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## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Already Advancing Critical Projects

Increased infrastructure investment provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)—in combination with annual appropriations approved by Congress—is already resulting in tangible improvements to the U.S. rail network and national rail fleet. The IIJA has already invested \$53 billion across 594 projects that will improve rail safety and expand passenger rail travel in 48 states.

**Modernizing Amtrak's Fleet:** IIJA funding enables Amtrak to begin replacing its 20th century fleet on long-distance, State supported, and NEC services. Amtrak will introduce the first of 28 Alstom *NexGen Acela* high-speed trains to replace the current fleet of *Acelas* in 2025. They continue to roll out new Siemens *Venture* and *Airo* trainsets and to refurbish existing long-distance equipment. And they will award a contract in 2025 for the manufacture of the next-generation long-distance trainsets—all built right here in America!

**Siemens Manufacturing Facility – North Carolina:** Siemens announced in March 2023 that it is building a \$220 million advanced manufacturing and rail services facility in Lexington, NC in response to increased U.S. rail investment. The facility began production in 2024, will create more than 500 new jobs by 2028, and grow the state's economy by \$1.6 billion over 12 years.

**ADA Stations:** With more than \$1 billion of ADA station accessibility projects in the pipeline, Amtrak has 136 in-progress ADA station design projects, with 40 in-progress station construction projects, and 212 station construction projects scheduled through 2029.

**Nevada – Brightline West High-Speed Rail:** This project received \$3 billion in FSP-NN funding for right-of-way acquisition, final design, and construction activities for the 218-mile corridor between Las Vegas and Southern California. This Public-Private Partnership has entered construction, with service scheduled to begin in 2028.

**Pennsylvanian Rail Modernization Project:** This project will fund right-of-way acquisition and final design and construction activities for track and signal-related improvements along Norfolk Southern Railway's main line between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. It will improve both passenger and freight service along the entire corridor, with construction started in 2024.

**Hudson River Tunnel Project – New York + New Jersey:** The Gateway Development Commission will begin major construction activities on new intercity and transit rail tunnels between New York and New Jersey, adding redundancy to the current 112-year-old tunnels. This project will create 72,000 jobs while improving reliability along the entire East Coast.

**Gulf Coast Rail Restoration – Louisiana + Mississippi + Alabama:** Amtrak is working with the Southern Rail Commission (SRC), CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern and the Port of Mobile to construct a layover track and station facilities in Mobile, AL that will allow for the restoration of

passenger rail service along the Gulf Coast Corridor, knocked offline by Hurricane Katrina. Amtrak is scheduled to launch service in 2025, with the SRC relying on federal grants for capital projects.

**Transforming Rail in Virginia:** With Phases 1 and 2 of TRIV, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) is acquiring railroad track and right-of-way, and adding significant infrastructure improvements to the northern end of the line, including a new Long Bridge for passenger rail trains over the Potomac. This \$3.7 billion package of projects—funded by Federal and State funds—will enter large-scale construction in 2025, with completion expected in 2030

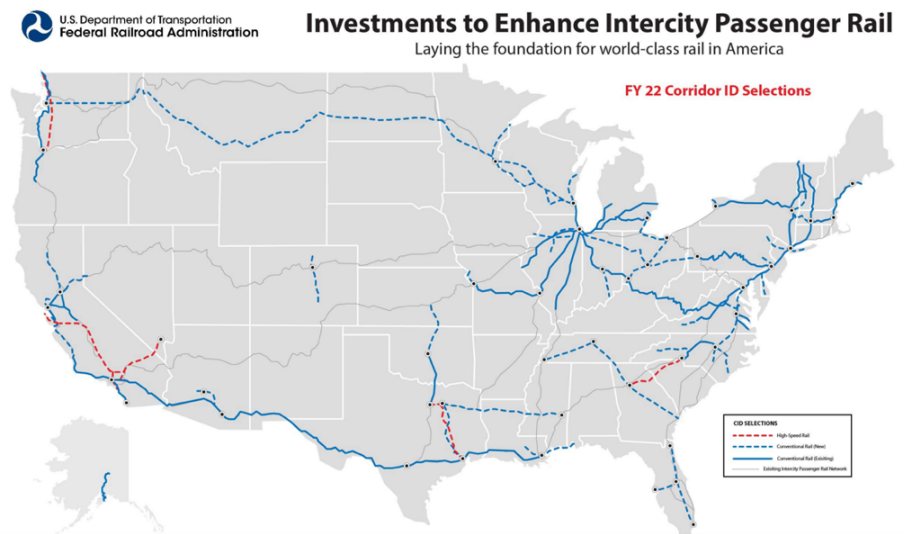
**Chicago Hub Improvement Program (CHIP):** CHIP will fund platform expansions, upgrade ventilation, reactivate a dormant platform at the third busiest rail terminal in the U.S. The project relies on a partnership between the USDOT, Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Department of Transportation, Cook County, Metra, and the Michigan Department of Transportation, with construction activities scheduled to begin in 2025.

**B&P Tunnel Project – Maryland:** Amtrak received \$4.7 billion in FY22-23 FSP-NEC funds for final design and construction to replace a 1.4 mile, 150-year-old tunnel, eliminating a critical NEC chokepoint. Amtrak has awarded two of three major construction contracts for the project, with contractors advancing construction on a new ADA-accessible West Baltimore MARC Station, new tracks and rail systems from the MARC station to the new tunnel, replacement of several bridges, and constructing the tunnels themselves.

## Corridor Identification and Development Program

Congress established the Corridor ID Program to facilitate planning and development for intercity passenger rail corridors across the country and to establish a pipeline of capital projects ready to build.

The Federal Railroad Administration chose 69 corridors across the U.S. as part of its inaugural selection in Dec. 2023. Each corridor received \$500,000 for planning activities, including scoping, schedule development, and preparing a cost estimate for advancing a service development plan.



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