

NCTCOG PRESENTATION

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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FEDERAL UPDATE

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Five-year (FY 22-26) Surface Transportation Reauthorization Approved in November 2021
- \$1.2 Trillion Total, \$567.5 Billion dedicated among all modes of transportation infrastructure
- Majority of funds provided through USDOT formula programs
- Extensive funds through competitive grant programs



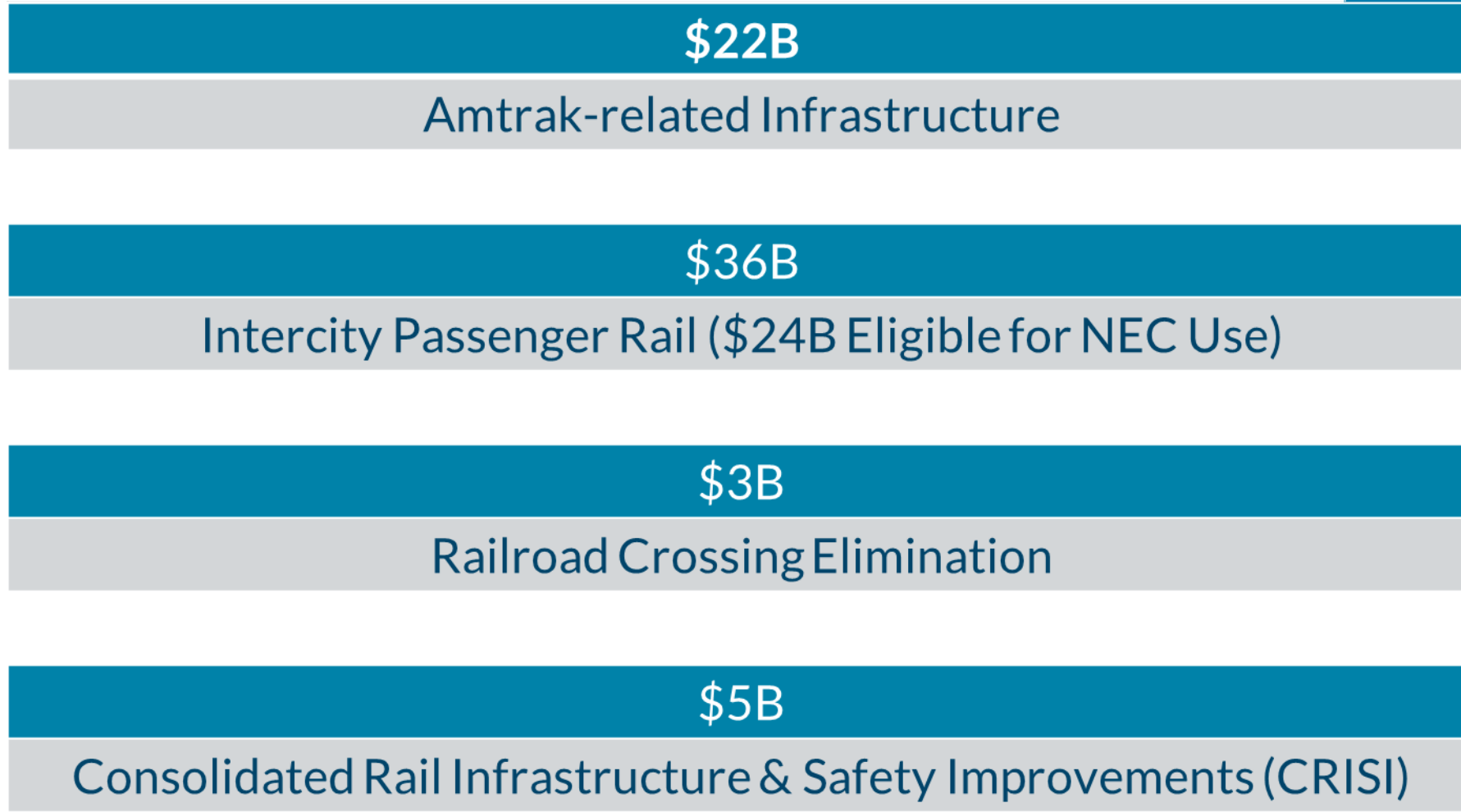
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IIJA Transportation Funding over 5 years	Amount
Baseline Funding (FAST Act)	\$293.5B
New IIJA Funds	\$274.0B
IIJA Total	\$567.5B

