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Trespassing & Suicide Prevention Summit 2022



30 YEARS OF PARTNERING



TO SAVE LIVES

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Metrolink: Trespassing and Suicide Prevention Summit 30 Years of Partnering to Save Lives

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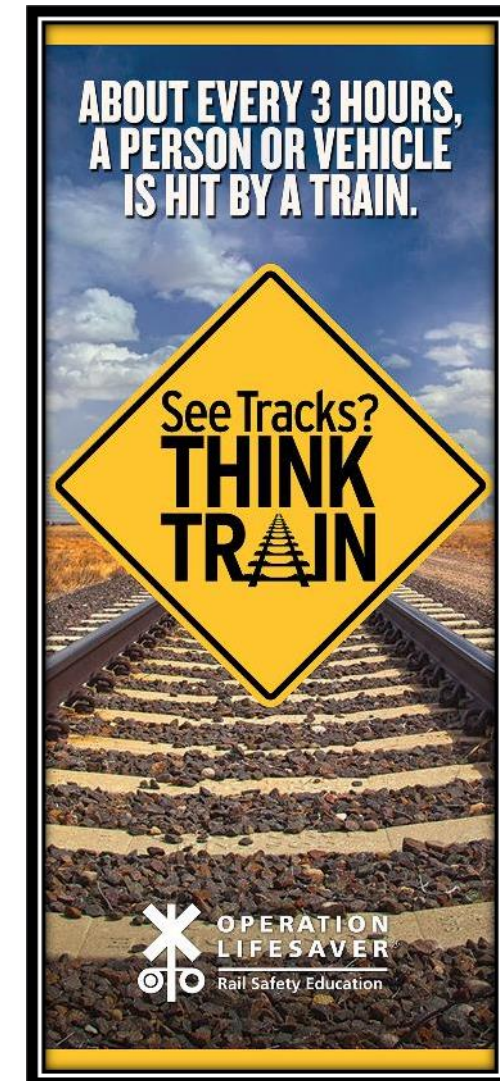
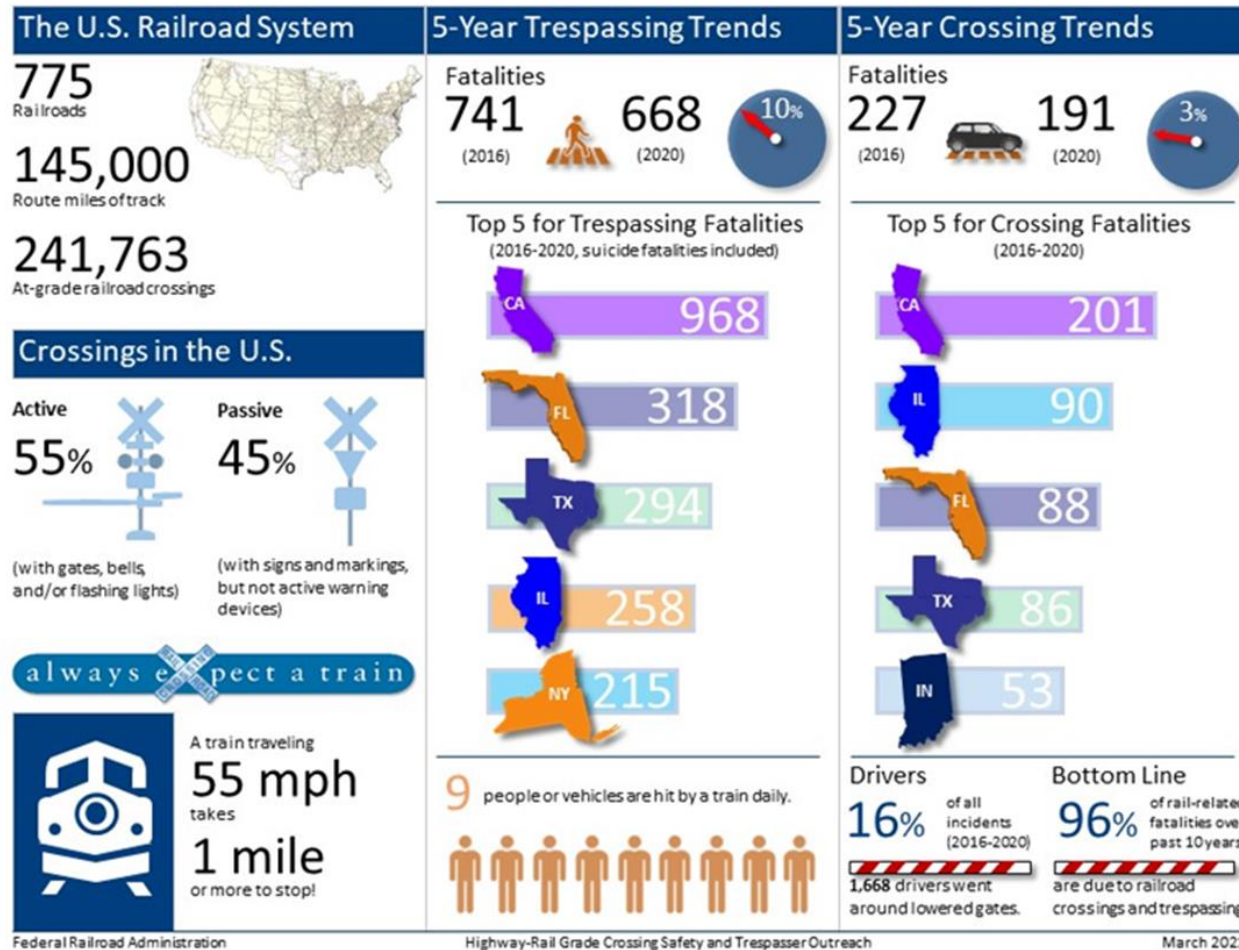
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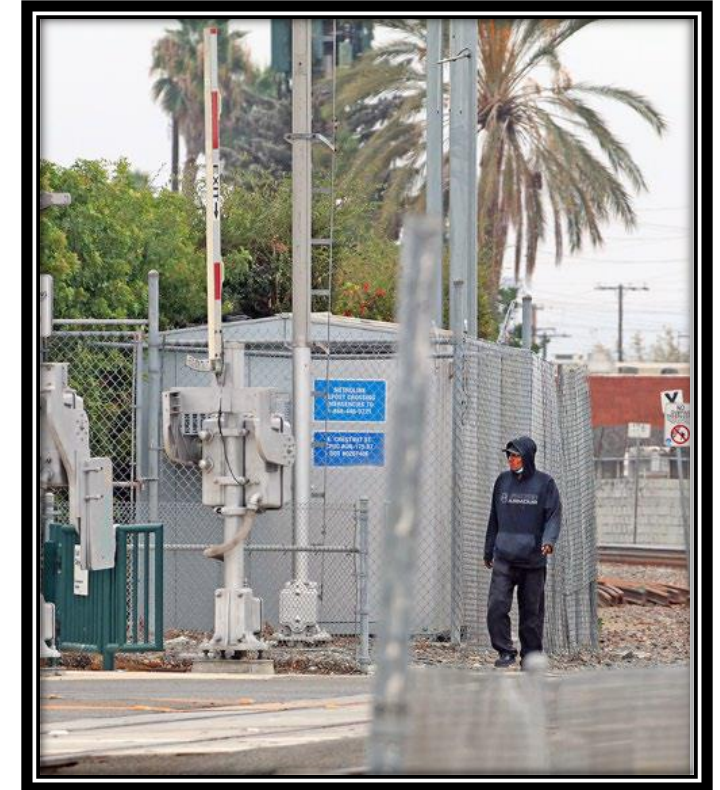
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National Trends



