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Webinar Series: A Tale of Two Rail Systems:

Exploring the Near-Term Crisis in
Operations and the Long-Term
Potential of Capital Expansion

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Agenda

2:00pm - Introduction

Sean Jeans-Gail, VP of Government Affairs + Policy – Rail Passengers

2:05pm - On the Passage of the Infrastructure Bill

Devon Barnhart, Director - OneRail

2:15pm - Q&A

2:25pm - Amtrak Operations Update

Jim Mathews, President & CEO - Rail Passengers

2:35pm - Q&A

2:40pm - Closing Remarks

Joe Aiello, National Field Coordinator - Rail Passengers



Introduction

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On the Passage of the Infrastructure Bill

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HNTB



Modal Equity

Ensure consistent treatment of rail and transit

Safety

Improve rail safety, particularly at grade crossings

Jobs

Bolster rail workforce issues and support Buy America

Funding

Support funding for rail and multimodal programs

Climate

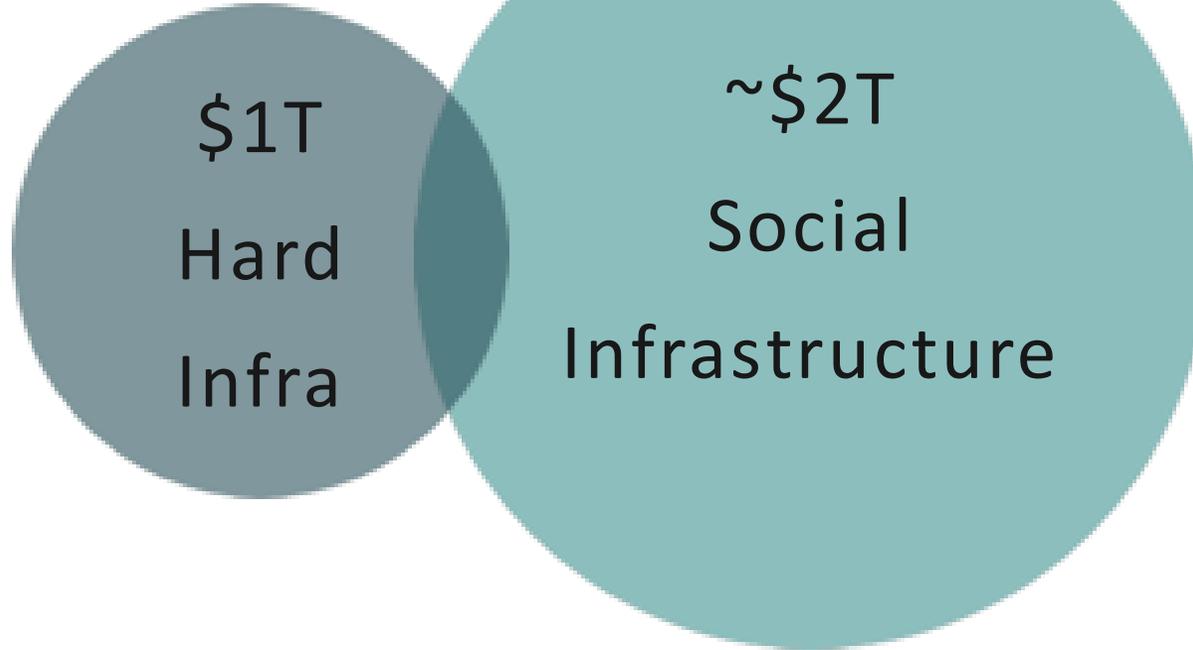
Ensure rail is part of the climate solution