IIJA FRA/Rail Funding Per Year							
Year	2021 (FAST Act)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total IIJA
Amount	\$3B	\$13B	\$13B	\$13B	\$13B	\$13B	\$66B



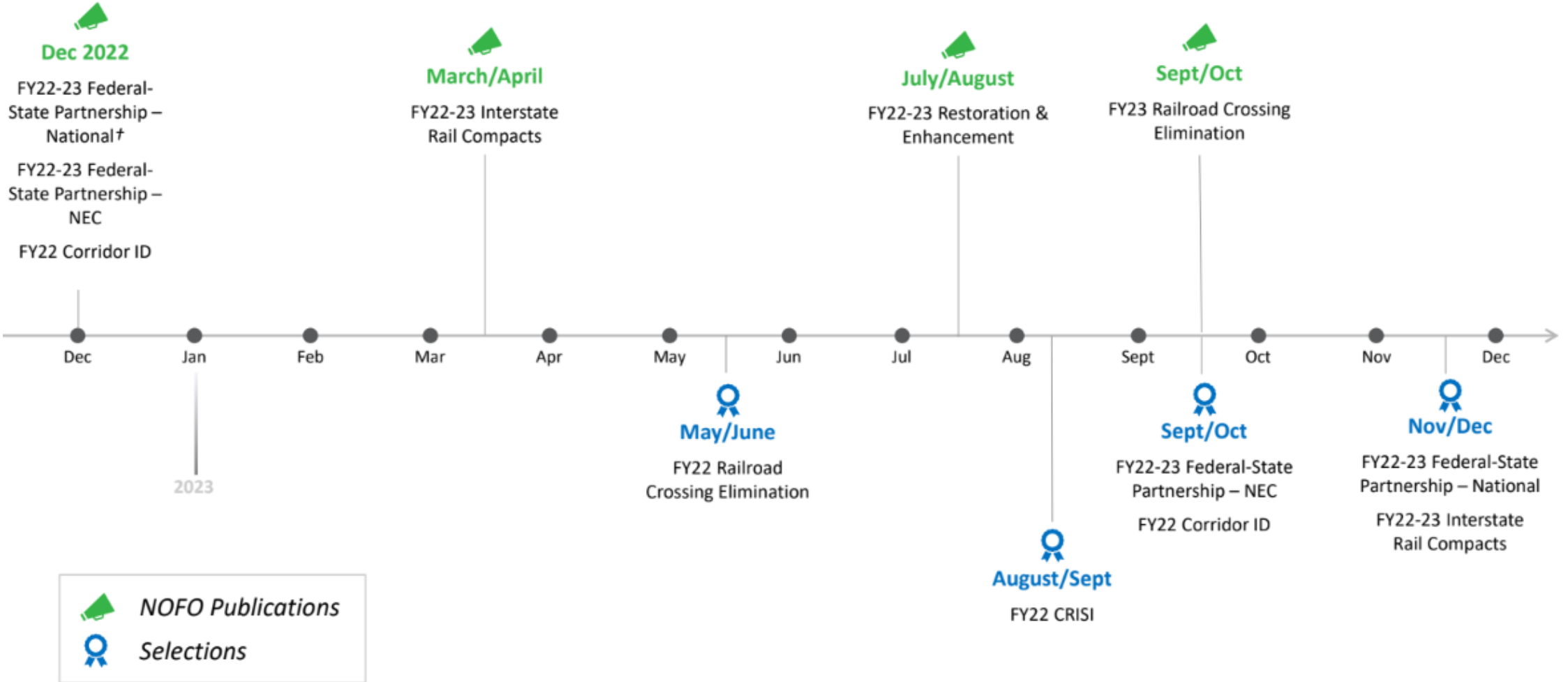
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Within the \$66B for FRA, \$22 billion is provided as grants to Amtrak and \$36 billion for partnership grants for intercity passenger rail service. Additional funds are allocated to RRCE and CRISI.



