

# Illinois State Freight ADVISORY COUNCIL



### **AGENDA**

- Leadership Update
- Multi-Year Multi-Modal Program
- America's Central Port
   Competitive Freight Projects
- District 9 Competitive Freight Project

- Freight/Truck Parking Update
- Oversize Overweight
  Update
- US DOT Funding Update
- Federal Affairs Update
- Round Table Discussion



### **Leadership Update**

Secretary Osman,
Illinois Department of Transportation



### **Multi-Year Program**

### Holly Bieneman

Director
Office of Planning and Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation





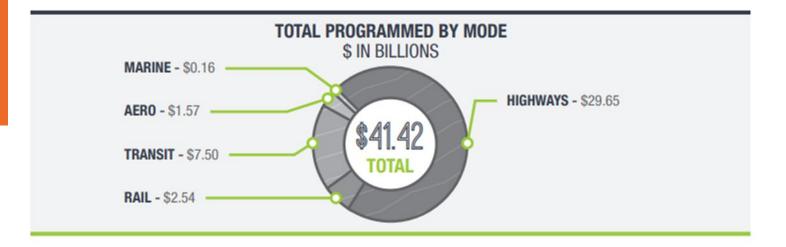
# Multi-Year Multi-Modal Program Briefing

August 22, 2024





### **Combined Program**



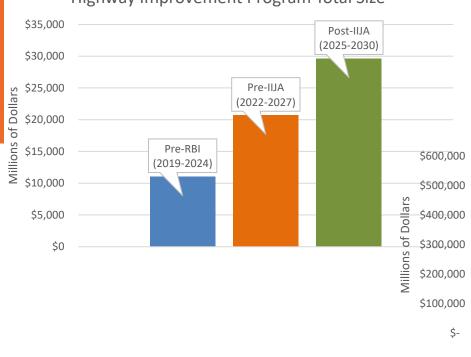
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IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
June 2024



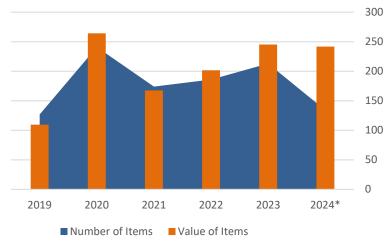
### Over the years

#### Highway Improvement Program Total Size

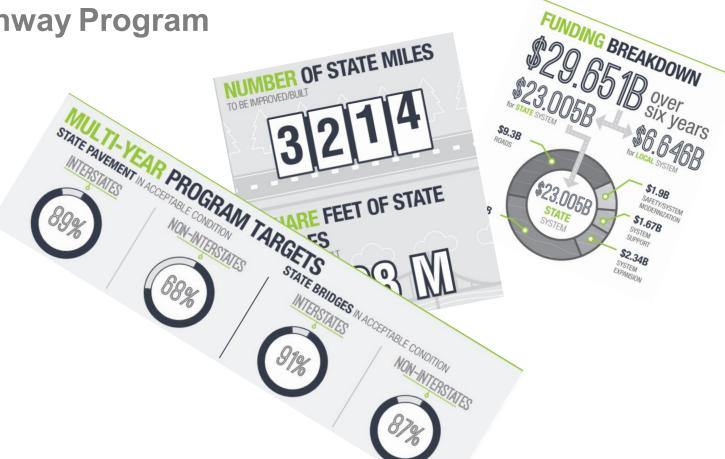


## MYP grew 87% 1st year of RBI

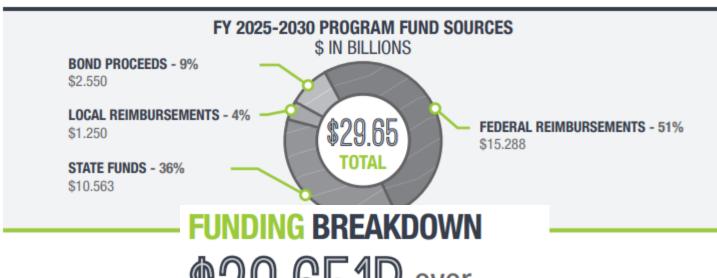
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### **Highway Program**



### **Highway Program Fund Sources**

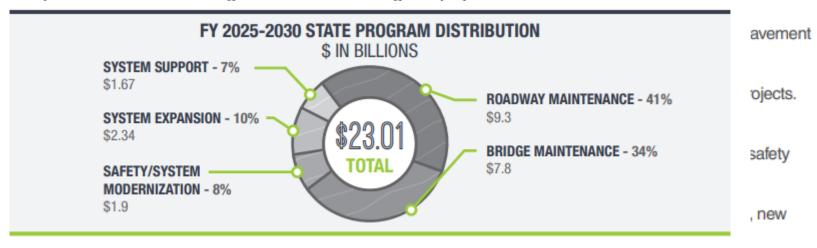


\$29.651B over six years \$23.005B \$6.646B for STATE SYSTEM

### **Highway Program**

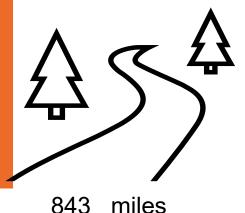
#### CORE WORK CATEGORIES

The department uses the following five core areas to categorize projects:



SYSTEM SUPPORT - Consists of rest area and weigh station maintenance, miscellaneous districtwide projects, contract maintenance, and statewide engineering or other statewide items, such as pavement markings, guardrail delineation, sign truss work and median barriers.

