

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT RAIL

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), signed on November 15, 2021, is a reauthorization of the federal surface transportation act.



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The rail provisions of the IIJA emphasize safety, modernization, and resiliency.

- The new **Railroad Crossing Elimination Program** is a significant investment to improving the safety of highway-rail grade crossings.
- The new **Corridor Identification and Development Program** seeks to establish a project pipeline to create and sustain passenger rail corridors throughout the country. It is an example of how the IIJA partners with states to modernize and expand passenger rail service.
- The existing **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure Safety Improvement (CRISI) Program** grants have been expanded to improve the safety and resiliency of the rail system with new eligible measures to prevent trespassing, develop hazardous materials emergency plans, and reduce emissions of locomotives.
- The revamped **Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program** is poised to significantly improve and expand passenger rail service. The funds can be awarded to privately operated intercity passenger rail service providers, if an eligible applicant (a state, Interstate Compact, public agency, and others) is involved.

What does the IIJA mean for Florida's rail system?

The IIJA sets a foundation for an integrated national freight and passenger rail network. It accomplishes its goals primarily through competitive grants and grants to Amtrak, and the funds can be used by public and private entities to improve all elements of rail infrastructure. These programs are a significant expansion of funding compared to prior legislation.

IIJA FUNDING FOR NEW OR ENHANCED FEDERAL PROGRAMS POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE FOR RAIL PROJECTS

RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM

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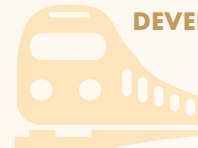
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CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

\$16B

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CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CRISI)

\$5B

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FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL PROGRAM

\$16B

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What other programs could potentially be used for funding rail projects?

- The existing **Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing** has been enhanced with additional loan component refunds to make it easier for railroads to rehabilitate, improve, or acquire new rail equipment or facilities.
- The **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT)** program is a new program providing apportioned (formula) funding as well as competitive grant funding to support planning, resilience improvements, community resilience, evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. These funds potentially could be used for resilience enhancements on rail corridors.
- The **National Infrastructure Project Assistance (NIPA)** program, also known as MEGA, is a new competitive grant that supports megaprojects: multimodal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance. Eligibility includes intermodal freight, rail, and port projects.
- The **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)** program increases the maximum share of funds that may go to multimodal projects from 10 percent to 30 percent, which can make the freight rail system more connected to the rest of the network and increase the resiliency of supply chains.

THE IIJA PROVIDES A

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INCREASE IN COMPETITIVE RAIL GRANTS FOR WHICH FLORIDA IS ELIGIBLE.

What's Next ?

U.S. Department of Transportation

PUBLISH NEW PROGRAM FRAMEWORKS AND UPDATE EXISTING PROGRAM GUIDANCE

ISSUE NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FDOT

PARTNER WITH RAIL PROVIDERS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

POSITION PROJECTS FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS

SUBMIT PROJECTS

APPLY FOR GRANTS

Where Can I Learn More?

- » [FDOT IIJA Information](#) (see the Spreadsheet under the Formula and Competitive Programs link).
- » [Federal Railroad Administration IIJA Information](#)
- » [FDOT Freight and Rail Office](#)

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