Infrastructure

Reconciliation

Broadband, Water/Sewer, Ports,
Highways, Electricity, Resilience

Schools, Climate, Housing,
Immigration, Pre-K,
Transit, HSR



Bipartisan

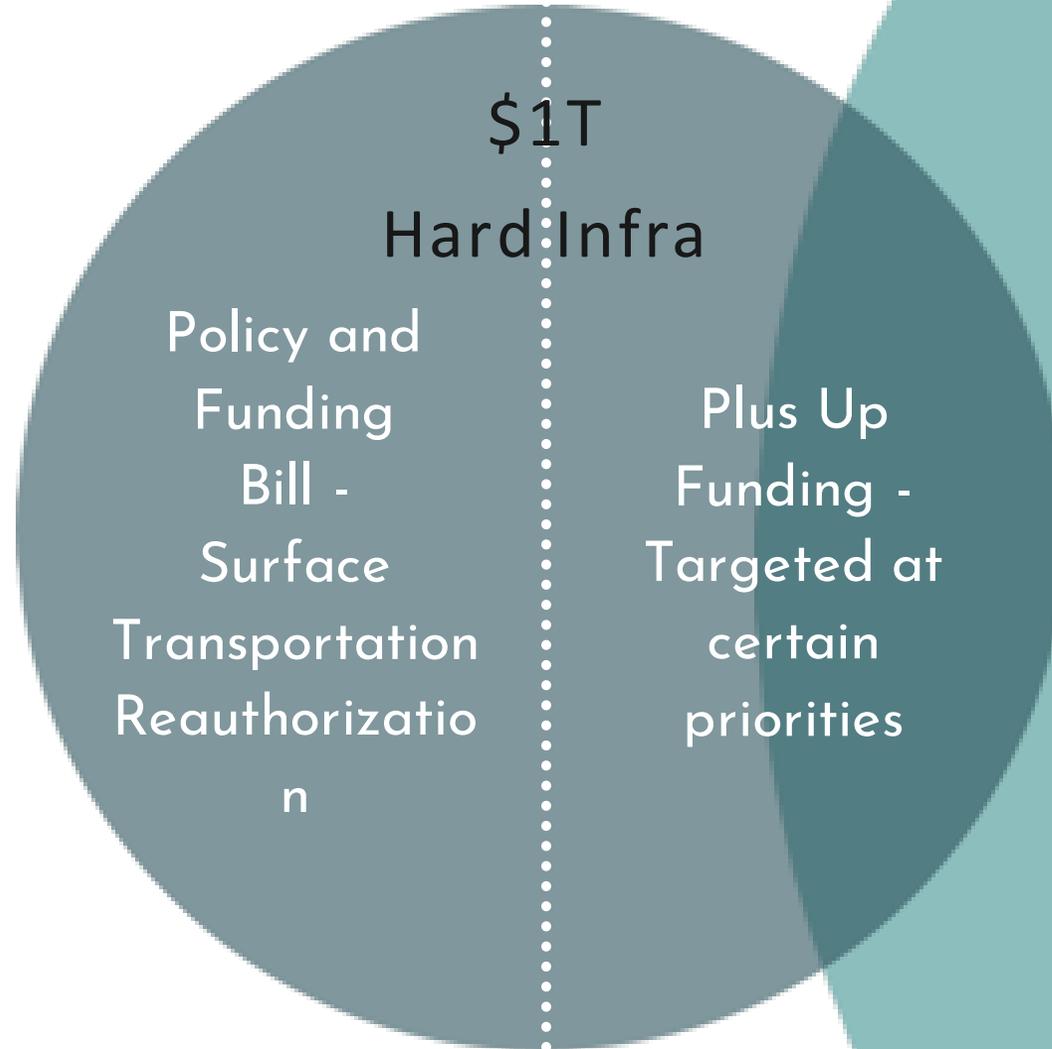
Democrats-only

Law

Needs to pass