### **Local Highway Program**





1,045,184 sq ft

\$219.7 million for the county consolidated program \$40.3 million for high-growth cities \$90 million to foster economic development

# six years

\$1.04 Billion in Motor Fuel Tax Annually

\$100.9 million for needy townships \$360 million for the township bridge program \$42 million for upgrading local truck routes \$40.3 million for state matching assistance

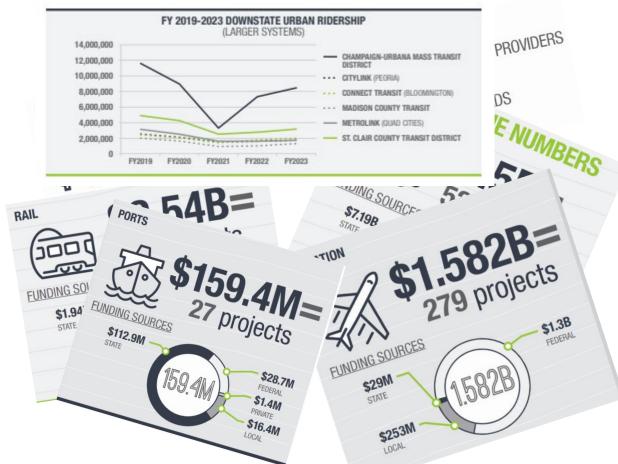
### **MultiModal Program**

Transit

Rail

Aeronautics

Port/Waterways





### Highway Program and Multimodal Project Listings (Excel Format)

- Highway Program Project Listing (Excel Format)
- Multimodal Project Listing (Excel Format)



### Accomplishment

### Rebuild Illinois Accomplishments

FY20 through FY24 (through 6/30/24)

Cost of Investment: \$15,997,048,283

Miles: 6,541

Structures: 686

Safety Improvements: 986



## THANK YOU

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### **Illinois Competitive Freight Program**

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Director of Engineering & Construction

America's Central Port



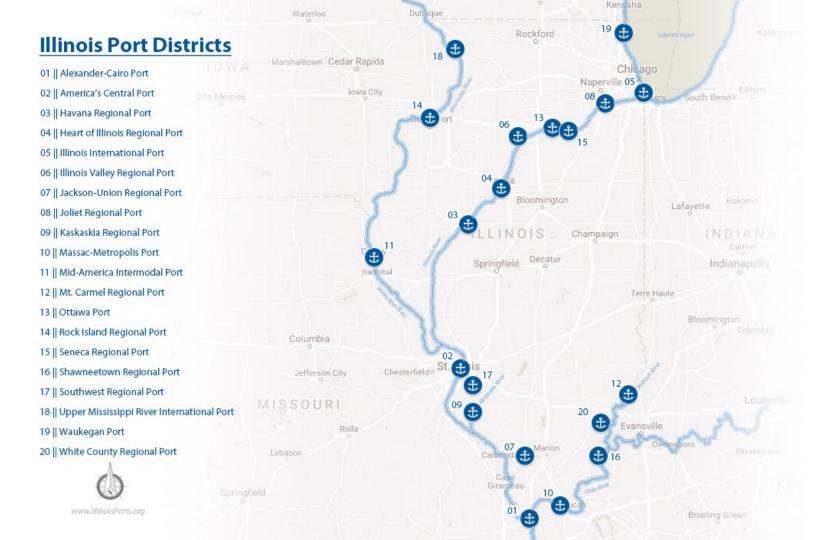


### About America's Central Port

- Special-Purpose unit of Local Government
  - Promote Transportation
  - Job Creation
- 9 member Board of Commissioners
- Operated and Funded like a Business
- Over 3-million tons transloaded annually
- 1,200+ acre Mixed-Use Development
- Over 2 million sq.ft. of Warehouse Space
- Over 30 miles of Rail Lines
- Over 25 Miles of Roadways









Port of Metropolitan St. Louis

#### **ILLINOIS**

Madison County
St. Clair County

Monroe County

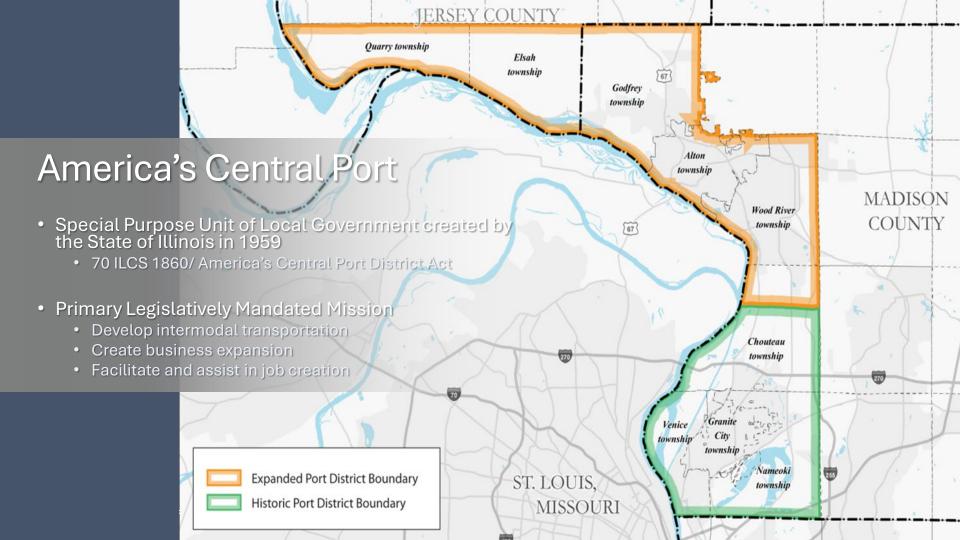
#### **MISSOURI**

St. Charles County

St. Louis County

Jefferson County

City of St. Louis



### Importance of Funding Programs for IL Ports

- Historically, IL Ports had Limited Access to State Funding
  - No regular legislative funding stream for public ports
- Historically, Federal Grant Programs Favored "Blue-Water" Ports
- Port Infrastructure Projects Tend NOT to Fit into Traditional Funding Programs



### Competitive Freight Projects

Granite City Harbor Dock (Phase 1)

IL Rt3 Entrance & W. 1st Street

Federal Amount: \$1,092,130

Federal Amount: \$1,590,340

TOTAL PROJECT: **\$1,367,130** 

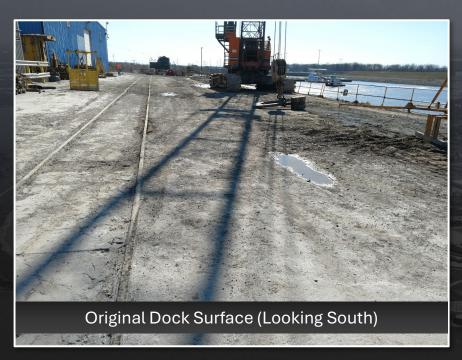
TOTAL PROJECT: **\$2,000,340** 

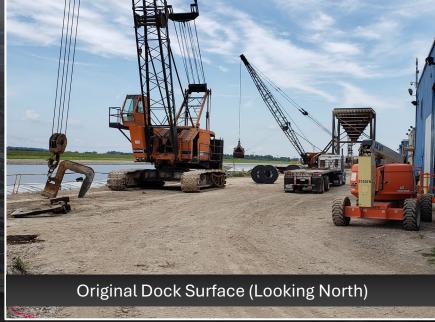




- 9-mile long canal
- "Dam" portion is located miles away on main river channel
- Largest U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Project at the time.
- Marginal Harbor was added within Granite City, just north of the Locks.