GX & Trespassing Casualties – State of California

State of California Casualties						
Highway-Rail Grade Crossing						
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Fatalities	38	33	49	39	34	193
Injuries	60	67	62	55	38	282
	98	100	111	94	72	475
Trespassing						
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Fatalities	113	106	129	131	141	620
Injuries	89	87	93	115	101	485
	202	193	222	246	242	1105
Suicides						
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Fatalities	45	60	51	20	19	195
Injuries	8	4	3	3	0	18
Total	53	64	54	23	19	213
Data Source FRA Safetydata Website 5-9-22						



GX & Trespassing Casualties – Los Angeles County

- 15% of all Trespassing Fatalities occurred in LA County
- 27% of all Trespassing injuries occurred in LA County

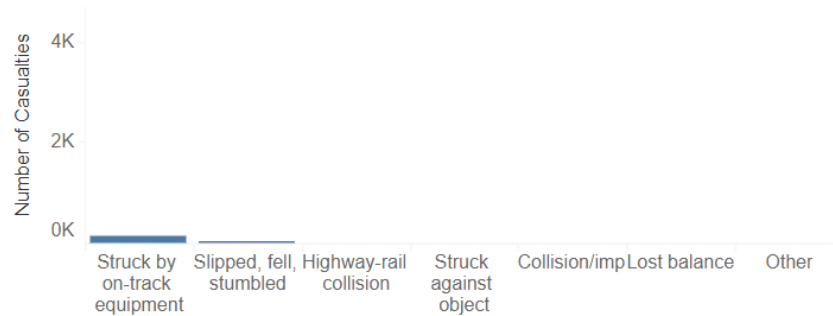
LA County						
Highway-Rail Grade Crossing						
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Incidents	20	32	25	23	16	116
Fatalities	2	2	4	4	1	13
Injuries	10	5	8	10	5	38
	12	7	12	14	6	51
Trespassing						
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Fatalities	22	12	20	17	22	93
Injuries	19	16	19	11	10	75
	41	28	39	28	32	168
Data Source FRA Safetydata Website 9-12-22						

Trespassing Actions – LA County

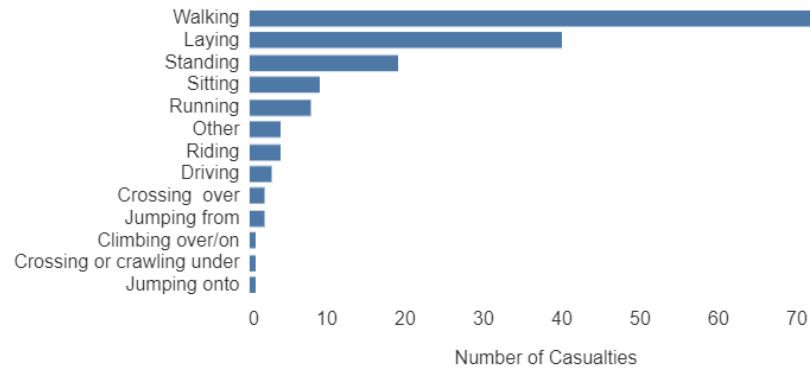


Trespass Details
Years Selected: 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2 more
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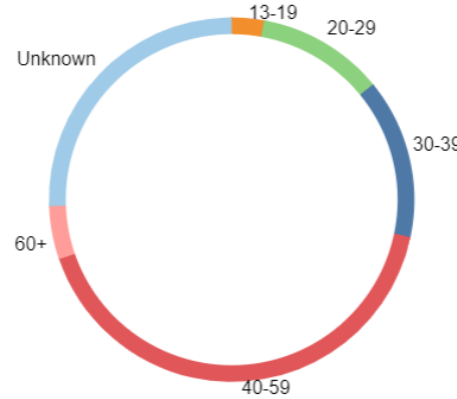
Event Causing Casualty



