

New Northeast Rail Infrastructure Funding

By Federal Railroad Administration

WASHINGTON, DC-The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently announced that it has invested more than \$1.4 billion from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law into seventy rail improvement projects in thirty-five states and Washington, DC. This is the largest amount ever awarded for rail safety and rail supply chain upgrades through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program.

As part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, federal investments are tackling long-standing rail needs by supporting communities nationwide to help get people and goods where they need to be safely, quickly, and conveniently. Projects selected through the CRISI program, which is four times larger since President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, support community safety through track improvements, bridge rehabilitations, fewer highway-rail grade

crossings, upgrades on routes carrying hazardous materials, and more. Selected projects also improve connectivity, reduce shipping costs, increase resiliency to extreme weather, reduce emissions, and support workforce development.

'Under President Biden's leadership, we are making historic investments in rail, which means fewer accidents and delays, faster travel times, and lower shipping costs for the American people," said USDOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "These projects will make American rail safer, more reliable, and more resilient, delivering tangible benefits to dozens of communities where railroads are located, and strengthening supply chains for the entire country."

Projects will benefit every region of the country, with nearly two thirds of CRISI funding flowing to rural communities. Northeast projects include:

Connecticut—Housatonic Railroad Service **Restoration and Safety Investment Project (up to** \$5,372,500), Housatonic Railroad Company Inc. (HRRC)

The proposed project involves final design and construction activities for various track-related



improvements and upgrades to multiple bridges. The project aligns with the selection criteria by improving system and service performance and ability to meet existing and anticipated demand as it will restore a portion of HRRC's rail line that is

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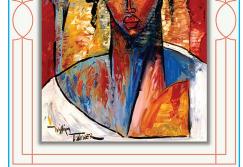
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8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration Webinar Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 10:30 am-11:30 am Online

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