Artist Rendering of Locks #27



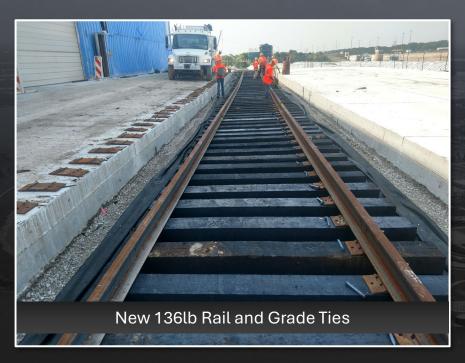


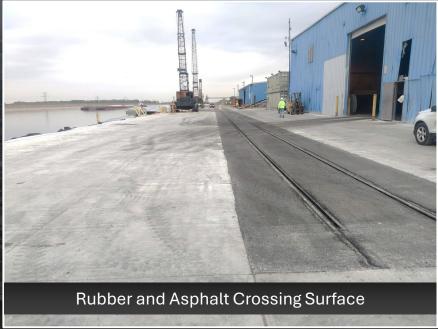




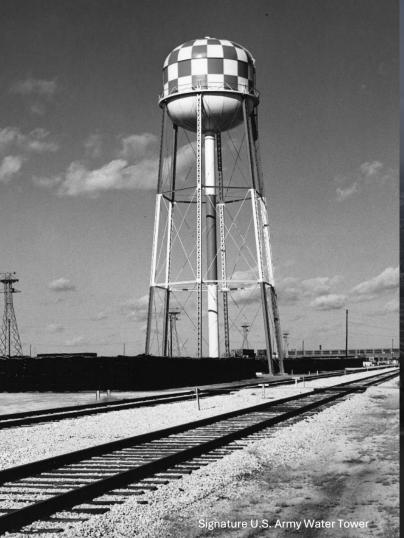












### C.M. Price Support Center

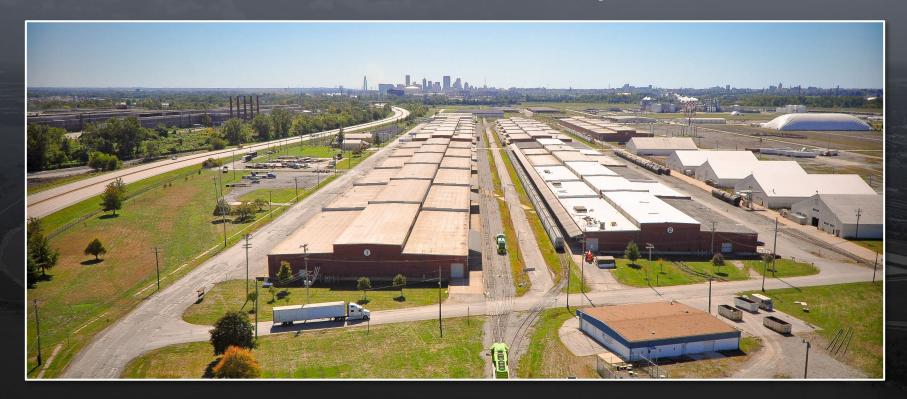
- Base Realignment and Closure
- Congressman Jerry Costello led the effort in the House to draft, introduce and negotiate with the Army and facilitate the passage of *Public Law106-398* in October of 2000
- Transfer CMPSC from DOD to DOT (752-acres)
- MARAD conveyed Depot to the Port in 2002







## IL Rt. 3 Entrance & W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Improvements



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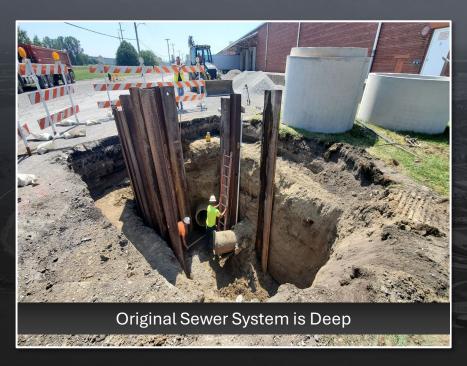




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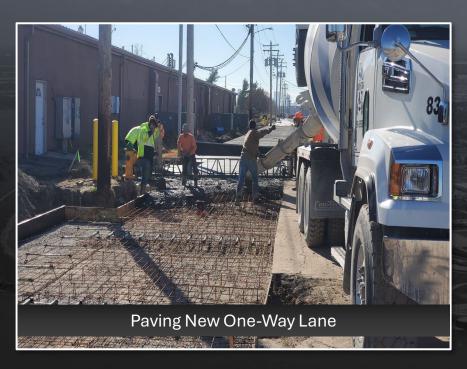


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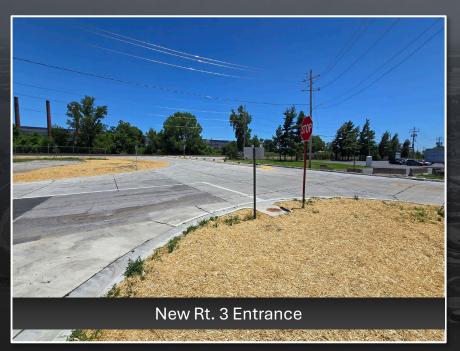


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### **MAKING AN IMPACT**

\$282 million net annual imp Responsible for over

1,450 local jobs

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America's Central Pothas a \$282 million economic impact on Madison County, III. and the sponsible for ver 1,450 local jobs with \$9.6 million in state and local taxes paid. The 2.5 million tons of commodities moved by our operators annually are valued at over \$1.1 billion.



THE PORT DISTRICT HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON MADISON COUNTY'S EMPLOYMENT, LABOR INCOME, AND TAX BASE.

In addition to its impact on the region's total economic output, the Port District and its tenants make positive contributions to Madison County's employment, labor compensation, and state and local tax revenue.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### OVER 1,450 JOBS

In addition to employees of the Port District and its tenants, an estimated 665 indirect and induced jobs result from Port and tenant operations.

