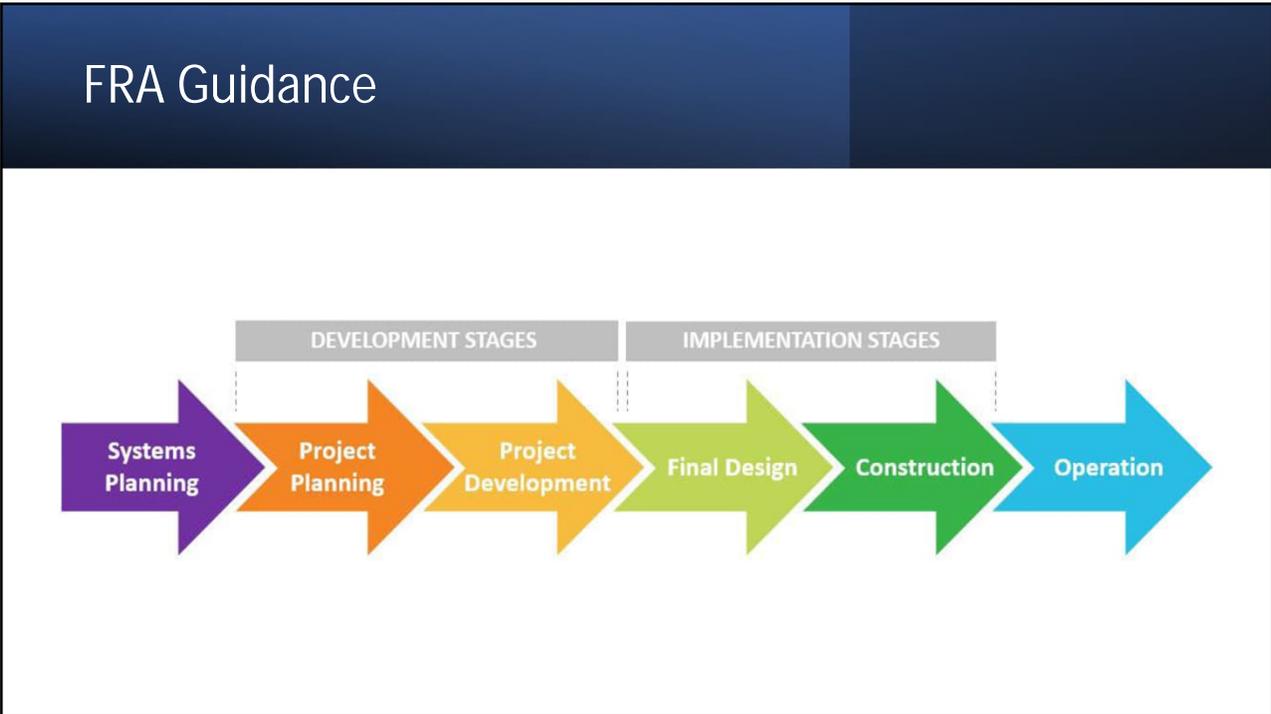


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Corridor ID Program



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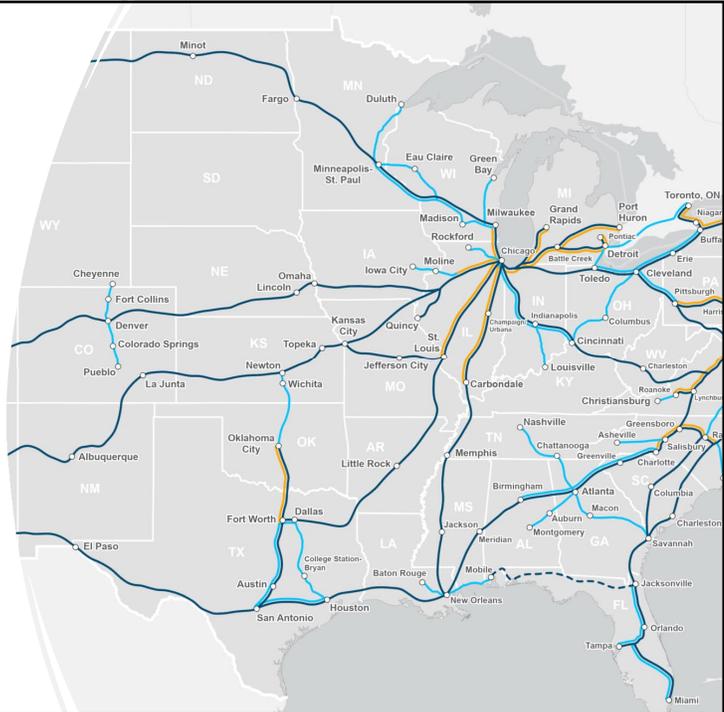
- Advocacy: Ohio's Governor has asked Amtrak to work with the Ohio Rail Development Commission on both environmental and engineering studies of the Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati Corridor, as well as several other Ohio rail corridors.
- Voice support for Amtrak's expansion plans emphasizing the need for ORDC/ODOT to work with Amtrak and local communities in partnership.
- Contact:
 - Governor Mike DeWine
 - State legislators
 - ORDC Executive Director Matt Dietrich
 - Mayors of cities served by the trains
- Federal/State Partnership program will require local matching funds of up to 50 percent.



