2016 FRA Rail Program Delivery Meeting

Building the Rail Network

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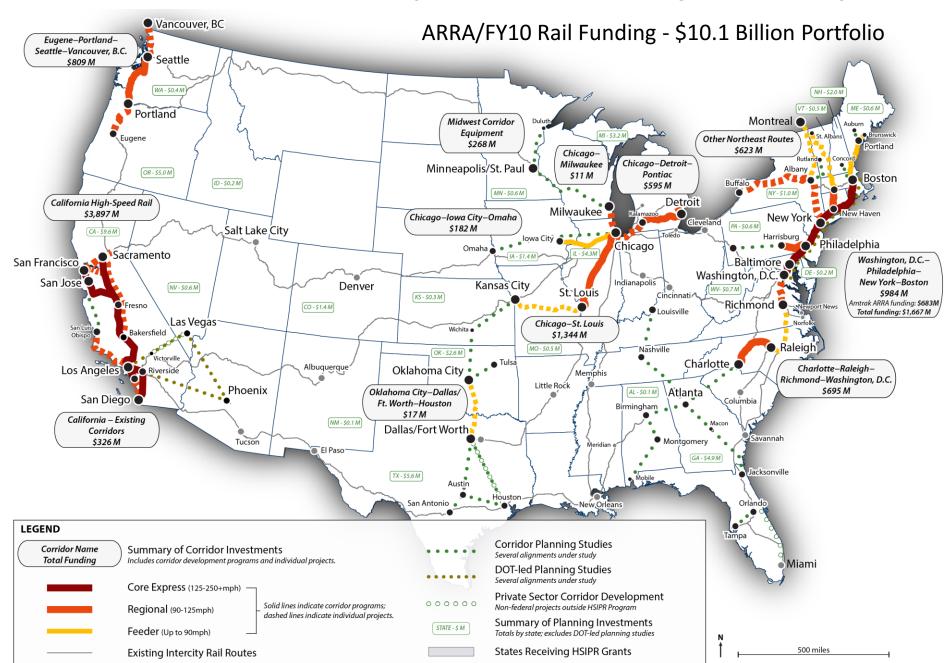
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Agenda

- Milestones and Project Improvements
- Legislative Highlights
- Looking to the Future Pipeline and Regional Planning
- Multimodal Planning and Partnerships





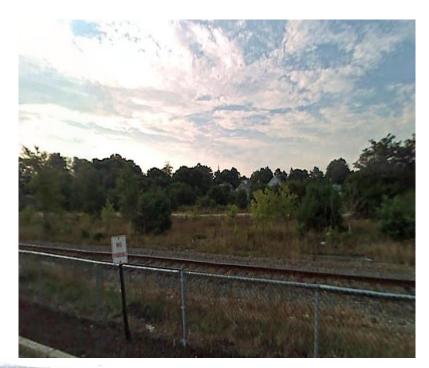


Downeaster-Portland North Project (ME) Brunswick Maine Street Station

Before: Vacant lot, no train service

(Photo via Google Street View)

After: New development, active station (Photo via Google Street View)









NCDOT Piedmont Third and Fourth Frequency Program (NC)

Before: Single track from CP Graham to Haw River



After: New passing siding







Normal Multimodal Transportation Center (IL)

Before: 1990 station

(Photo by Mark Ciskey via www.hebners.net)



After: Renovated and active station

(Photo by Brad Basham via www.normal.org)







Dearborn Intermodal Rail Facility (MI)

Before: 1970s one-platform station

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After: Modern two-platform station

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Sacramento Intermodal Facility Phase 1 - Track Relocation Project (CA)

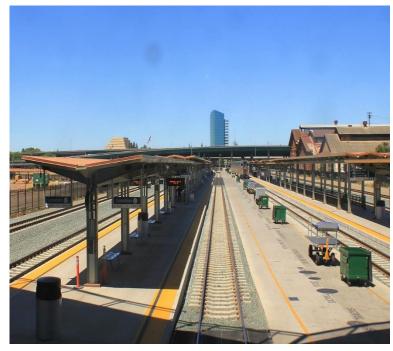
Before: Outdated, narrow platforms

(Photo by Jeremiah Cox via SubwayNut.com)

After: Wider platforms, more capacity

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Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor (WA)

Before: Delta Yard tracks in Everett in Washington

(Photo by Washington State Department of Transportation)



After: Two new tracks added allowing trains to move with less interference.