#### LABOR INCOME

### \$70.8 MILLION

The employment impact of the Port District and its tenants translates into an estimated total labor compensation of \$70,813,334 per year.

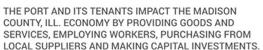
36%

The Port District's economic impact to Madison County has increased from \$208 million in 2007 to \$282 million in 2012, an increase of thirty-six percent.

#### TAX BASE

### \$9.6 MILLION

A self-supported unit of government, the Port District and tenants generate a total of \$9,602,722 annually in state & local tax revenue.



America's Central Port is home to more than 70 tenants who employ nearly 800 workers. Each year, the Port and its tenants make business purchases and capital investments that benefit local businesses. These jobs, payroll expenditures, purchases, and investments have a three-part impact or the local economy — a direct impact, ar indirect impact, and an induced impact

In total, the Port District and its tenants have an estimated net annual impact of \$282,480,135 on the Madison County economy.



The Port District's economic impact from 2007 to 2012 has shown steady growth to

\$282

# RIVER COMMERCE

AMERICA'S CENTRAL PORT IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE U.S. AND AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THREE MAJOR RIVERS: THE MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, AND ILLINOIS.

The U.S. Inland Waterways system is comprised of over 1,200 miles of navigable rivers. The St. Louis metropolitan area is strategically loca do take advantage of the river system and has seen significant investmen over the past five years.

Port District operators service over 500 barges and more than 2.5 million ton of fertilizer, steel, agricultural commodition and petroleum products each year valued at over \$1.1 billion annually.

The Port District's operators handle over

\$1.1

billion in goods each year



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## **Illinois Competitive Freight Program**

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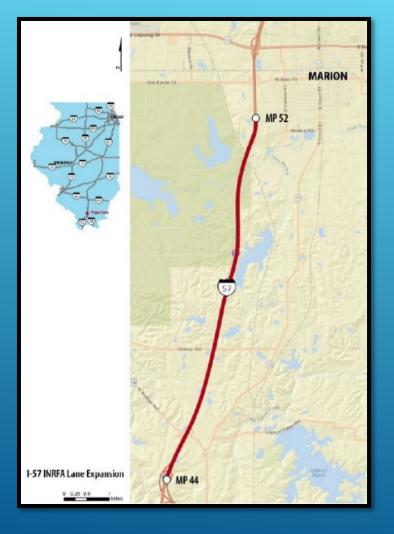




August 22, 2024

IDOT PRESENTATION

Carrie Nelsen



# I-57 FREIGHT MOBILITY AND SAFETY PROJECT, \$45 M

- South of Marion to I-24
- 8 miles
- November 8, 2024 letting
- 35-40 % trucks at 15,000 trucks / day
- Existing Typical is 2 lanes in each direction with an 80'



### Mt. Vernon MP 89.8 MP 89.3 Rebuild Illinois Capital Funds \$174 M, MP 66 to MP 92 (will be under construction 2022-2026) JEFFERSON. FRANKLIN MP 71 MP 66.7 IL Freight Grant \$19 M. MP 63 to MP 66 (under construction 2020-2022) TIGER Grant MP 59 to MP 63 8 Miles (under construction 2019-2020) NOT FUNDED =\$25M Marion led & Underway Segments Bridge Work Funded But Not Complete I-57 IL Freight Bridge Work Complete WILLIAMSON

### I-57 6-LANE EXPANSION

- I-24 to I-64
- 52 miles total, MP 44 to MP 96
- 27 miles complete, MP 52 to MP 75
- 7 miles under construction (Rebuild IL, \$51.9 M) MP 85 to MP 92
- 8 miles (IL Comp Freight grant, \$45 M) on Nov 8, 2024 letting, MP 44 to MP 52
- 10 miles (Rebuild IL, \$105 M) on Jan or March 2025 letting, MP 75 MP 85
- All projects complete by 2029







To illustrate the rarity of 4-lane highways with greater than 11,000 trucks per day, Figure 10 above highlights in red the sections of 4-lane highways in Illinois with 11,000 or more trucks per day.



Table 4: I-57 Crash Summary MP 44-52

I-57 Crash Summary from MP 44 to MP 52 <sup>8</sup>						
YEAR	FATAL	A-INJURY	B-INJURY	C-INJURY	PD ONLY	TOTAL
2013	1	2	5	2	32	42
2014	0	3	4	2	29	38
2015	0	3	7	1	40	51
2016	4	3	3	4	34	46
2017	2	7	9	2	75	95
2018	3	5	9	1	46	63
2019*	1	3	7	0	35	45
TOTALS	8	26	44	12	291	380



\*2019 Data is incomplete



LOCAL NEWS

# 49-year-old Carbondale man killed after hitting semitrailer on I-57

CRIMEICOURT

One dead, two injured in Williamson County crash on I-57



LOCAL NEWS

Semi overturns on I-57 Sunday, causing closure for several hours

1-57 open following deadly crash in Williamson Co.

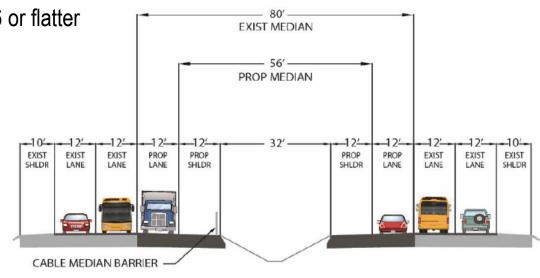


 Construct an additional travel lane in each direction of an eight-mile section of I-57

- Install a median barrier
- Extend SB weigh-in-motion scale exit ramp
- Provide new pavement markings
- Improve drainage
- Install new raised reflectors
- Widen median shoulder from 6' to 12'
- Regrade median to flatten slopes to 1:6 or flatter
- Update deficient guardrail
- Install rumble strips