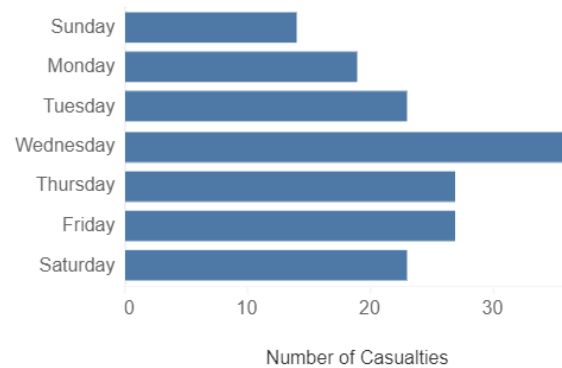
Physical Act Before Collision



Trespassers by Age

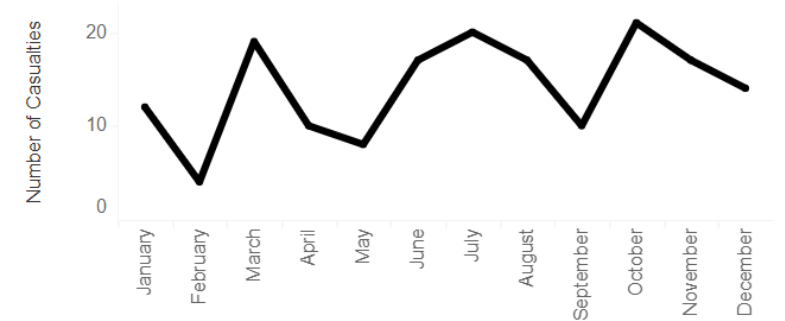


Trespassing by Day of the Week

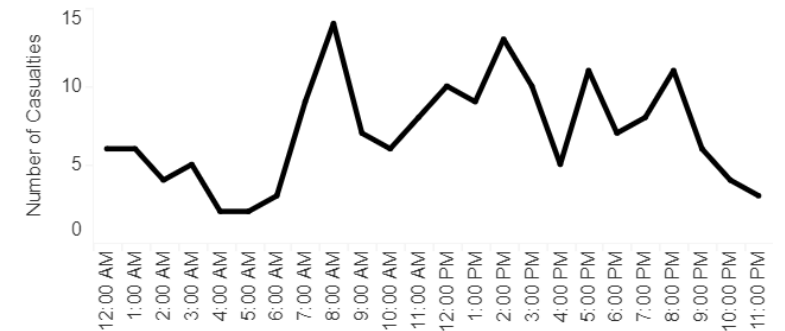


Casualty: (All) Year: (Mu... Month: (All) State: Calif... County: LOS ... Railroad: (All)

Trespassing by Month



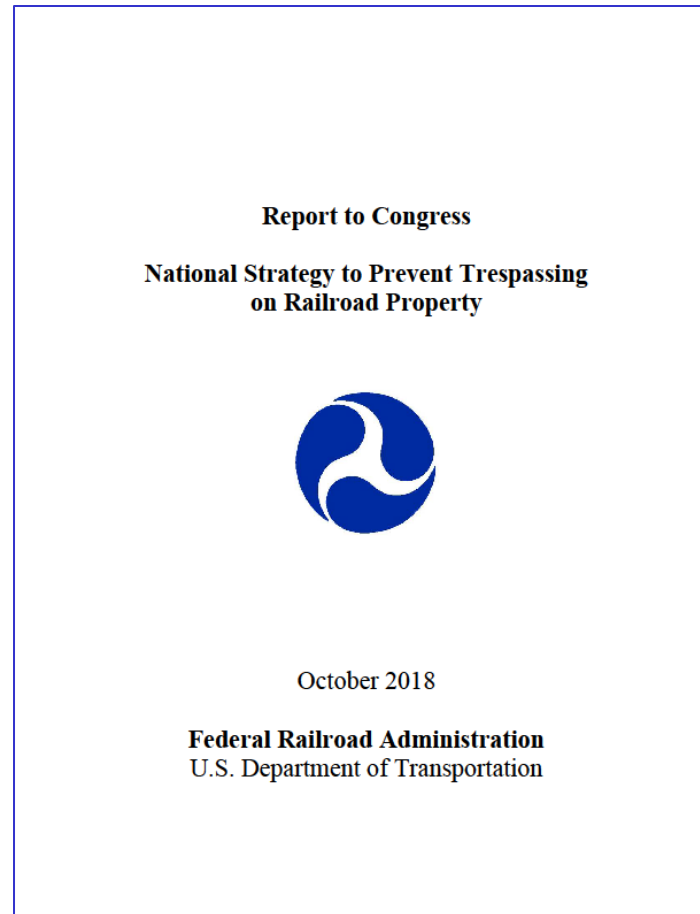
Trespassing by Time of Day



National Strategy to Prevent Trespassing on Railroad Property

In its report on the Fiscal Year 2018 budget, the House Committee on Appropriations requested the FRA to:

- Identify and study the causal factors that lead to trespassing incidents on railroad property
- Develop a National Strategy