Calendar of Upcoming FRA Publications / CY2022-CY2023



Source: FRA

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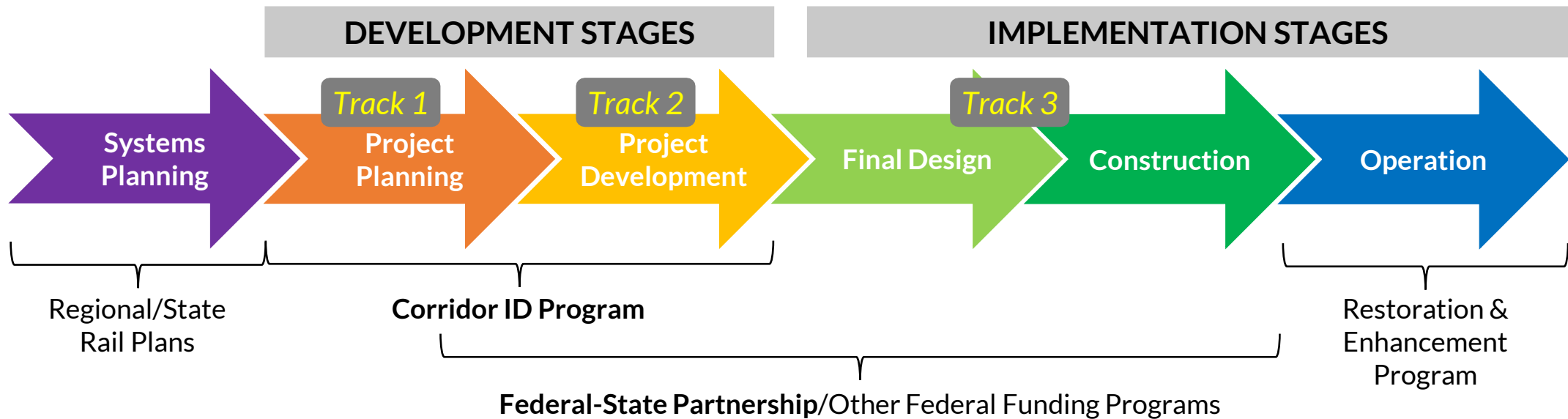
Federal Railroad Administration Grant Programs

Corridor Identification and Development (ID) Program creates foundational framework for identifying and developing new or improved intercity passenger rail services, setting up a **PIPELINE** of projects.

- **Step 1: Corridor Development Initiation**
- **Step 2: Service Development Planning**
- **Step 3: Project Planning/Development**

Federal-State Partnership (FSP) Intercity Passenger Rail Program advances project development and **FUNDS** capital rail projects for new, expanded, or improved intercity passenger rail service, with preference for capital projects progressed from Corridor ID Program.

- **Track 1: Project Planning**
- **Track 2: Project Development**
- **Track 3: Final Design/Construction**



FRA's Corridor ID Program

Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor (Amtrak)

Heartland Flyer

Kansas DOT Application

Support from Oklahoma DOT, TxDOT, Regional Transportation Council, and others

Dallas-Fort Worth to Atlanta

Multiple applications including Southern Rail Commission and East Texas Council of Governments

Support from several states including TxDOT and NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council

***FRA's Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail applications due April 21, 2023; Amtrak to submit DFW to Meridian, Mississippi*



Amtrak Connects Us Map (April 2, 2021)



FRA's Corridor ID Program

Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor



High-Speed Rail

(Fort Worth to Dallas + Dallas to Houston)