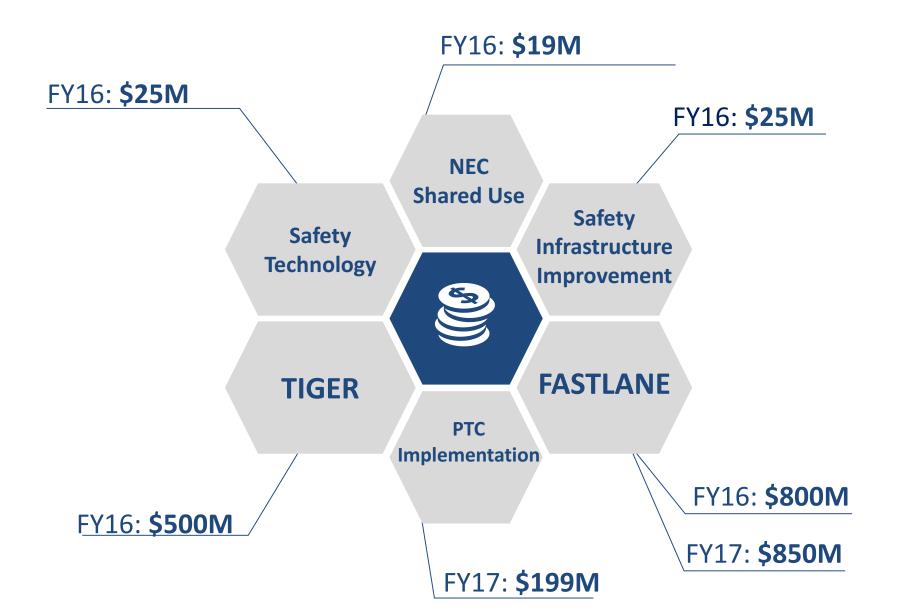
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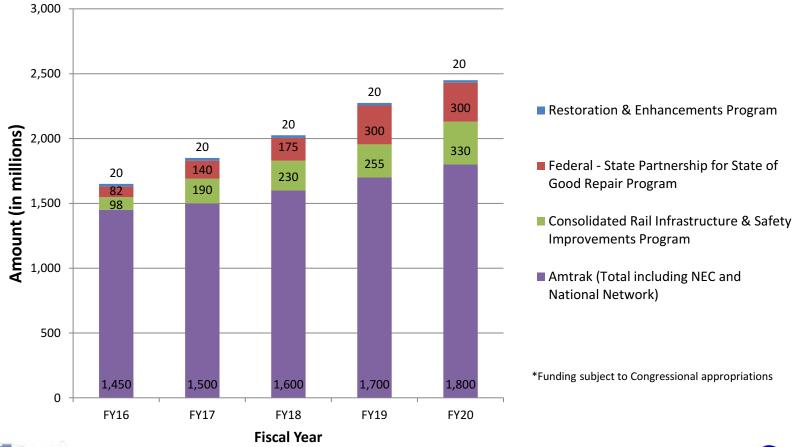


Current Rail Funding Opportunities



Major FAST ACT Grant Programs

FAST Act Authorized Funding*







Shared-Use

Shared-Use Study

Collaborating with Amtrak, commuter/freight railroads, state/local governments, to address far-reaching implications on past, present, and future performance of passenger and freight transportation

Study will address:

- Access and use of host RR ROW
- Train performance standards
- Measuring public benefits
- Modeling
- Liability









FRA's Passenger Rail Development Pipeline

Since 2009, \$371M in combined Federal and additional State/private funds have been building a "pipeline" of future projects.

- Prepare for future funding availability – what are the best market-based investments?
- Determine priorities for next round of planning – what potential markets are still "missing"?
- Identify national vision where is rail heading in the U.S.?



