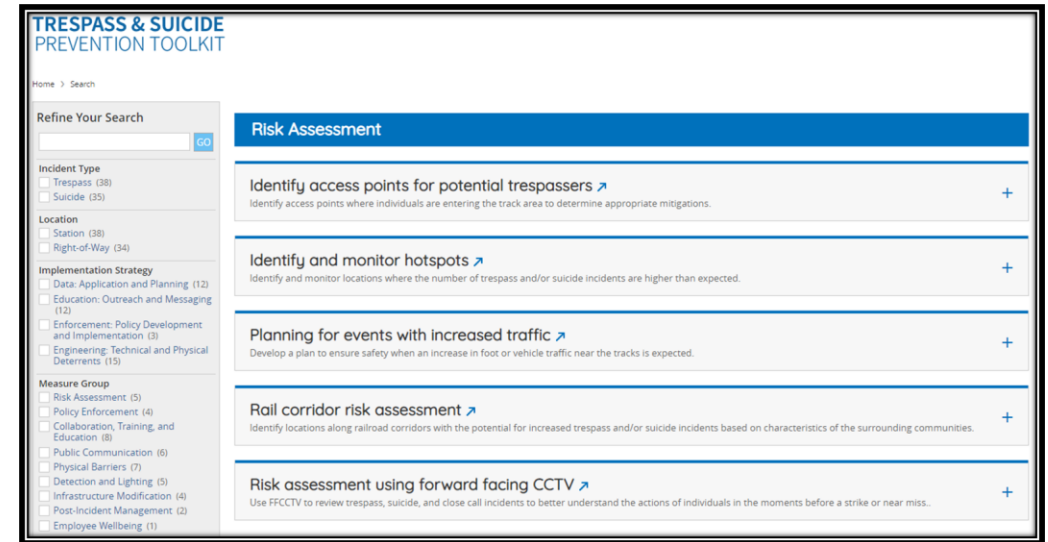


FRA Developed a National Strategy, focusing on four strategic focus areas:

1. Data Gathering and Analysis
2. Community Site Visits
3. Funding
4. Partnerships with Stakeholders

Partnerships/Tools/Funding

- Global Railway Alliance for Suicide Prevention (GRASP)
- Suicide Prevention for US Rail (SPUR)
- Trespass and Suicide Prevention Toolkit
- Railroad Suicide Prevention Grants
- Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grants



Railroad Trespassing & Suicide Prevention Grants

Railroad Suicide Prevention Grants

In 2019 and 2022 FRA awarded \$500,000 for Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program, which funds eight projects in four States. The purpose of this program is to fund targeted outreach campaigns to reduce the number of railroad-related suicides that involve railroad trespassing.

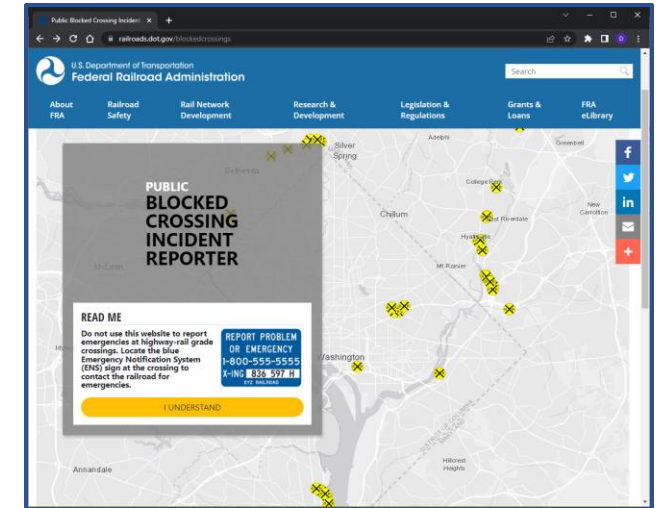
Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grants

- The 2021 *Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grant Program* funds law enforcement trespass prevention activities. FRA funded 22 projects in 13 states totaling \$1,956,376.
- In 2020, FRA awarded 11 grants in 8 states totaling \$528,028. These grants accounted for 3 lives saved, over 4,000 trespasser encounters, over 1200 arrests, and more than 3,500 warnings.
- Metrolink and other departments in CA were awarded grants in 2021 and 2022.



