FRA Programs Update

2017 MIPRC Annual Meeting
Wichita, KS

Agenda

- ARRA Recap
- FY17 Funding Opportunities
- Long Distance Pilot Program
ARRA Recap – Midwest

• $1.8 billion invested
• 2 comprehensive corridor upgrades
• 12 new or improved stations
• Congestion relief at multiple chokepoints

Overview of Current DOT Funding Sources

FY17 Appropriations for Investment in High-Performance Rail

- FY17: $25M
- FY17: $5M
- FY17: $68M
- FY17: $787M
- FY17: $500M
- FY17: $199M

Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements
PTC Implementation
Restoration & Enhancement
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FRA Program
FTA Program
OST Program
### FY 2017 Competitive Rail Development Grants

#### Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements

**Purpose of Program**
- To fund projects that improve safety, efficiency, and reliability of passenger and freight rail systems

**Eligible Applicants**
- State Entities
- Local Governments
- Amtrak
- Class II / III Railroads
- TRB
- University Transportation Centers
- Certain Non-profit Organizations

**Eligible Projects**
- Wide range of capital projects – such as track, station and equipment improvements, Positive Train Control, congestion mitigation, grade crossings, and rail line relocation – environmental analyses and planning

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### FY 2017 Competitive Rail Development Grants

#### Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair

**Purpose of Program**
- To fund capital projects to reduce the State of Good Repair backlog on certain publicly-owned or Amtrak-owned railroad assets

**Eligible Applicants**
- State Entities
- Local Governments
- Amtrak

**Eligible Projects**
- Capital projects to repair, replace, rehabilitate, or improve publicly-owned or Amtrak-owned infrastructure, equipment, and facilities

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Restoration & Enhancement

**Purpose of Program**

- Operating assistance to initiate, restore, or enhance intercity passenger rail service

**Eligible Applicants**

- State Entities
- Local Governments
- Amtrak
- Rail Carriers

**Eligible Projects**

- Financial assistance to cover expenses associated with operation of passenger rail service, such as staffing, fuel, maintenance, and management costs

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**Long-Distance Pilot Program**

- Required under Section 11307 of the FAST Act
- Pilot program to compete operations of Long-Distance routes in lieu of Amtrak
- No more than 3 Long-Distance routes
- For a period of 4 years, plus one additional 4 year extension
**Long-Distance Pilot Program**

**Winning bidders will/must...**
- ✓ Receive at most **90% of the prior fiscal year’s operating subsidy** for that route
- ✓ Negotiate access with all host railroads to the route
- ✓ Meet Amtrak performance of same route in prior fiscal year
- ✓ Report quarterly on performance standards to FRA

**Eligible parties are...**
- ✓ Current long-distance host railroads
- ✓ States, or rail carriers, with written agreements with Amtrak’s host railroads

**Amtrak...**
- ✓ **May** submit a competing bid
- ✓ **Must** provide winning bidder access to reservation systems, stations, facilities

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**Long-Distance Pilot Program Timeline**

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