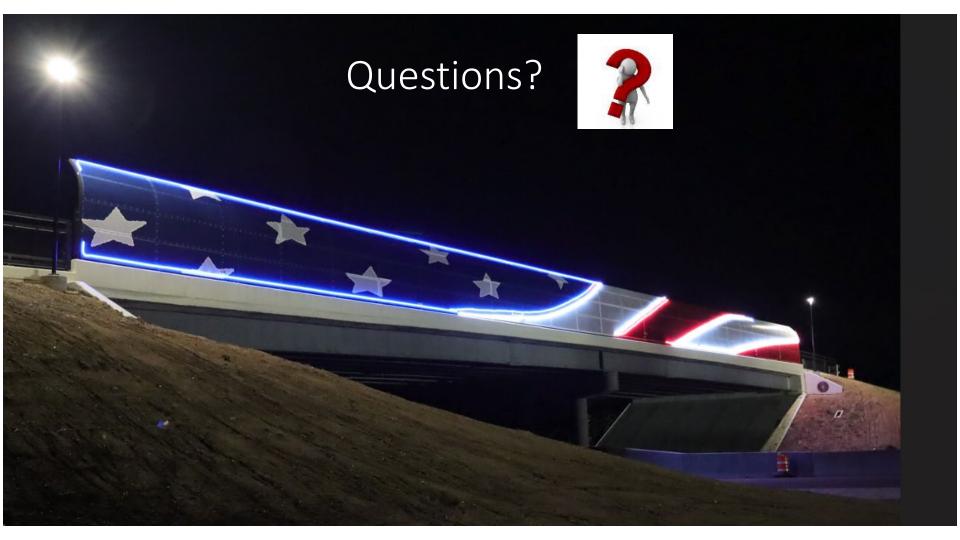












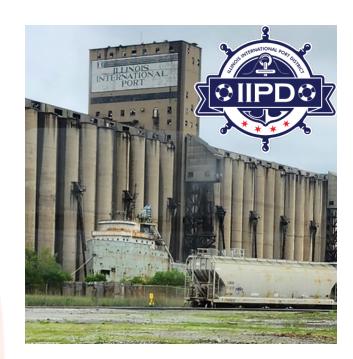
# **Freight**

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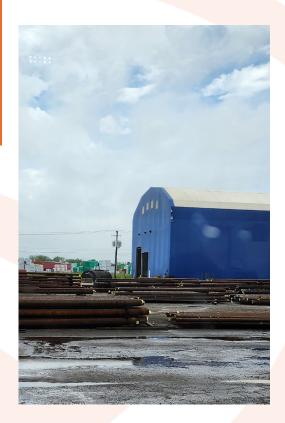


# Freight Facility Tour at the Illinois International Port District

Thank you to our partners at the Illinois International Port District for hosting our 2024 freight facility tour.



# **Freight Facility Tour**





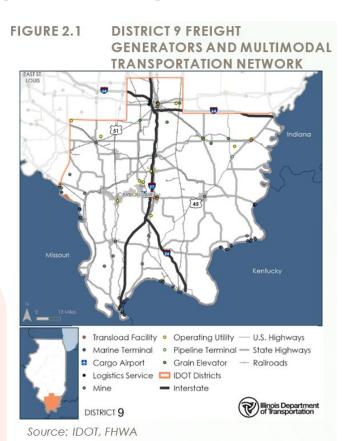




### DISTRICT FREIGHT PLAN

### District Freight Plans Contents

- Freight and the Economy
- Overview of Freight System
- Equity and Environmental Justice
- Trends, Opportunities, and Investments
- County Freight Profile for each county within the District.

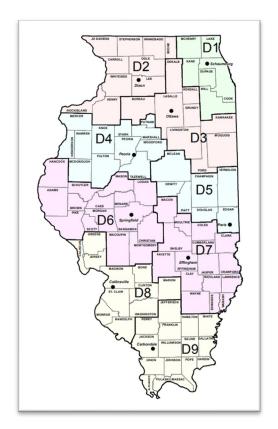




### DISTRICT FREIGHT PLANS

All District Freight Plans are complete and can be found at →

 https://idot.illinois.gov/transportationsystem/transportationmanagement/planning/freight/2017state-freight-plan/2023-district-freightplans.html





### **ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECT LIST**

Platform for agencies to submit potential projects for IDOT support by being added to the Freight Plan

- Google Form
- Basic Project Information
- Submitted to IDOT for review





# TRUCK PARKING COMMITTEE >>> ISFAC

## **Progress**

- Two Meetings
- Reviewing and Discussing Plan and Direction
- Creating vision, goals, objectives, action items for discussion
- Building resources and information
- Building website



# TRUCK PARKING COMMITTEE >>> ISFAC

### Next Steps

- Finalize and approve structure
- Finalize goals, objectives, and action items
- Membership Development
   Invite non-volunteer DOT staff
   Invite private partners





### **Progress Update**

- Determining Objectives and Strategies
- Second Round of Public Engagement
- Technical Memo Development
- Equity Work Group Development
- www.moveillinois2024.com



# **2024 Fall Planning Conference**



October 2-4, 2024

Fairview Heights, IL

Click for Conference Details



Geno Koehler
Permit Unit Chief
Illinois Department of Transportation



State: Illinois Report Date: July 16, 2024

Completed By: Geno P. Koehler

Permits Issued Prior Year: 258,569 \$25,708,668.23

Permits Issued Year To Date: 137,824 \$14,342,745.63

Number of Staff Issuing Permits:

5 Superload Techs,

2 Public Contact Personnel and

1 Permit Office Unit Chief.

Does your State offer Online Requests:

If yes what percentage Of permits does your System issue without Your review? 2023 99.1%

99.1%

2024



New Legislation:

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes) Working on the Modernized ITAP website



New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population) Continue to use the following communication avenues:

- Email Distribution list to 7.000 customers
- 2. Announcements on ITAP home page
- 3. Banner on the top of ITAP pages
- 3. Five staff members receiving and responding to live calls
- 5. Individualized communication on each permit application
- 6. Auto-notifications sent to County Engineers when county routes are accepted by the customer on a permitted route
- 7. Auto-notifications sent to Townships and Municipalites when local routes are accepted by the customer on a permitted route.
- 8. Auto-notifications sent to Law Enforcement, at their request, when local routes are accepted by the customer on a permitted route within their jurisdiction
- 9. Automated emails sent to customers when an emergency restriction affecting their permitted route occur

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:
Construcion throughout the state and at border routes
Weather related incidents (Tornadoes, Derechos, Flooding, etc...)