the House and Senate

Infrastructure

Reconciliation



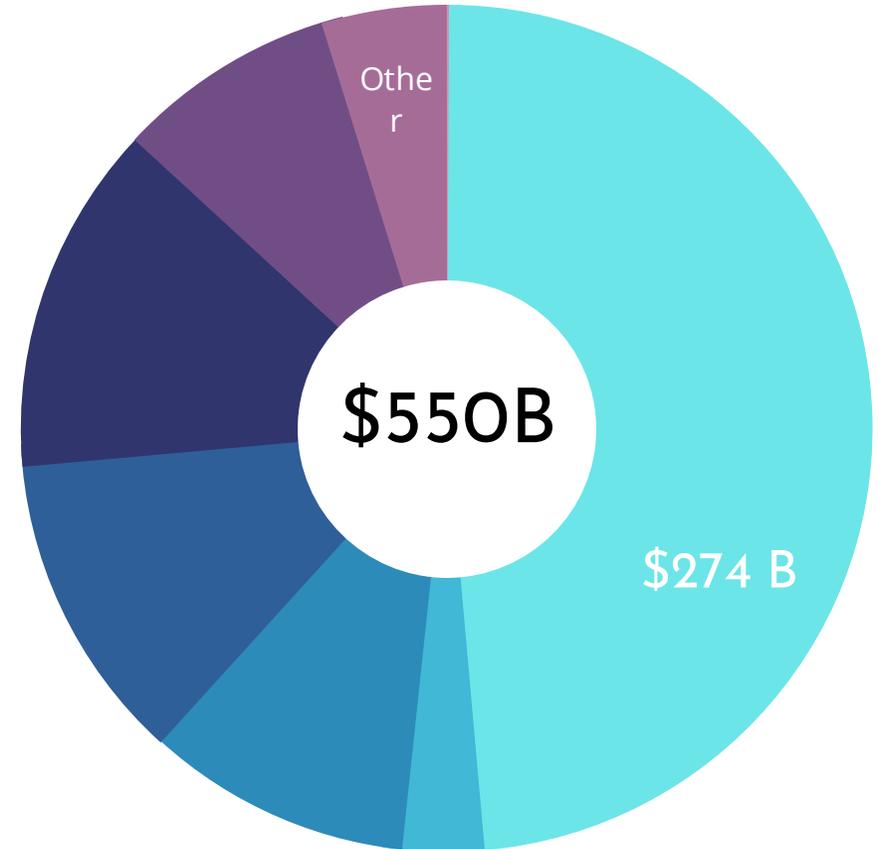


What's in the bill?

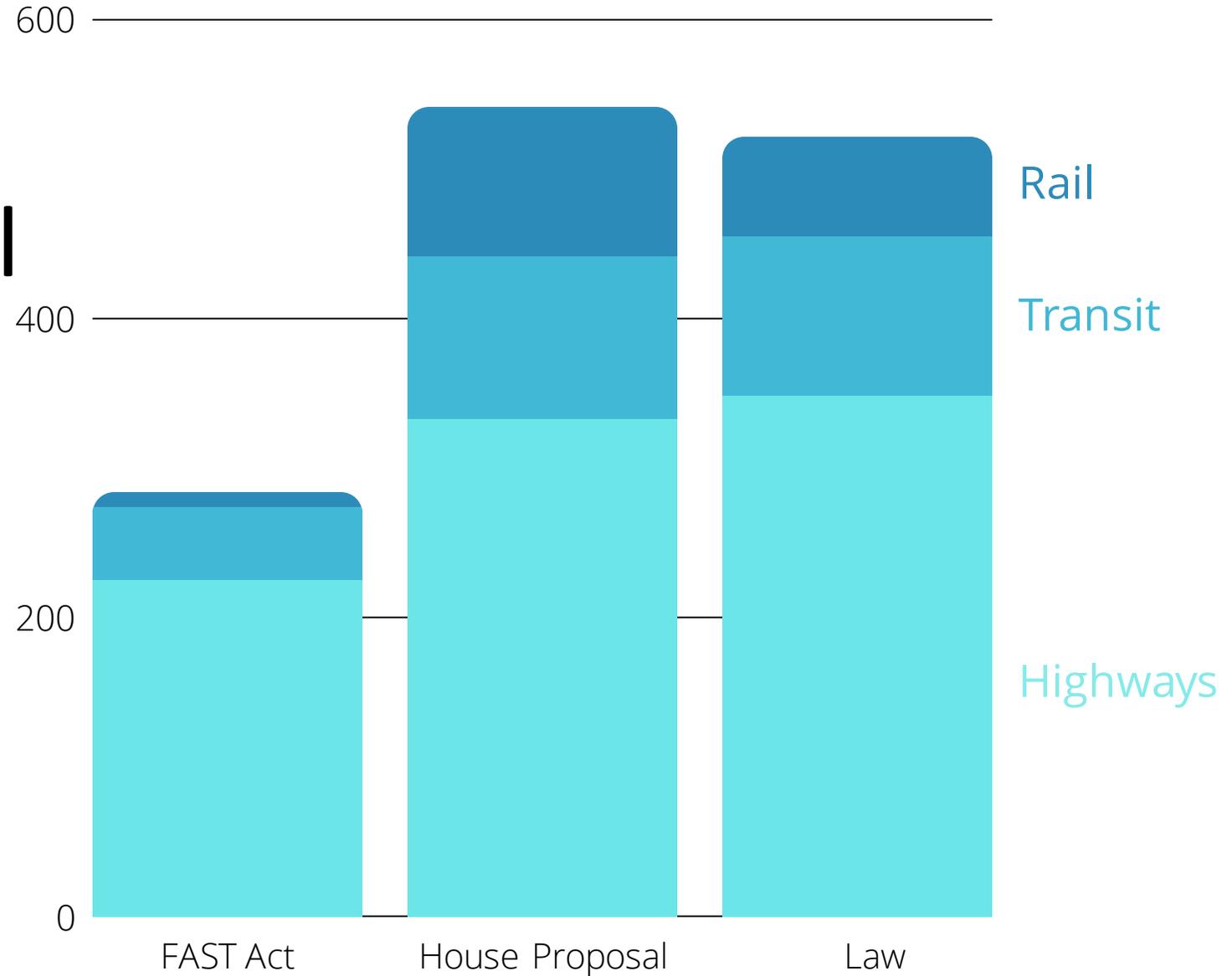
\$550B in new infrastructure spending,
including \$274B for transportation

