FY 2020 Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grant Program

California — San Diego Next Generation Signaling and Grade Crossing Modernization  
Up to $9,836,917  
North County Transit District  
Replaces and upgrades obsolete signal, train control, and crossing equipment on a 60-mile section of North County Transit District right-of-way the carrier shares with Amtrak intercity service and freight rail. Brings signal and train control components into a state of good repair, including installing new signal houses, signals, and cabling. Replaces components at more than 15 grade crossings along the corridor.

California — Pacific Surfliner Corridor Rehabilitation and Service Reliability  
Up to $31,800,000  
Southern California Regional Rail Authority  
Rehabilitates track, structures, and grade crossings in Ventura County and northern Los Angeles County on infrastructure used by Amtrak intercity service, Metrolink commuter service, and BNSF freight service. Work for member agency Ventura County Transportation Commission includes track, tie, ballast, and culvert replacements, grade crossing rehabilitation, and tunnel track and structure replacements. Reduces trip times, increases reliability, and improves safety by reducing need for slow orders and conflicts at grade crossings in the corridor.

Connecticut — Walk Bridge Replacement  
Up to $79,700,000  
Connecticut Department of Transportation & Amtrak  
Replaces the Connecticut-owned movable Norwalk River Bridge, built in 1896, with two, independent, two-track, vertical lift rail bridges in Norwalk, Connecticut. Includes associated embankment and retaining wall improvements on the bridge approaches, new catenary structures, and signal system upgrades. The existing bridge is beyond its useful life and prone to malfunctions, especially during opening or closing. The replacement will reduce slow orders, reduce the risk of service disruptions, and improve resiliency to extreme weather events. The project is a regional priority in the Northeast Corridor Commission's five-year capital plan. The current award is in addition to the $29.9 million previously awarded in fiscal year 2019 Partnership Program funds, and completes the project. The Federal Transit Administration formula and Hurricane Sandy Relief funds provide additional funding.

Connecticut — Connecticut River Bridge Replacement  
Up to $65,200,799  
Amtrak & Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Replaces the Connecticut River Bridge with a modern, resilient, moveable bridge immediately south of the existing structure. The existing Amtrak-owned, 113-year-old bridge poses a risk of long-term major disruption on the Northeast Corridor due to its age and condition. The replacement bridge will maintain the two-track configuration and existing channel location, and provide a bascule moveable span with additional vertical clearance for maritime traffic. The bridge serves the Northeast Corridor main line and is used by Amtrak’s intercity services, Connecticut Shore Line East commuter service, and freight operators. The project will provide safety, reliability, and trip-time improvements for rail users. Maximum speeds will increase from 45 mph to 70 mph. Bridge opening delays will be significantly reduced, and Amtrak will realize maintenance savings from the new structure.
Massachusetts — Worcester Union Station Accessibility and Infrastructure Improvements
Up to $29,303,350

*Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority*

Rehabilitates and upgrades the platform and track area of Worcester Union Station, constructing a new island platform with grade-separated pedestrian access to replace a single side platform, plus associated rehabilitation of two station tracks and signals. The new, 800-foot-long, high-level platform will provide full Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility and enable multiple trains to stop at Worcester simultaneously. Project improvements will be owned by Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The project will expand the station’s capacity to serve MBTA commuter services and current and potential future Amtrak intercity service. The upgrades will improve reliability and reduce delays and operational conflicts created by the constrained, single side platform that cannot easily serve trains moving in opposite directions.

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

*Maryland Transit Administration*

Constructs two storage tracks with catenary and ground power access at Martin's Yard. The expanded yard will store MARC Penn Line trainsets now stored on platform tracks at Baltimore Penn Station. Currently, Baltimore Penn Station does not operate at a state of good repair because train storage constrains capacity and efficiency. The improvements will bring the yard into a state of good repair and advance the state of good repair at Baltimore Penn Station. Reducing train storage at Baltimore Penn Station will expand station capacity and reduce delays from interference between trains, including intercity passenger rail operations, that meet and pass each other in Baltimore, benefiting both Amtrak’s intercity Northeast Corridor services and MARC Penn Line commuter services.

Michigan — Ypsilanti to Jackson Curve Modifications
Up to $15,570,327

*Michigan Department of Transportation*

Rehabilitates and improves geometry for 42 horizontal curves, installing 80,000 feet of rail and related safety enhancements at 16 public and 8 private at-grade crossings, including roadway vertical profile changes and active warning device installation on the state-owned rail corridor between Ypsilanti and Jackson, Michigan. Expected to provide a 7-minute trip-time reduction and improve operational reliability and grade crossing safety throughout the corridor.

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

*New Jersey Transit Corporation*

Rehabilitates two island platforms and upgrades a side platform to high-level boarding, remediating existing platforms’ deteriorated conditions and expanding station capacity at the Trenton Transit Center. The station serves Amtrak intercity train services and New Jersey Transit commuter service. Project improves the safety and accessibility of the boarding environment, including full ADA compliance at all platforms at the station. The platforms, canopies, and vertical circulation elements being rehabilitated were rated adequate to poor in the applicant’s most recent assessment.
New York — Hudson Avenue Grade Crossing Rehabilitation and Safety Improvements
Up to $2,000,000
New York State Department of Transportation
Replaces and upgrades crossing warning devices and adds accessible pedestrian walkways and gates at the Hudson Avenue grade crossing in Peekskill, New York, on Metro-North's Hudson Line, which serves Amtrak intercity service, Metro-North commuter service, and freight rail. Replaces the 40-year-old warning system and crossing gates with modernized components, including an “another train coming” warning at this busy, double-track corridor. All rail operators along the corridor will benefit from improved crossing safety and elimination of delays the current warning device malfunctions cause. Project significantly improves safety and access to Peekskill Station and an adjacent city park.

Pennsylvania — Harrisburg Line Signal System Renewal: Paoli to Overbrook
Up to $15,910,000
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), Amtrak and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Replaces and upgrades train control signal systems to a state of good repair between Paoli and Overbrook on the Amtrak-owned Harrisburg Line in Pennsylvania. The line serves Amtrak intercity service, SEPTA commuter service, and freight rail. Project replaces antiquated signal system with modernized equipment, enabling greater operational flexibility, higher operating speeds, and bi-directional train movement on all tracks in the project area. Increases signal blocks, enhancing line capacity and operational fluidity, while reducing delays.

Virginia — Newington Road Bridge Replacement
Up to $14,420,000
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Replaces an existing double-track rail bridge owned by CSX with two new double-track rail bridges to be owned separately by CSX and the Commonwealth of Virginia, expanding passenger rail capacity in the Washington, D.C., to Richmond, Virginia, corridor. The corridor serves Amtrak intercity service, Virginia Railway Express commuter service, and freight rail. The existing bridge is over a century old, is not in a state of good repair, and spans a single-lane roadway, which will be widened to a two-lane roadway with standard vertical and horizontal clearances as part of the project. Additionally, the new spans will eliminate slow orders related to the bridge condition and allow for 60-70 mph operating speeds. The Partnership Program funding to support the Virginia-owned bridge is part of an effort to bring the corridor into a state of good repair and create additional capacity. A separate double-track rail bridge owned by CSX is planned outside the scope of this award, which will serve and enable future growth in passenger service in the corridor.

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