# Freight Rail 101

### **KEEP AMERICA MOVING**





## Private Investment Powerhouse

Freight railroads reinvest 40¢ of every dollar—about \$23 billion a year—into infrastructure, equipment, and technology



#### **High-Quality Jobs**

Rail workers earn 40% more than the national average. Over 80% of Class I employees are unionized.



#### **Powered by Safety**

Freight rail is the safest way to move goods on land, with accident and injury rates at historic lows and continuing to improve.



#### **Economic Engine**

Freight rail supports nearly 800,000 jobs and drives \$233 billion in annual economic output.



#### **Cost-Effective Shipping**

Shippers move more freight today for about the same cost as 40 years ago—rail rates are 40% lower than in 1980.



#### **Partner to Passenger**

Outside the Northeast Corridor, Class I railroads host most intercity and some commuter passenger trains.



#### **Green & Efficient**

Rail moves a ton of freight 500 miles on one gallon of fuel—handling 40% of long-haul freight with under 2% of transport emissions.

# TOGETHER, THESE RAILROADS CONNECT AMERICA.







**EMPOWERING LOCAL LEADERS** 

Find and learn how to apply for rail funding in one place — from federal programs to industry initiatives.

- Search federal and railroad-sponsored grant programs
- Access grant details, like eligibility requirements and program priorities
- Get direct contacts for GoRail and your state's railroad representatives

- **Download** our Rail Crossing Elimination application guide and other resources
- Stay up to date on deadlines, NOFOs, and key program news