Blocked Crossing (BX) Portal

- **Web-based tool - launched December 19, 2019**
- **Tracks submissions from first responders and public**
- **Various metrics collected**
- **As of August 31, 2022:**
 - 55,689 submissions
 - 44,803 unique reports
 - California is ranked 13th for blocked crossing submissions
- **BX Crossings of interest in California: Industry, Redlands and San Bernardino.**
- **BX Portal Report to Congress**



<https://railroads.dot.gov/blockedcrossings>



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Rail Funding Overview

[ADVANCED APPROPRIATIONS]

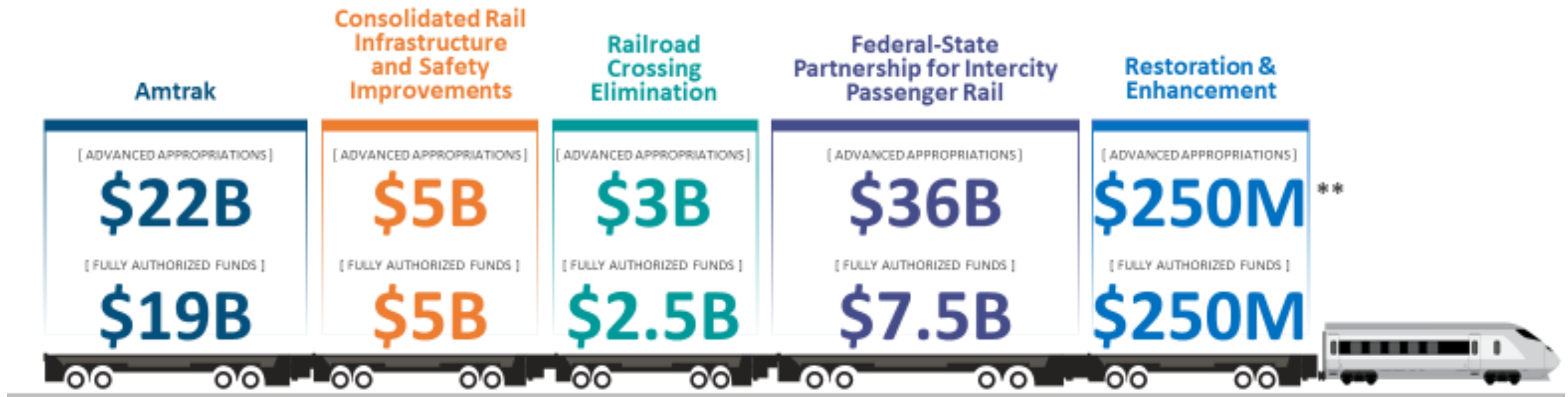
From FY22-FY26

\$66B in total
funding

[FULLY AUTHORIZED FUNDS]

From FY22-FY26

\$36B* in total
funding



FRA Grant Program Opportunities Under BIL

Programs	Purpose	Appropriated	Additional Authorized Over Five Years	Total
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)	To fund projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.	\$5 billion (\$1 billion annually)	\$5 billion (\$1 billion annually)	\$10 billion
Railroad Crossing Elimination (New)	To promote highway rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.	\$3 billion (\$600 million annually)	\$2.5 billion (\$500 million annually)	\$5.5 billion
Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (Significantly Changed)	To fund capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service if an eligible applicant is involved.	\$36 billion (\$7.2 billion annually)	\$7.5 billion (\$1.5 billion annually)	\$43.5 billion
Restoration & Enhancement	To provide operating assistance to initiate, restore, or enhance intercity passenger rail service.	\$250 million (\$50 million annually from Amtrak National Network fund)	\$250 million (\$50 million annually)	\$500 million
Interstate Rail Compacts (New)	This program will provide funding for interstate rail compacts' administrative costs and to conduct railroad systems planning, promotion of intercity passenger rail operations, and the preparation of grant applications.	\$15 million (\$3 million annually)	\$15 million (\$3 million annually)	\$30 million



DOT Priorities

KEY DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES

FRA will assess a project's ability to meet one or more of these objectives:



Safety



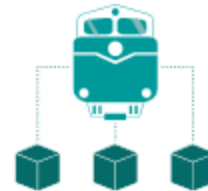
Equitable Economic Strength,
Improving Core Assets



Resilience, Addressing
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Racial Equity,
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