

PRIORITIES FOR A CONNECTED AMERICA:

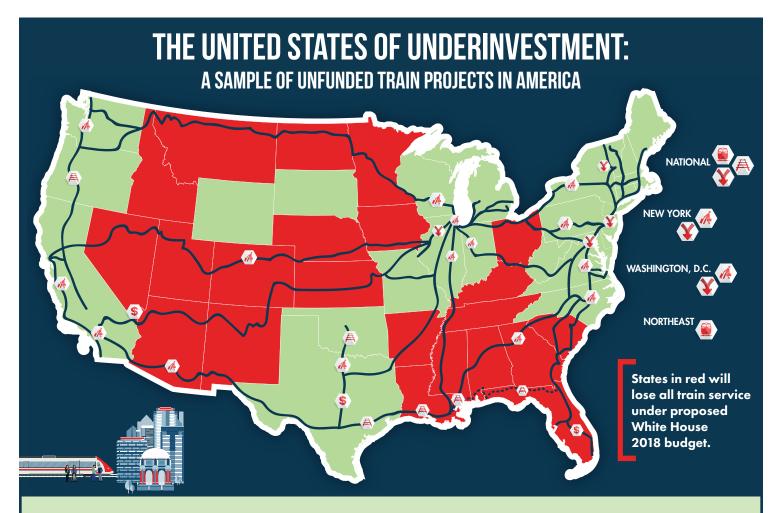
- Fully fund and implement the passenger rail programs created by the FAST Act.
- Pass a multimodal infrastructure bill that addresses the deficit in transportation investment.
- Make modern passenger rail service available within 25 miles of 80% of Americans in 25 years.

FEDERAL PASSENGER RAIL FUNDING (IN MILLIONS)

Program	Fast Act FY2017 Authorized Levels	Senate THUD FY2017 Proposed Levels	House THUD FY2017 Proposed Levels	Continuing Resolution FY2017 Enacted Levels	FAST Act FY2018 Authorized Levels	FAST Act FY2019 Authorized Levels	FAST Act FY2020 Authorized Levels
Amtrak – National Network	\$1,026.0	\$1,075.0	\$1,000.0	\$1,155.0	\$1,085.0	\$1,143.0	\$1,200.0
Amtrak – NEC	\$474.0	\$345.0	\$420.0	\$235.0	\$515.0	\$557.0	\$600.0
Consolidated Rail Infra. & Safety Grants	\$190.0	\$50.0	\$25.0	N/A	\$230.0	\$255.0	\$330.0
Federal State Partnership For State of Good Repair	\$140.0	\$20.0	\$25.0	N/A	\$175.0	\$300.0	\$300.0
Restoration & Enhancement Grants	\$20.5	\$15.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$21.0	\$21.5	\$22.0
Total	\$1,850.5	\$1,505.0	\$1,470.0	\$1,390.0	\$2,026.0	\$2,276.5	\$2,452.0



About the National Association of Railroad Passengers 1 The National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) is the only national organization speaking for the nearly 40 million users of passenger trains and rail transit. We have worked since 1967 to expand the quality of passenger rail in the U.S. Our mission is to work towards a modern, customer-focused national passenger train network that provides a travel choice Americans want. Our work is supported by more than 28,000 individual members nationwide. Learn more at www.narprail.org.



FULFILLING THE FAST ACT'S RAIL AUTHORIZATION WILL ALLOW FOR CRITICAL INVESTMENTS TO:



Acquire state-of-the-art locomotives and cars:

- The existing fleet is too small.
- New equipment will add capacity and frequency.
- Advanced trains will boost revenues and cut maintenance costs.
- New orders will support:
 - 90,000 manufacturing jobs at
 - 750+ companies in 39 states.



Support private sector investment:

- Congress can support private sector investment by streamlining financing, as well as introducing categorical exemptions in the regulatory process, better agency coordination for environmental reviews, and advanced acquisition authority.
- Projects this will benefit include:
 - All Aboard Florida's Brightline.
 - Texas Central Partners high-speed rail.
 - XpressWest's high-speed rail corridor.



Meet growing passenger demand nationally:

- The national rail infrastructure demands expansion.
- 70 million more potential users are expected by 2050.
- Millions face loss of personal mobility as airlines cut flights to hundreds of smaller cities.
- Long distance routes are the only Amtrak service in 23 states and 225 communities.
- Amtrak connects 518 stations, creating 133,903 city-pairs.
- Routes connect people to hospitals, universities, and other vital services.



Eliminate critical bottlenecks:

- High-traffic routes experience delays due to lack of capacity.
- Local money cannot support interstate rail alone.
- State and local sources of funding are frequently available, but a strong federal partner is needed get projects moving.
- Examples include:
 - Baltimore and Potomac tunnel on the Northeast Corridor
 - NY-NJ Gateway Hudson River tunnels project
 - CrossRail Chicago, a high-capacity, multi-purpose rail corridor serving Amtrak, Metra, and freight trains, local commuter, airport express, and intercity rail.



Expand the National Rail Network:

- Crucial connections must be built to expand the network and restore service.
- Sample projects that need funding:
 - Gulf Coast Passenger Rail which will return service in FL, AL, MS, and LA that was lost in Hurricane Katrina; several communities between New Orleans and Jacksonville have no alternative public transportation options.
 - The Southwest Chief between KS, CO, and NM provides a critical economic link for dozens of cities and rural communities.
- California high-speed rail will link the Central Valley, Silicon Valley, and Southern California.

