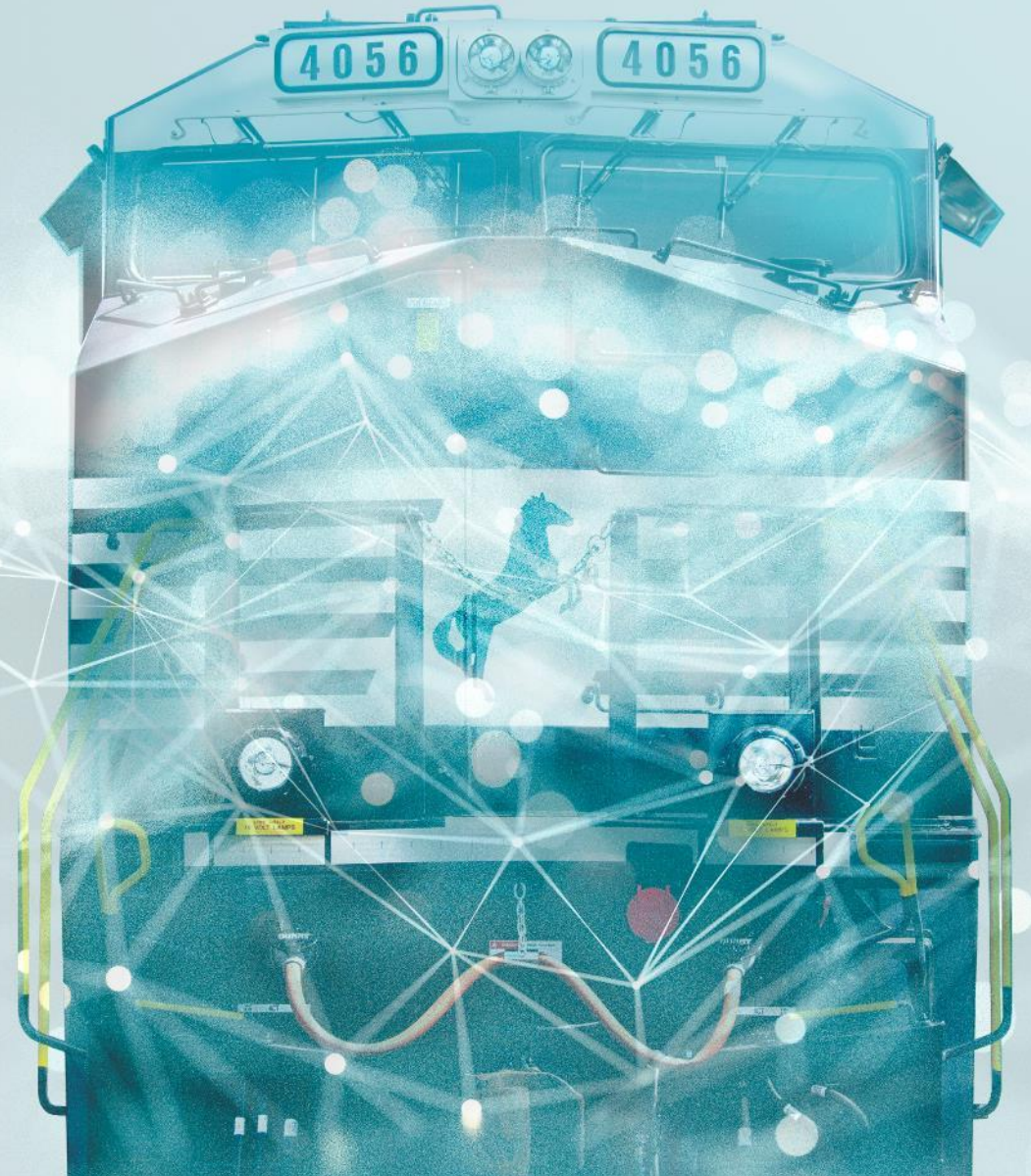




# NCSL Presentation Railroad Crossing Safety Session

July 31, 2022

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Regional Vice President





# Railroads and Cities



# Growing Pains





# Freight Rail Footprint

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# Incidents at Crossings v. Number of Crossings

RANK	STATE	COLLISIONS	DEATHS	INJURIES
1.	Texas	247	17	58
2.	California	169	35	37
3.	Georgia	132	8	37
4.	Illinois	125	21	32
5.	Indiana	120	14	45
6.	Florida	95	22	46
7.	Alabama	85	9	30
8.	Louisiana	79	5	39
9.	Ohio	63	4	14
10.	Michigan	63	5	20

## Top States Ranked by Number of Public Rail Crossings

(Source: Federal Railroad Administration)

1. Texas – 9264
2. Illinois – 7810
3. Indiana – 5900
4. Ohio – 5658
5. California – 5482
12. Georgia – 5112
16. Pennsylvania – 3671
32. Colorado – 1766
36. Idaho -- 1190

**Total US – 128,416**

# Improving mobility through crossing consolidation



# The Indiana Example

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*LOCAL*  
**TRAY** Rail Overpass  
Program

# Local Trax Results

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- 12 Project Awards
- Over \$130 million in state, local and private sector investment
- Elimination of 32 public crossings
- Improve safety
- Improve mobility





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# President Biden, USDOT Announce More Than \$573 Million in Available Funding from the New Railroad Crossing Elimination Program

Thursday, June 30, 2022

*Following this week's tragic fatal crashes, President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a total of \$3 billion over five years for a new program that will improve safety in communities, reduce wait times at railroad crossings, and help freight move goods more efficiently and affordably*

# Federal Program

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- Authorizes a new General Fund program for the Elimination of grade crossings.
- Creates multiple eligibilities for Grade Separations, track reconfiguration, surface road redesign, etc.
- Authorizes \$5.5 billion in total spending – Pre-Appropriates \$3.0 billion in funding.
- Congress could use the additional authorization and include another \$2.5 billion over the next 5 years.
- That could total \$5.5 billion in spending on issues surrounding public at-grade crossings.
- Applications are due by October 4, 2022 at 5 p.m.

# Recommended Websites

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## **RAIL-RELATED FEDERAL GRANT INFORMATION**

<https://railroads.dot.gov/BIL>

## **GRADE CROSSING DATA**

<https://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OfficeofSafety>