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Ohio Corridors

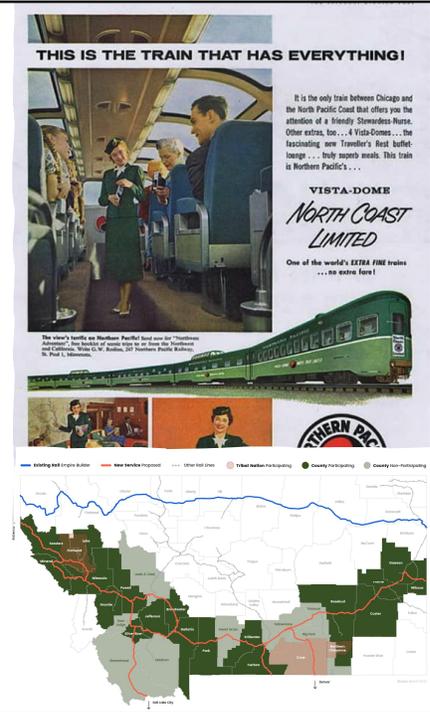
- NOACA, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress launch advocacy campaign to expand Cleveland Amtrak service
- MORPC advocates for 3C+D
- Fort Wayne advocates for Chicago – Fort Wayne – Columbus - Pittsburgh



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Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority

- Eighteen counties
- Ex Officio
 - Amtrak
 - **BNSF**
 - Montana DOT
 - Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
 - Crow Tribe
 - Northern Cheyenne Tribe



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Advocacy

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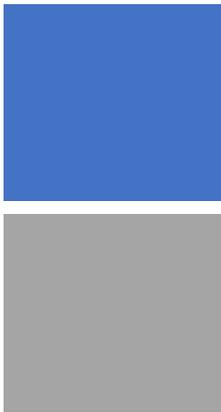
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- The Rail Passengers Association (formerly known as the National Association of Railroad Passengers or NARP) is asking for your help to encourage Congress to provide effective oversight of new and expanded passenger rail programs and ensure that appropriators fully fund rail programs at the authorized levels established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

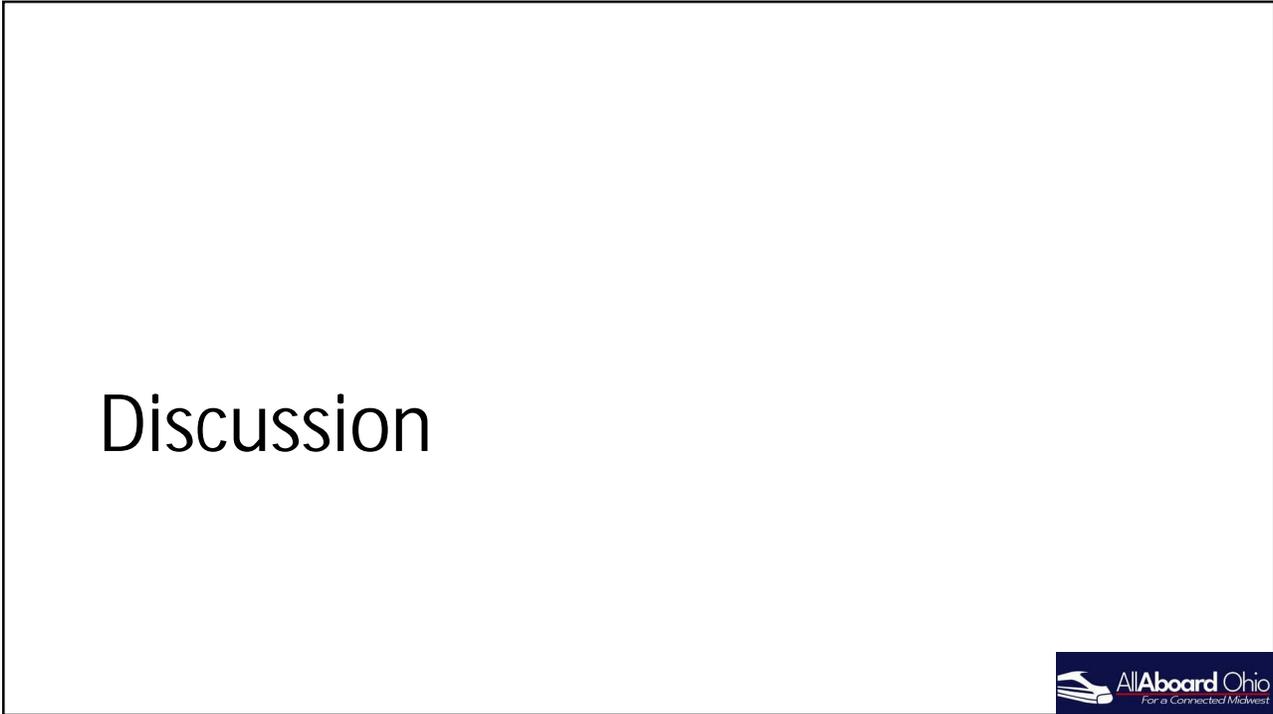
- <https://www.votervoice.net/NARPRAIL/Campaigns/94074/Respond?vvsn=BigzNAY3AC69WA6ITZa7FAA>



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