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Legislative Briefing

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Global View of the 118th Congress

- House GOP indicates it will prioritize debt-limit offer before full budget proposal.
 - Deadline: July-August 2023
- Democrats stump for Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.
- Freight rail safety in the spotlight.
- New House rules package will give more space for amendments to be filed on the floor.



New Faces, Old Faces: Appropriations Committees

Senate



Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)
Chair



Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)
Ranking Member



Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI)
THUD - Chair



Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)
THUD - Ranking Member

House



Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX)
Chair



Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
Ranking Member



Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
THUD - Chair



Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL)
THUD - Ranking Member

FY24 Appropriations



(Millions)			
	FY23 Enacted	FY24 - BIL Authorized (+ RPA Leg. Ask)	FY24 Presidential Request
Amtrak - NEC	\$1,260	\$1,200	\$1,227
Amtrak - National Network	\$1,193	\$2,450	\$1,841
FRA Operations	\$251	\$263	\$273
Fed-State Partnership for IPR	\$100	\$1,500	\$560
CRISI Grants	\$535	\$1,000	\$510
RR Crossing Elimination Grants	\$0	\$500	\$250
Restoration & Enhancement Grants	\$0	\$50	\$50
Total	\$3,339	\$6,963	\$4,711



Building Congressional Support

Amtrak + ICPR Sign-On Letter:

- Bipartisan letter led by Reps. Moulton (D-MA) + Bacon (R-NE) to fully authorize rail programs.
- \$3.65 billion (\$1.2bn for NEC; \$2.45 billion for NN).
- Includes Fed-State, CRISI, R+E, and RR Crossing.
- **Matches RPA's legislative ask.**

High-Speed Rail Sign-On Letter:

- Democratic letter led by Rep. Moulton. and Sen. Ossoff (GA).
- \$3.5 billion for high-speed rail corridor development.
 - At least \$350 million set aside for planning grants.
- Projects capable of reaching:
 - >186 mph on new ROW
 - >160 mph on shared ROW



FY24 Appropriations

Intercity Passenger Rail

- Amtrak requesting that Congress allow it to use FY24 grant dollars from NN + NEC to cover non-federal share of Fed-State grants.

Transit

- White House proposal to allow large urbanized areas the flexibility to use formula funding for operating expenses.
- White House requests \$2.9 billion for Capital Investment Grants (CIG) + \$1.6 billion in advance appropriations from BIL
 - Hudson River Tunnel - \$700ml

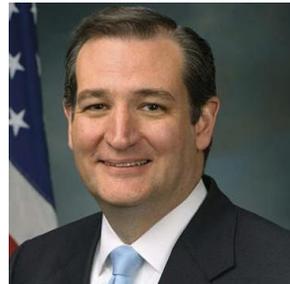


New Faces, Old Faces: Transportation Committees

Senate



Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
Commerce Chair



Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)
Ranking Member



Senator Gary Peters (D-MI)
Surface Transportation - Chair



Senator Todd Young (R-IN)
Surf. Trans. - Ranking Member

House



Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO)
Chair



Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)
Ranking Member



Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX)
Rail Subcommittee - Chair



Rep. Donald Payne (D-NY)
Rail - Ranking Member

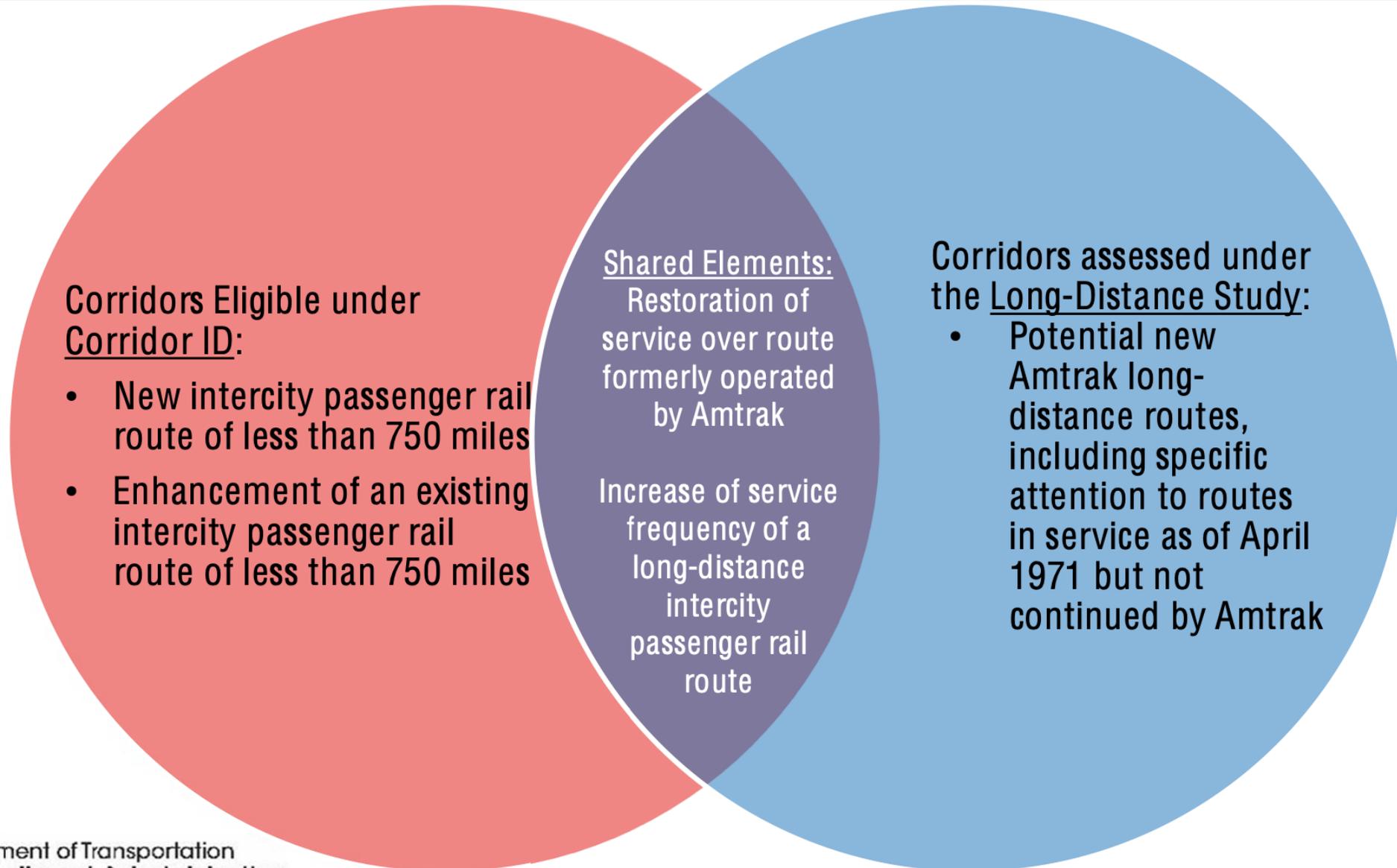
Rail Safety in the 118th



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	Rail Safety Act (S.576)	RAIL Act
Two-person crews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Rulemaking: Train length + weight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rulemaking: Speed restrictions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rulemaking: Signals + train control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rulemaking: Response plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hotbox detectors every 10 miles for hazmat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance notification to States for hazmat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increase maximum fines for violations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Long-Distance Service Study & Corridor ID Nexus





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Thank you!

Questions?

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