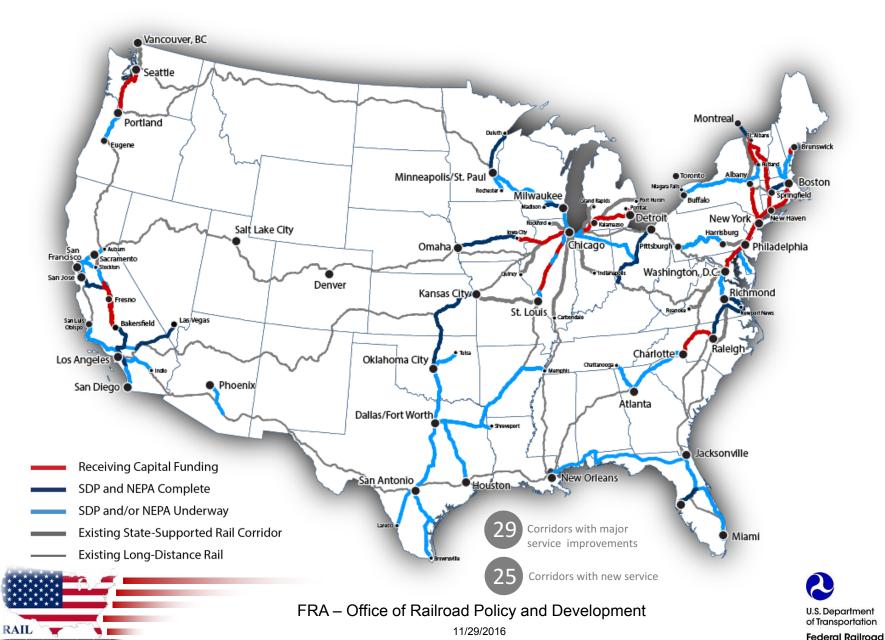


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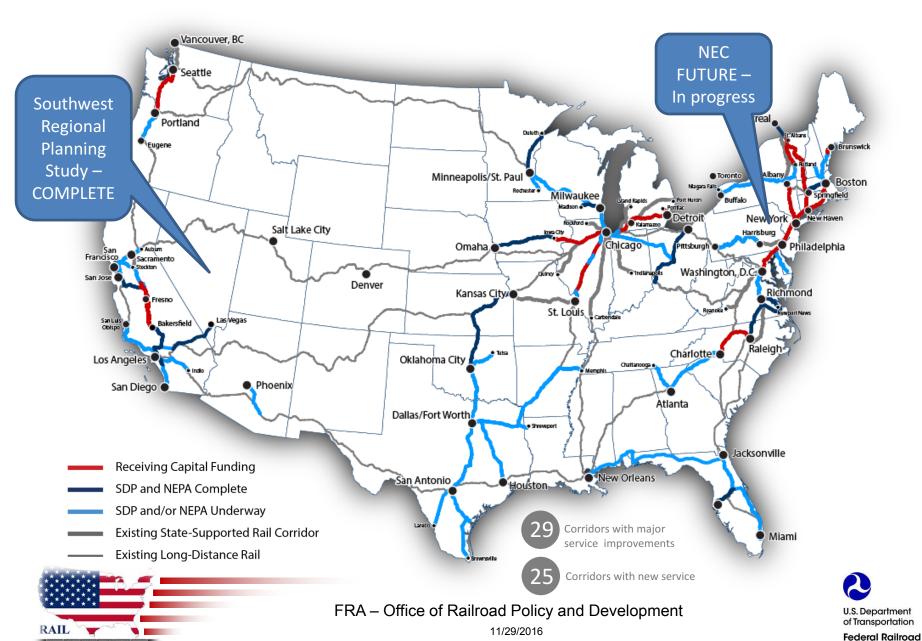






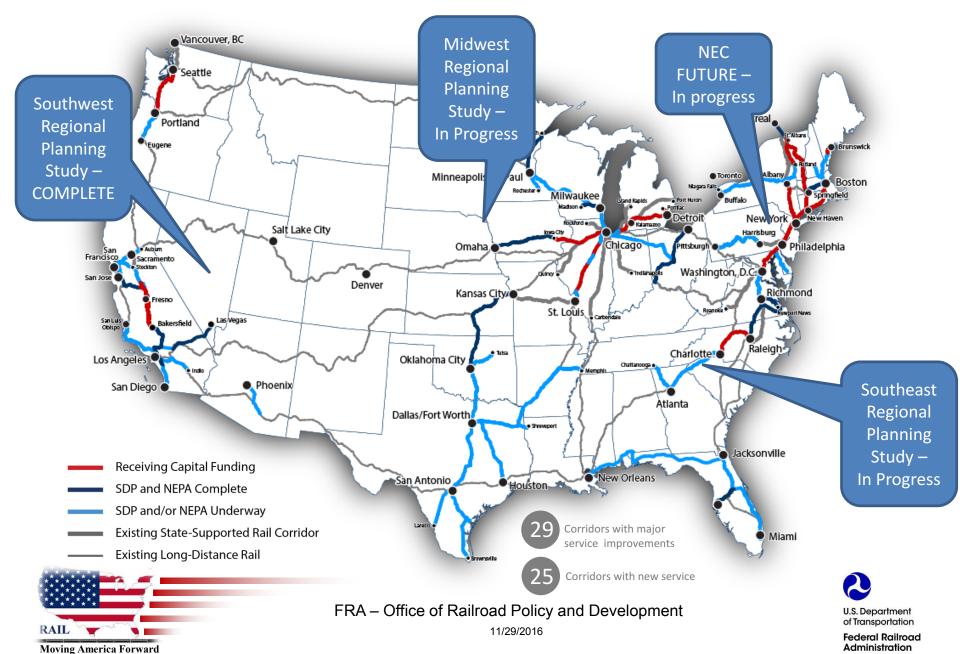
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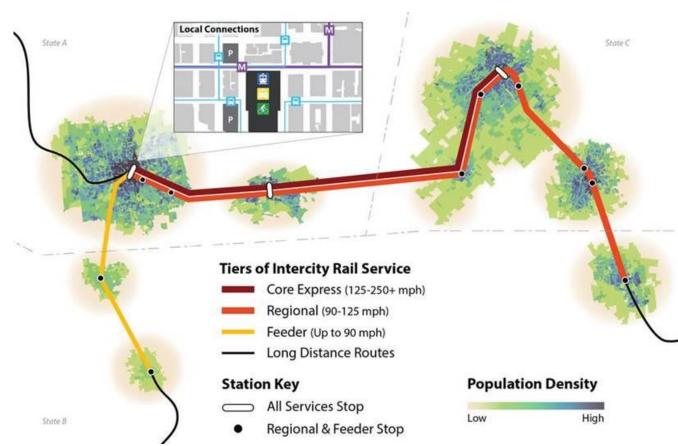


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Intermodal Connections



Modal Collaboration

- Financial assistance programs
- Regulatory harmonization





Building the Rail Network Panel Discussion