## **Federal Highway Administration**

Betsy Tracy
Planning, Environment & Right-ofWay Team Leader
Federal Highway Administration



U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

### **Maritime Administration**

Travis Black
Director, Inland Waterways
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To foster and promote the U.S. Merchant Marine and the American maritime industry to strengthen the maritime transportation system — including landside infrastructure, the shipbuilding and repair industry, and labor — to meet the economic and national security needs of our Nation.



Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg



**Maritime Administrator** Rear Adm. Ann Phillips

Established: 1950

Total Employees: 750+

Headquarters: 272

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: 264

Gateway Offices and Fleet Sites: 218





**MISSION:** In Peace and In War

Strengthen the U.S. maritime transportation system including infrastructure, industry and labor to meet the economic and security needs of the Nation.

#### STRATEGIC GOALS

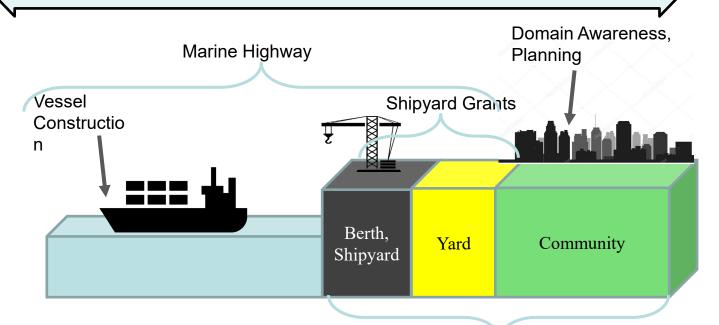
- MARITIME CAPABILITIES: Develop domestic and international transportation opportunities to modernize and sustain a competitive commercial U.S.-flag fleet that ensures the Nation's economic and national security
- MARITIME READINESS: Ensure the availability of a capable U.S. Merchant Marine fleet with modern U.S.-flag vessels, skilled labor and global logistics support to drive the Nation's economy and to meet national maritime transportation requirements in peacetime emergencies and armed conflicts. Drive innovation in the maritime industry.
- INFRASTRUCTURE: Support the development of America's ports, shipyards and related intermodal infrastructure as key integrated components of an efficient, resilient and sustainable national transportation system and freight network
- ADVOCACY: Advance awareness of the necessity and importance of a strong U.S. Maritime Transportation System







Environmental Stewardship, Emergency Reporting, Military and Humanitarian Missions



Port Infrastructure to Move Freight - RAISE, PIDP, CRISI, TIFIA, RIFF, INFRA, Discretionary Grants/Loans, Port Security Grants....



## **Major USDOT Port Infrastructure Grant Programs**



- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) (\$5M \$25M, \$1M Rural) Last NOFO issued November 30, 2023, closed February 28, 2024. \$1.5 B for BIL five years. Also referred as TIGER and BUILD. Minimum Award \$5M, (\$1M Rural) Grants to be half urban half rural (200,000 pop).
- <u>Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) (</u>\$25M \$100M, \$5M Rural), FY 2025 Closed May 6, 2024, **\$1.7 Billion this cycle. Minimum Award \$25M (\$5M rural) Max \$100M**
- National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) (over \$100M, 50% reserved for \$500M+) Closed May 6, 2024, \$1.7 Billion this cycle.
- Rural Surface Transportation (Rural) Grant Program, May 6, 2024. \$780 Million this cycle, Closed May 6, 2024. Highway, Bridge or Tunnel. 90% of grant awards over \$25M, 10% less than \$25M
- <u>Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)</u>, Supplemental NOFO Feb 2024, NOFO closed May 10, 2024. Anticipated \$600M+ Available
- United States Marine Highway Program (USMHP), May 20, 2024, NOFO closed July 12, 2024.
   \$4.85M Available

### **Major USDOT Port Infrastructure Grant Programs**



#### **Ongoing grants Notices of Funding Opportunity:**

- Port Security Grants, NOFO \$90M FY 2024 PSGP were Due June 24, 2024. FEMA Grants -Port Security Grant Site <a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security">https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security</a> Notice of Funding Opportunity and Support Files download: <a href="https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/353552">https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/353552</a>
- MARAD Small Shipyards Grants \$8.75M were DUE 8 May 2024 View the <u>notice of funding opportunity</u>.

## Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)



- The PIDP, now in its fifth year, was established in FY2019 under 46 U.S.C. Section 50302
- The primary statutory purpose of the PIDP is to make grants to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports or intermodal connections to ports.
- To date, 140 grants have been awarded totaling more than \$2 billion for projects in 30 States and 3 Territories
- PIDP grants can be awarded to coastal seaports, inland river ports, or Great Lakes ports
- FY 2023 175 Applicants, 153 Eligible, 41 Selected \$653M, \$2.8B Requested
  - 25 States, 1 Territory
  - 15 Large Projects
  - 26 Small Projects (\$172.8M) \$165.5M reserved for Small Projects
  - 24% Great Lakes and Inland Waterways
  - 61% In Rural Communities
  - 48% In Disadvantaged Communities

## **Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants**

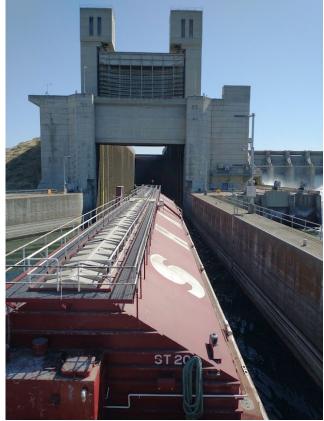


## Eligible Applicants

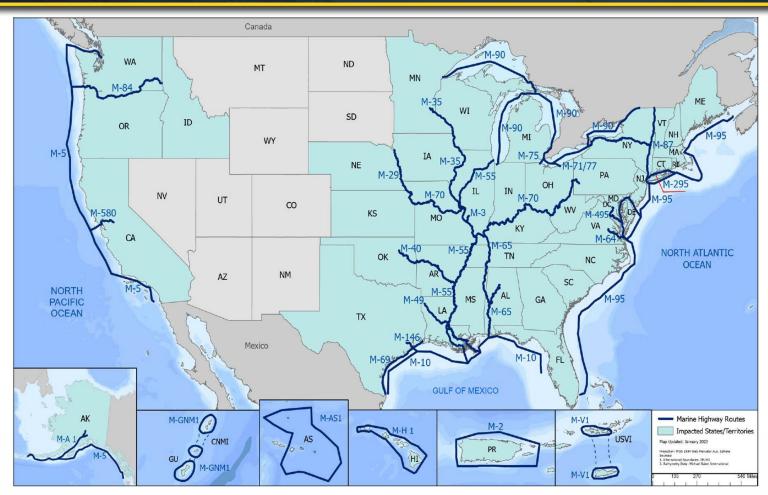
- A port authority, a commission or its subdivision or agent under existing authority;
- A State or political subdivision of a State or local government;
- An Indian Tribe;
- A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States;
- A special purpose district with a transportation function;
- A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities; or
- A lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities (including the owners or operators of a facility, or collection of facilities, at a port).













