

# 2023 CRISI GRANTS

This historic investment in rail will benefit communities across the U.S., encouraging the movement of more freight by rail and getting trucks off the highways.

#### BACKGROUND

On Sept. 25, 2023, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced an historic investment of **more than \$1.4 billion** from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for **70 rail improvement projects** in **35 states** and Washington, D.C.

The 2023 FRA grant award is the largest amount ever designated through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program, which funds improvements for the safety, efficiency, and reliability of freight and intercity passenger rail.

The CRISI-funded grant projects highlight partnerships among small and large railroads, labor unions, state and local governments -- all working together to improve safety and the supply chain. The selected projects will benefit communities across the U.S, with nearly two-thirds of CRISI funding going to rural areas.

Projects selected through the CRISI program support community safety; mitigate congestion for improved freight and passenger rail efficiencies; provide long-overdue track improvements and bridge rehabilitations; and more.



#### BENEFITS

2023 CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE & SAFETY IMPROVEMENT (CRISI) GRANTS

- Reduced Emissions
- Improved Grade Crossing Safety
- Strengthened Supply Chains
- Greater Economic Growth
- Expanded Passenger Rail Service



"Congress's bipartisan commitment to CRISI is paying off in dividends by yielding nationwide efficiency, safety, and climate benefits. This successful program makes long-overdue upgrades to our nation's rail network but also produces significant ripple effects throughout the communities that these railroads serve. Congress's ongoing support for the CRISI program is vital in producing transformative rail improvements, and OneRail thanks them for their commitment."

#### **DEVON BARNHART**

Director, OneRail Coalition

# PROJECT EXAMPLES

### 1. Port of Baltimore Battery Electric Locomotives Project

The \$11.5M project will replace three older, higher-emission CSX locomotives with new battery electric locomotives at the Port of Baltimore.

## 2. West Cook Rail Safety Improvement Project

This \$2.9M project will make improvements along the BNSF Railway corridor in Chicago's suburban Cook County, increasing pedestrian safety along the route, which is the Metra commuter rail system's busiest line and a major freight rail line.

### 3. Gulf Coast Corridor Improvement Project

The \$178.4M project will expand Amtrak passenger rail service and help maintain reliable freight operations for CSX and Norfolk Southern in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

### 4. Southeast Kansas Short Line Rail Project

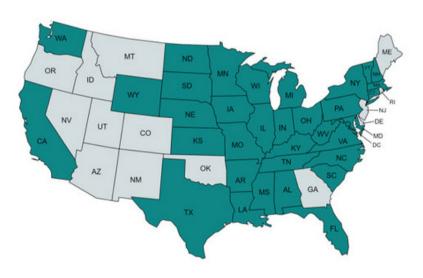
The \$31M project will provide track upgrades and operating improvements for the South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad to meet increased customer demand.

#### **2023 CRISI FAST FACTS**

- \$1.4 Billion in Grant Funding
- 70 Rail Improvement Projects
- Projects in 35 States and the District of Columbia
- Largest amount ever awarded for rail safety and rail supply chain upgrades



**35 States Receiving 2023 CRISI Grants** 



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 39 CRISI projects will help improve rail infrastructure in rural areas
  - 7 Projects will replace
    older, less efficient
    locomotives with modern
    locomotives to reduce
    greenhouse gas emissions

23 CRISI projects will improve highway-rail grade crossing safety

\$720 M Was awarded to small business freight rail projects to help tackle the backlog of repair needs for short line railroads

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