-- AND --

\$293B 5-yr Surface Transportation
Reauthorization



How does the Infrastructure bill compare?



Projects - Competitive Grants

- \$16B over 5 years
- 5-yr reauthorization and plus up funding
- More funding may become available during annual approps

- 1 Megaprojects
.....
- 2 TIGER/BUILD/RAISE
.....
- 3 INFRA
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Rail

- \$66B over 5 years
- 5-yr reauthorization and plus up funding
- Biggest increase since the creation of Amtrak (equivalent of 18 years worth of funding)

- 1 Amtrak Nat'l Network
- 2 Amtrak NEC
- 3 Fed-State for IPR
- 4 CRISI
- 5 Grade Crossing Elim.

What does it
mean for you?





Buttigieg joins Northam to seal \$3.7 billion deal to expand passenger rail between D.C., Richmond

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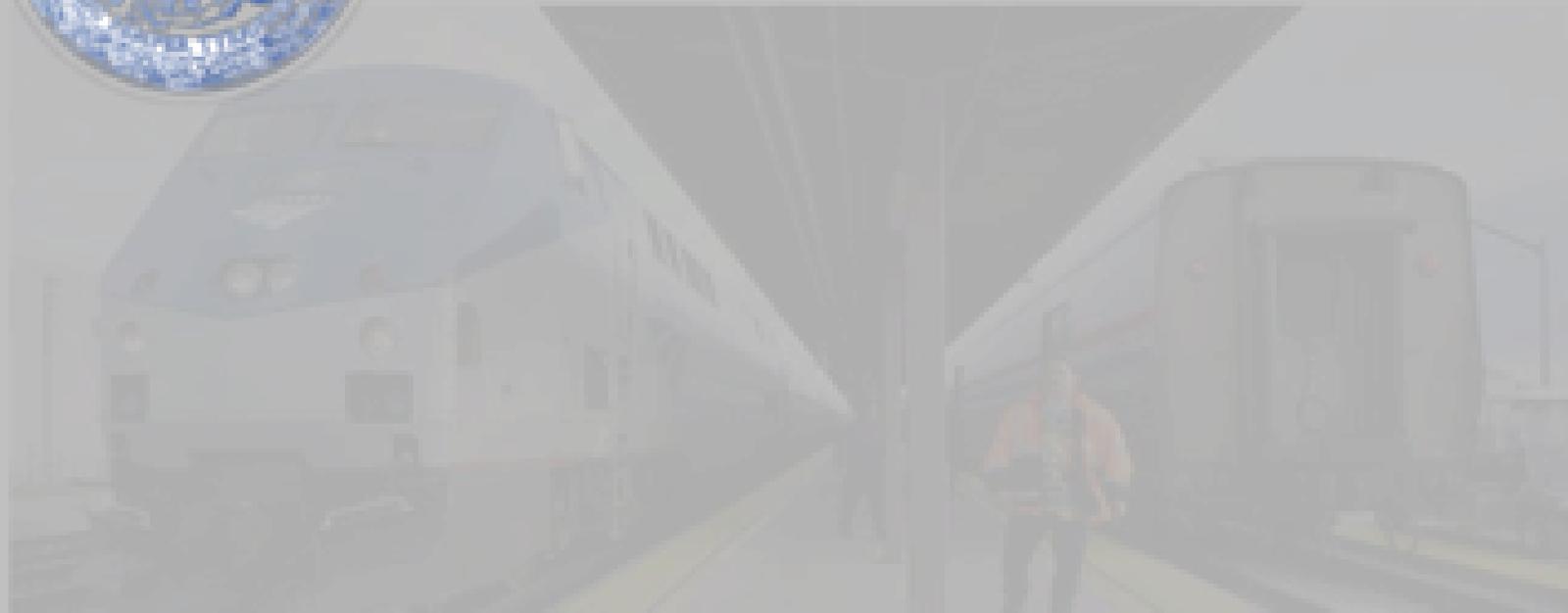
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A freight train is shown in motion, traveling along tracks that recede into the distance. The background is heavily blurred, suggesting speed and a vast, open landscape with green fields and a clear sky. The train's locomotive is white with blue accents, and several freight cars are visible behind it.