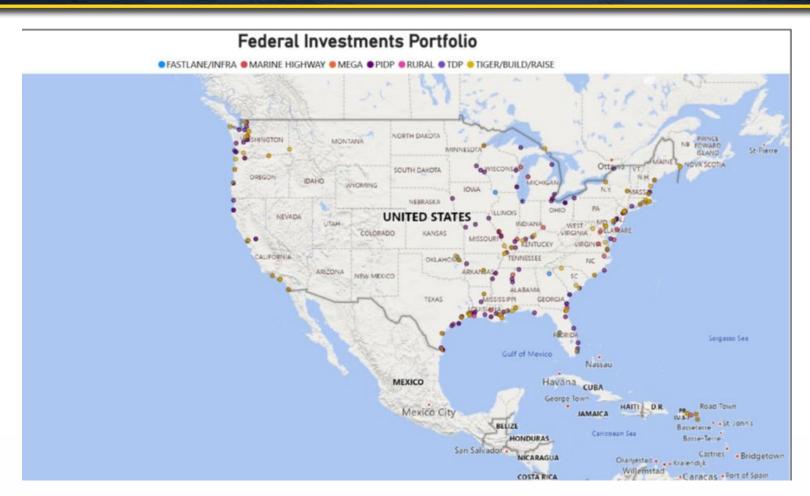


### **United States Marine Highway Program**



- What can Marine Highway Grant funds be used for?
  - Port and landside infrastructure
  - Cargo handling equipment
  - New or used vessel purchase, lease, or modification
  - Planning, preparation and design efforts in support of marine highway projects (cannot be used for market related studies)
  - Private, Public and Tribal Entities are eligible to apply
- Final NOFO posted May 20, 2024,
  - \$4.85M for FY 2024
- Federal share 80%
- Webinar on How to Apply will be held.
- FY 2024 Applications closed **July 12, 2024**





#### **PIDP and Other Grants:**



#### **2022 PIDP**

PIDP America's Central Port District Granite City, Illinois Harbor Extension Project \$4.5M (\$4.1 M grant) extends the length of the harbor's wharf by nearly 30% and creates a half-acre of additional working space to support cargo dock operations.

Kaskaskia Regional Port District (Illinois) Phase 2 Rail Yard and Rail Corridor Improvements \$10 M (\$8 M grant) to install rail tracks create a rail yard near port terminal (6,000 ft of storage tracks) and upgrades to 5.3 miles of track to support bulk cargo.

#### 2023 Small Shipyard

Small Shipyard, Mike's Inc. South Roxana, IL, \$653,422 grant to support the purchase of a 30-ton rough terrain crane, telehandler, rack welder, and tig stick arc reach.

#### **2023 PIDP**

Shawneetown, Illinois, Regional Port Revitalization Project \$10.1M Grant. Design and construction of a roughly 1.25-mile New Port Access Road and the development of a Master Plan to comprehensively prepare for future port expansions and operations.

### **US Marine Highway Grants:**



#### **2023 USMH**

The Kaskaskia Regional Port District, Illinois, was awarded \$1,008,750 for the acquisition of eight shuttle cars which will handle 2.25 million tons of new coiled steel and move existing coiled steel located at the terminal to a new laydown yard.

#### **2022 USMH**

SCF Lewis and Clark Terminals (America's Central Port, Granite City, Illinois) M-55/M-35 \$3.4M project to purchase four modern, fuel efficient, and environmentally friendly Hyster forklifts, a Manitowoc Cable Crane to load/unload unitized cargo onto barges, and a barge winch system to load/unload unitized cargo onto barges.

#### **2020 USMH**

America's Central Port (Granite City, Illinois) M-55/M-35 \$1.6 M (\$1.3 M grant) purchase a used 275-ton crane, 18 cameras and a container tilter.









## Port Conveyance Program

- Designed to temporarily transfer the use and management of excess Federal property to States and local governments for the purposes of port development, port expansion, and operation of port facilities.
- MARAD receives, evaluates, and approves applications from prospective grantees to make recommendation for assignments of surplus property to be used for the development or operation of a port facility.
- Conveyance involves no monetary consideration, provided the property is used and maintained in perpetuity as a port facility.
- https://www.maritime.dot.gov/ports/port-conveyance/port-conveyance



#### **USDOT** Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)

Financing assistance for surface transportation projects <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia">https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia</a>

• Credit assistance limited to 33 percent of reasonably anticipated eligible project costs (unless the sponsor provides a compelling justification for up to 49 percent)

#### **USDOT** Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF)

Financing assistance for railroad infrastructure <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/rrif">https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/rrif</a>

■ Loan – up to 100%

#### **Recorded Webinars on USDOT Tools For Grant Applications**



#### Identifying USDOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

This webinar showcased the <u>USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard</u>, a tool that makes it easier to search for and find grant opportunities based on project type, organization type, and other considerations. <u>DOT Navigator</u>.

- Watch the 5/22/23 webinar recording.; Passcode: w0=B\$P9\$; View the 5/22/23 presentation slides.
- https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity

#### Preparing for Upcoming USDOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

This webinar highlighted resources available to help potential grant applicants navigate USDOT funding opportunities. Tools highlighted include the <u>funding opportunity calendar</u>, tools for <u>identifying Federal disadvantaged community</u> areas, and which programs provide <u>non-Federal match flexibility</u>, and spotlighted several USDOT funding opportunities that were then accepting.

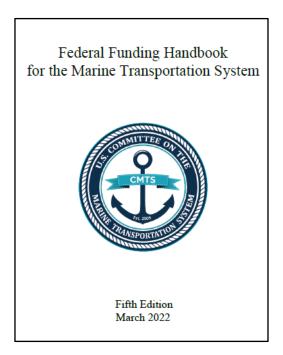
• Watch the 2/8/23 webinar recording; Passcode: cvU1L&h1; View the 2/8/23 presentation slides.