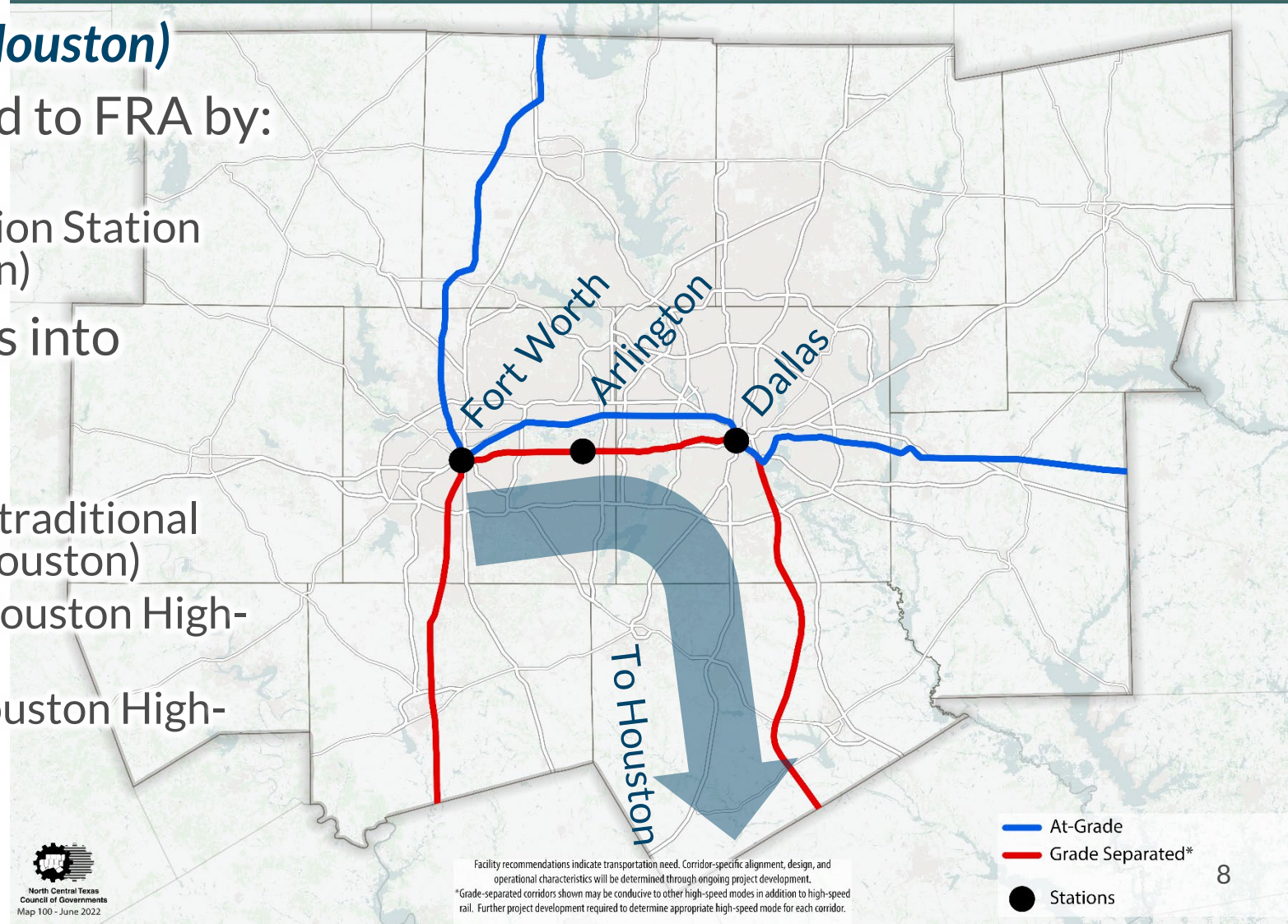
Expressions of Interest submitted to FRA by:

- NCTCOG (Dallas to Fort Worth)
- TxDOT (Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station in Dallas to Houston Amtrak Station)

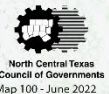
Desire to combine both segments into one corridor

Applications:

- TxDOT submitted Texas Triangle for traditional Amtrak service (including Dallas to Houston)
- NCTCOG submitted Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor
- Texas Central submitted Dallas to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor



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North Central Texas Council of Governments
Map 100 - June 2022

Facility recommendations indicate transportation need. Corridor-specific alignment, design, and operational characteristics will be determined through ongoing project development.
*Grade-separated corridors shown may be conducive to other high-speed modes in addition to high-speed rail. Further project development required to determine appropriate high-speed mode for each corridor.

- At-Grade
- Grade Separated*
- Stations

November 14, 2022

Bill Filing for the 88th
Texas Legislature
Began

January 10, 2023

88th Session of the
Texas Legislature
Convened

March 10, 2023

Bill Filing Deadline
(Excluding Local Bills)

May 29, 2023

Final Day of the 88th
Regular Session

June 18, 2023

Last Day Governor
Can Sign or Veto Bills

TEXAS LEGISLATURE - DATES OF INTEREST



HIGH-SPEED RAIL BILLS FILED

HB 366

Relating to the filing of a bond by a private high-speed rail operator with the Texas Department of Transportation.

HB 2357

Relating to provision to the Texas Department of Transportation of information regarding certain high-speed rail projects.

HB 2931

Relating to limitations on the applicability of certain statutes to high-speed rail.

HB 3870

Relating to the disposition of real property acquired for high-speed rail projects.

HB 4551

Relating to a required water quality permit for construction of a high-speed rail project.



HIGH-SPEED RAIL BILLS FILED

House Bill 1/Senate Bill 1

- Budget Rider Includes a Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail
- Language is carried over from previous years; not new to the budget.
- TxDOT state funds may not be used for subsidizing or assisting in the planning, facility construction or maintenance, security for, or operation of high-speed rail operated by a private entity.



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