83%

of Americans believe we should shift more trips to public transit, passenger rail and freight rail to reduce GHG emissions.

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82%

of Americans support Congress providing more funding to address highway-rail crossing safety.

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7 OUT OF 10

Americans view public transit and passenger rail favorably after the pandemic.

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1 OUT OF 2

Americans believe we should be investing more
in public transit and passenger rail.

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A freight train is shown in motion, moving from left to right across the frame. The train consists of several brown, boxcar-style freight cars. The background features a bright sunset or sunrise over a field, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky is a clear blue. The overall scene is a mix of industrial and natural elements.

86%

of Americans consider freight railroads important to the U.S.
economy.

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6 OUT OF 10

Americans favor moving freight over land by rail as opposed to truck.

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Understanding Amtrak's Near-Term Operational Challenges

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Operational Challenges: a tight labor market and vaccination hesitancy

- Following last year's rounds of furloughs and layoffs enacted at the height of the pandemic, Amtrak has been struggling to fill many positions as they look to return service to pre-pandemic levels.
- On September 9th, the White House issued an executive order requiring all federal contractor employees to be vaccinated by Dec. 8 (absent a religious or medical exemption).
- Amtrak is warning that, given the uneven distribution of personnel and vaccination rates, some services may see temporary service reductions.



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The 'Great Resignation'

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— WHO RUNS THE TRAINS WHEN THEY QUIT?

October 28, 2021

Amtrak is finally acknowledging publicly something it has been grappling with internally for several months: there aren't enough staff to run the trains, and more may be leaving the railroad.

by Jim Mathews / President & CEO

- A NATIONWIDE phenomenon
- September was the sixth month in a row setting records for people quitting the workforce
- As in August, in September nearly 7% of the Accommodation and Hospitality workforce threw in the towel



The 'Great Resignation'

☆ Quits: Accommodation and Food Services (JTS73000QU)

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Observation

Sep 2021: 86.3 (x-axis)

Updated: Nov 12, 2021

Units

Level in Thousands,
Seasonally Adjusted

Frequency

Monthly

1Y | 5Y | 10Y | Max

2000-12-01

to

2021-09-01

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— Quits: Accommodation and Food Services



Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Questions *Rail Passengers* is working with Amtrak to understand

- When will Amtrak make an announcement on schedule cuts? Which routes will be affected?
- When will customers be notified, and when will Amtrak stop taking reservations?
- When will a timeline for full service restoration be announced?
- Are there any specific steps you can share with us regarding improvements to labor retention and/or new hiring?



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Thank you!

Questions?

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Closing Remarks

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Registration opening soon!

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Thank you!

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