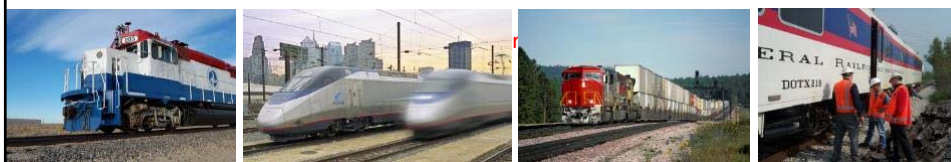


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# FRA Programs Update

2017 MIPRC Annual Meeting  
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## *Agenda*

- **ARRA Recap**
- **FY17 Funding Opportunities**
- **Long Distance Pilot Program**



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### ARRA Recap – Midwest

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



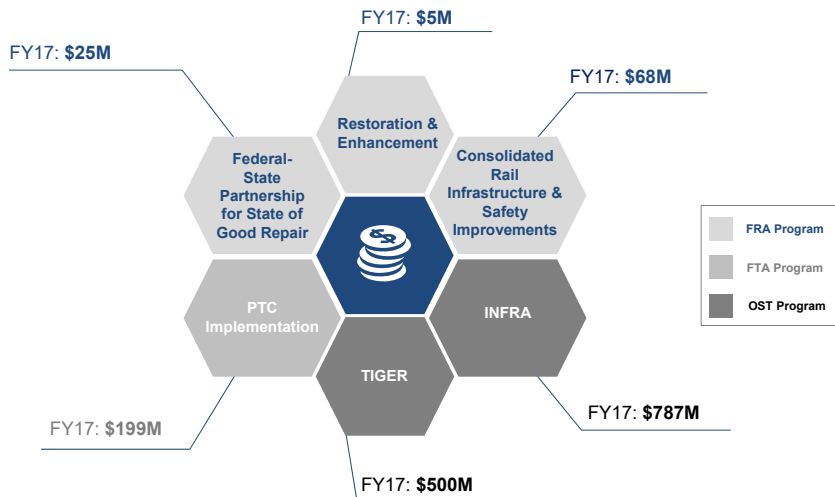
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### Overview of Current DOT Funding Sources

#### FY17 Appropriations for Investment in High-Performance Rail



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	FY17 Authorized	FY17 Enacted
<p><i>FY 2017 Competitive Rail Development Grants</i></p> <p><b>Consolidated Rail Infrastructure &amp; Safety Improvements</b></p>	\$190 M	\$68 M

**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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<p><i>FY 2017 Competitive Rail Development Grants</i></p> <p><b>Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair</b></p>	\$140 M	\$25 M

**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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FY17 Authorized	FY17 Enacted
\$20 M	\$5 M

*FY 2017 Competitive Rail Development Grants*

**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





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## 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

Implementation Step	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Petition Window (180 days)	█		
FRA Notice of Receipt Window (30 days)	█		
Bid Window (120 days)		█	
DOT Execution of Award Window (up to 270 days)		█	
Operations Period (Non-Amtrak Bidders) (4 years)			█

Final Rule Published: July 7, 2017

Final Rule Effective: September 5, 2017



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*Thank You*



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