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### **U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao Announces \$291 Million in ‘State of Good Repair’ Grants to Improve the Reliability and Safety of America’s Rail Network**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao today announced an investment of more than \$291 million in grants for 11 intercity passenger rail projects in nine states through the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Program (Partnership Program).

“This \$291 million in federal grants will upgrade rail infrastructure and enhance railroad safety and reliability in communities across America,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The Partnership Program is intended to improve intercity passenger rail performance by funding capital projects to repair, replace or rehabilitate publicly owned or controlled railroad assets, thereby bringing them into a state of good repair. Funding for these awards totals \$291,422,706, with \$198 million made available from the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 and \$93,422,706 in remaining funds made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for this award cycle on June 10, 2020. The evaluation and selection process considered several factors in choosing projects, including the project’s abilities to improve service and safety and to meet existing or anticipated demand.

“This Administration has invested billions in railroad infrastructure to ensure the safe movement of passengers and goods throughout our nation,” FRA Administrator Ronald L. Batory said. “These investments have proven vital during this challenging year and kept essential supplies moving throughout our nation, and these State of Good Repair grants will continue those improvements and enhance passenger rail service to ready the nation for the forthcoming recovery,” Batory added.

The following 11 projects were selected. Project descriptions are available on FRA’s website [here](#).

**California** — San Diego Next Generation Signaling and Grade Crossing Modernization  
Up to \$9,836,917  
North County Transit District

**California** — Pacific Surfliner Corridor Rehabilitation and Service Reliability  
Up to \$31,800,000  
Southern California Regional Rail Authority

**Connecticut** — Walk Bridge Replacement  
Up to \$79,700,000  
Connecticut Department of Transportation

**Connecticut** — Connecticut River Bridge Replacement  
Up to \$65,200,799  
Amtrak

**Massachusetts** — Worcester Union Station Accessibility and Infrastructure Improvements  
Up to \$29,303,350  
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

**Maryland** — MARC Northeast Corridor Train Storage Preservation Project  
Up to \$9,400,000  
Maryland Transit Administration

**Michigan** — Ypsilanti to Jackson Curve Modifications  
Up to \$15,570,327  
Michigan Department of Transportation

**New Jersey** — Trenton Transit Center Station Improvements  
Up to \$18,281,313  
New Jersey Transit Corporation

**New York** — Hudson Avenue Grade Crossing Rehabilitation and Safety Improvements  
Up to \$2,000,000  
New York State Department of Transportation

**Pennsylvania** — Harrisburg Line Signal System Renewal: Paoli to Overbrook  
Up to \$15,910,000  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

**Virginia** — Newington Road Bridge Replacement  
Up to \$14,420,000  
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

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