

# RAIL

## MOVING AMERICA FORWARD

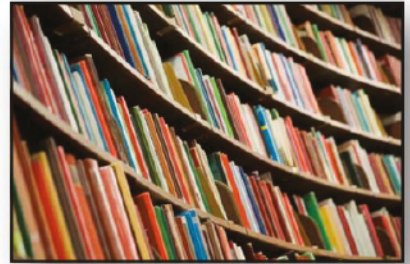
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# OUR MISSION

## Rail – Moving America Forward

To enable the safe, reliable and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future.

### Getting to know the FRA

- Created by an Act of Congress in 1966 (The Department of Transportation Act)
- FRA is one of ten agencies that make up the U.S. Department of Transportation
- The FRA is comprised of eight regions, led by an administrator, appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate
- Nation-wide the agency employs 900 people and had a budget of about \$1.6 billion in fiscal year 2014

### Keeping Railroads and the Public Safe

FRA is the chief safety regulator for all passenger and freight railroads nationwide. We accomplish our mission by:

- Continuing a rigorous oversight and inspection program based on strategic use of data
- Advancing proactive approaches for early identification and mitigation of risk
- Capital investments and robust research and development program

Our approach to safety has set new records in four of the past five years, and Fiscal Year 2013 was even safer than Fiscal Year 2012 – previously the industry's safest year on record. In 2014, FRA assessed more than \$20 million in civil penalties against railroads and shippers as the result of Federal railroad safety inspections and investigations.



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The FRA advances market-based rail improvements. Today we manage a portfolio of \$20 billion in grants and loans, laying a solid foundation of sustainable, longterm rail improvements. FRA's portfolio is one of the largest discretionary infrastructure programs in the United States. The portfolio has seven major components:

- Amtrak Operation and Capital Programs
- High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Grants (HSIPR)
- Research and Development
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Program (TIGER)
- Railroad Rehabilitation & Repair (Disaster Assistance)

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