

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

Overview: The mission of the Federal Railroad Administration is to ensure that our Nation has safe, secure, and efficient rail transportation that enhances the quality of life for all. The FY 2008 budget request of \$1.1 billion supports FRA's commitment to continue and improve the Nation's strong railroad safety record. It also provides funding to ensure the continuation of passenger rail operations.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION BUDGET				
(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)				
	2006 Actual	2007 Cont. Res.	2007 Pres. Bud.	2008 Pres Bud.
AMTRAK/PASSENGER RAIL	1,294	1,114	900	900
SAFETY & OPERATIONS	144	142	151	148
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	55	57	35	32
ALL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1,503	1,323	1,085	1,081

SUMMARY OF FRA FY 2008 INCREASES AND DECREASES					
(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)					
	Amtrak/ Passenger Rail	Safety & Operations	Research & Development	Other Misc. Accounts	Total
FY 2007 Base	900	151	35	0	1,085
Pay Inflation Adjustments	0	2	0	0	2
Non-Pay Inflation Adjustments	0	1	0	0	1
Annualization of FY 2007 Initiatives	0	1	0	0	1
Non-recurring Costs or Savings	0	-2	0	0	-2
Base Re-engineering, Reductions or Adjustments	0	-7	-3	0	-10
FY 2008 Current Services Levels	900	146	32	0	1,079
Program Initiatives	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
FY 2008 Request	900	148	32	0	1,081

FY 2008 Budget

Grants to the National Passenger Rail Corporation/Intercity Passenger Rail: The FY 2008 request of \$900 million for intercity passenger rail includes \$800 million for Amtrak directly. This amount is part of the Administration's stated goal of creating a system based on sound economics. The requested operating budget, \$300 million, will require Amtrak's new management team to make difficult but necessary decisions to act on its mandate to reshape the company. At the same time, the Administration fully supports Amtrak's efforts to rehabilitate its important infrastructure assets along the Northeast Corridor, and the request includes \$500 million for capital costs. In addition, \$100 million would be dedicated to issuing capital matching grants to States for intercity passenger rail projects. This would be a new program to enable States and localities to direct capital investment towards their top rail priorities.

Safety & Operations: Safety remains FRA's most important performance segment. The FY 2008 request includes \$148 million to support the Department's goal of reducing railroad accidents and inci-



ents, while contributing to the avoidance of serious hazardous materials incidents in rail transportation. The FY 2008 budget reflects a decrease of 2 percent from the FY 2007 President's request level for this account. In FY 2008, \$2 million is requested to implement a Close Call Confidential Reporting Pilot Program that would allow FRA to better leverage its resources by expanding its partnership with industry to achieve safety goals.

Research & Development: In FY 2008, \$32 million is requested to support research efforts in the areas of rail systems safety, track and structures, train occupant protection, human factors in train operations, rolling stock and components, track and train interaction, train control, grade crossings, hazardous materials, and transportation and research development facilities and test equipment. The request reflects a decrease of approximately \$2.4 million from the FY 2007 President's request level for this account. Funds will be used for research supporting the FRA's Rail Safety Action Plan.

