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Subject: FRA FY22 CRISI Grant Program – Tacoma Rail



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration

Dear Mr. McCabe,

Congratulations on your award of funding under the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program (Program).

On November 15, 2021, the United States Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58), codified as 49 U.S.C. 22907, authorizing the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Program. Division J of IIJA appropriates funding to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), including the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), which is responsible for overseeing the CRISI Program.

\$4,095,000 to the Tacoma Rail for the Tacoma Rail Battery-Electric Switcher Locomotive Replacement Project

The CRISI Program provides a Federal funding opportunity to modernize America's freight and passenger rail infrastructure, allowing people and goods to move more safely and efficiently and helping make goods more affordable for American families. Discretionary grant awards funded through the CRISI program will advance DOT strategic goals of infrastructure safety, efficiency, economic vitality, equity, and resiliency.

In preparation for development of your project for a grant with the FRA, please review the previously provided guidance for the CRISI Program, including project eligibility, environmental review requirements and overall grant administration procedures available on the FRA website at the links below:

- [Press Release: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$1.4 Billion in Infrastructure Funding for 70 Projects That Will Improve Rail Safety, Strengthen Supply Chains, and Add Passenger Rail Service](#)
- [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements \(CRISI\) Program](#)
- [Grant Administration Overview](#)
- [From Selection to Award – The Post-Selection Process for FRA Grants Webinar](#)
- [Environmental Review Requirements](#)
- [The National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) Process for Federal Grant Applicants Webinar](#)

Melanie Choquette is the FRA Project Manager assigned to your project and may be reached at melanie.choquette@dot.gov or **720-926-1010**. My name is **Lynne Marie Whately**, and I will be supporting the FRA Project Manager as a consultant to develop your project for a grant award from FRA and support you through project development, delivery, and grant administration. You can locate my contact information below. We will be reaching out in the next few weeks to schedule a formal kick-off meeting with you and your project team to initiate the grant development process.

Additionally, please begin documenting any updates of the current project scope, budget, and schedule compared to what was outlined in your submitted application. Please reply indicating any variations from the CRISI Program application regarding the project scope, schedule, or budget, no later than 5 business days prior to the kick-off meeting. If available, please include any supporting materials such as a project map, design or environmental review documents that may not have been included with the application.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

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