## Federal Funding Handbook – prepared by CMTS



- Compilation of marine transportation system-related Federal funding programs
- Table of Contents and Appendices organize programs by category, alphabetical order, agency, and assistance type
- Clickable links navigate users through the handbook, to program websites, and to program POCs
- Programs provide hundreds of millions of federal dollars to invest in the infrastructure that supports the U.S. Marine Transportation System
- Note: this document was prepared by the <u>Committee</u> on <u>Marine Transportation Systems</u>, a collaborative of multiple federal agencies.



<u>Link to handbook</u> 6<sup>th</sup> edition coming soon!

#### Thank You For Your Attention



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FRA Program Updates & Available Funding



## FRA Office of Railroad Development Vision & Mission

SAFETY • ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS • EQUITY • CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY • ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### FRA'S OFFICE OF RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT (RRD)

FRA'S MISSION

Enable the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future

**Vision:** World-class rail connects America's communities

**Mission:** Partner to advance effective rail investments

#### **RRD INVESTMENT GOALS & OUTCOMES**



Rail Safety & Resilience

Enhance community safety & rail network performance:

- Upgraded short-line railroad infrastructure
- Safer grade crossings & connected neighborhoods
- Cleaner, more efficient locomotives & rail yards
- Increased capacity on freight & shared rail lines



Passenger Rail Development

Develop world-class passenger rail service:

- New & enhanced corridors across the U.S.
- · A modernized Northeast Corridor
- Renewed Amtrak fleet, facilities & assets
- Improved accessibility, customer experience & reliability



**Program Innovation & Capacity** 

Modernize program infrastructure and workforce:

- User-friendly program tools & guidance
- Programmatic planning & environmental processes
- Lifecycle support for efficient project delivery
- · Technical assistance & workforce development
- · Sound financial stewardship & oversight practices



## Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) – Program Overview

#### **PURPOSE**

To fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

#### **NOFO**

#### FY22: Selections announced June 5, 2023

 63 projects selected, totaling \$571 million across 32 states

#### FY23/24

- NOFO released July 10, 2024
- Estimated available funding: \$1.14 billion
- Application deadline: September 23, 2024 |
   11:59 pm ET

#### **ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA**

- ✓ Grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or combination thereof
- Track relocation
- ✓ Improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other;
- ✓ Measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project
- Other means to improve the safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highwayrail grade crossings (including technological solutions)
- ✓ The planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type



July 25, 2024, RCE NOFO Webinar

# Consolidated Railroad Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) – Program Overview

#### **PURPOSE**

To fund projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and/or reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail systems.

#### **NOFO**

#### FY22: Selections announced September 25, 2023

- \$1.425 billion available
- 70 rail improvement projects funded in 35 states

#### FY23-24

- NOFO closed in May 2024
- Funding announcement expected late Fall 2024
- Available funding: Approx. \$2.5 billion



April 9, 2024, CRISI NOFO Webinar

#### **ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA**

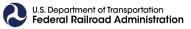
- ✓ Wide range of rail capital projects
  - Congestion mitigation
  - Ridership growth facilitation
  - Enhancements to multimodal connections
  - Improvements to short-line or regional railroad infrastructure
- ✓ Railroad safety technology
- ✓ Track, station, and equipment improvements for intercity passenger rail
- ✓ Grade crossing improvements
- ✓ Rail line relocation and improvement
- Regional and corridor service planning and corresponding environmental analyses
- ✓ Safety programs and institutes
- ✓ Research
- ✓ Workforce development and training
- ✓ New in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:
  - Measures that prevent trespassing
  - Preparation of emergency plans for hazardous materials that are transported by rail
  - Rehab or procurement of locomotives, provided that such activities result in a significant reduction of emissions



## CY 2024 FRA Discretionary Grant Calendar



NOFO CYCLE STAGES ARE ESTIMATED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, AND NOT EXACT DURATIONS OR DATES. CHANGES MAY OCCUR, AND FRA WILL UPDATE ACCORDINGLY.



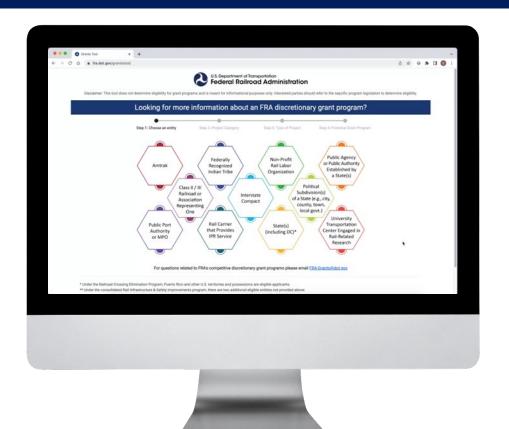
#### **Interactive Grants Tool**

Helps grantees learn about FRA Discretionary Grant Programs and Eligibilities, by project sponsor and project type.

**Note:** The tool does not determine eligibility for grant programs and is meant for informational purposes only. Interested parties should refer to the specific program legislation to determine eligibility.



fra.dot.gov/GrantsTool





## **Additional Resources**

#### **FRA Grant Program Webinars**

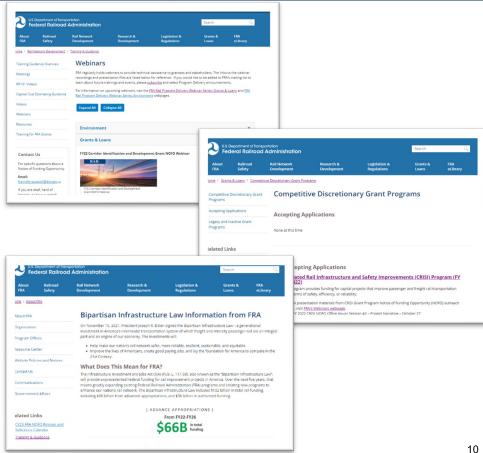
 <u>railroads.dot.gov/rail-network-</u> <u>development/training-guidance/webinars-0</u>

#### **FRA Discretionary Grant Programs**

fra.dot.gov/grants

## FRA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Information

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