

RailNation:DC 2023 Legislative Briefing

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Global View of the 118th Congress

- House GOP indicates it will prioritize debt-limit offer before full budget proposal.
 - Deadline: July-August 2023
- Democrats stump for Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.
- Freight rail safety in the spotlight.
- New House rules package will give more space for amendments to be filed on the floor.

New Faces, Old Faces: Appropriations Committees



Senate



Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) Chair



Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) THUD - Chair



Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) Ranking Member



Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) THUD - Ranking Member

<u>House</u>



Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) Chair



Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) THUD - Chair



Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) Ranking Member



Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL) THUD - Ranking Member

FY24 Appropriations



(Millions)								
	FY23 Enacted	FY24 - BIL Authorized (+ RPA Leg. Ask)	FY24 Presidential Request					
Amtrak - NEC	\$1,260	\$1,200	\$1,227					
Amtrak - National Network	\$1,193	\$2,450	\$1,841					
FRA Operations	\$251	\$263	\$273					
Fed-State Partnership for IPR	\$100	\$1,500	\$560					
CRISI Grants	\$535	\$1,000	\$510					
RR Crossing Elimination Grants	\$0	\$500	\$250					
Restoration & Enhancement Grants	\$0	\$50	\$50					
Total	\$3,339	\$6,963	\$4,711					



Building Congressional Support

Amtrak + ICPR Sign-On Letter:

- Bipartisan letter led by Reps.
 Moulton (D-MA) + Bacon (R-NE) to fully authorize rail programs.
- \$3.65 billion (\$1.2bn for NEC; \$2.45 billion for NN).
- Includes Fed-State, CRISI, R+E, and RR Crossing.
- Matches RPA's legislative ask.

High-Speed Rail Sign-On Letter:

- Democratic letter led buy Rep.
 Moulton. and Sen. Ossoff (GA).
- \$3.5 billion for high-speed rail corridor development.
 - At least \$350 million set aside for planning grants.
- Projects capable of reaching:
 - >186 mph on new ROW
 - >160 mph on shared ROW



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Intercity Passenger Rail

 Amtrak requesting that Congress allow it to use FY24 grant dollars from NN + NEC to cover nonfederal share of Fed-State grants.

Transit

- White House proposal to allow large urbanized areas the flexibility to use formula funding for operating expenses.
- White House requests \$2.9
 billion for Capital Investment
 Grants (CIG) + \$1.6 billion in
 advance appropriations from BIL
 - Hudson River Tunnel \$700ml

New Faces, Old Faces: Transportation Committees



Senate



Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) Commerce Chair



Senator Gary Peters (D-MI)
Surface Transportation - Chair



Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) Ranking Member



Senator Todd Young (R-IN) Surf. Trans. - Ranking Member

House



Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) Chair



Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX)
Rail Subcommittee - Chair



Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)
Ranking Member



Rep. Donald Payne (D-NY)
Rail - Ranking Member





	Rail Safety Act (S.576)	RAIL Act
Two-person crews	igstyle igytyle igstyle igytyle igstyle igstyle igytyle igytyle igytyle igytyle igytyle igytyle igstyle igytyle	
Rulemaking: Train length + weight	igstar	igstar
Rulemaking: Speed restrictions	igstar	\subseteq
Rulemaking: Signals + train control	igstar	igstar
Rulemaking: Response plans		
Hotbox detectors every 10 miles for hazmat		
Advance notification to States for hazmat		
Increase maximum fines for violations		

Year Two (of Five)



			2023											
Program	Program Participants	Current Status	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Corridor Identification and Selection Program	FRA + States	Applications due March 27												
Federal-State Partnership for IPR Grants - NN	FRA, States + Amtrak	\$4.54bn available; applications due April 21										Ş		
Federal-State Partnership for IPR Grants - NEC	FRA, States + Amtrak	\$8.99bn available; applications due March 27										Ş		
Restoration & Enhancement Grants	FRA, States + Amtrak	No funding												
Intercity Rail Compact Grants	FRA + States	Open Application Process												
Amtrak NN Grant Corridor Set-Aside	FRA + Amtrak	Awaiting FRA + Amtrak Spend Plan												
Amtrak NEC Grant Corridor Set- Aside	FRA + Amtrak	Awaiting FRA + Amtrak Spend Plan												
FRA Long Distance Restoration Study	FRA, States + Amtrak	Route Analysis												

Long-Distance Service Study & Corridor ID Nexus

Corridors Eligible under Corridor ID:

- New intercity passenger rail route of less than 750 miles
- Enhancement of an existing intercity passenger rail route of less than 750 miles

Shared Elements:
Restoration of
service over route
formerly operated
by Amtrak

Increase of service frequency of a long-distance intercity passenger rail route

Corridors assessed under the Long-Distance Study:

Potential new
 Amtrak long distance routes,
 including specific
 attention to routes
 in service as of April
 1971 but not
 continued by Amtrak







Thank you!

Questions?

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