

Appendix A

Amtrak's Funding Commitment

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June 11, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Batory
Federal Railroad Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY20 CRISI Grant Application: Michigan DOT

Dear Administrator Batory:

On behalf of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), I am writing to express our support for the Michigan Department of Transportation (Michigan DOT) grant application submitted under the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program. CRISI grants fund capital investments that improve safety, efficiency and reliability of intercity passenger and freight railroads.

Amtrak's support relates to the following project:

Trespass Prevention and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements on the Michigan Line (MI)

Amtrak's local match contribution commitment is \$1,000,000 for the project.

This project includes infrastructure improvements designed to prevent pedestrian trespassing at "hotspot" locations where strikes and near misses occur on a regularly basis along the Michigan Line right-of-way that includes Amtrak's *Wolverine* and *Blue Water* services. The installation of right-of-way fencing will deter trespassing along both sides of the right-of-way where trains operate at speeds greater than 90 mph. Also, the installation of fencing and pedestrian safety enhancements at select grade crossings in high-foot-traffic areas, including Dearborn, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Albion, and Kalamazoo will route pedestrians to safely cross the tracks. This project also contains the installation of warning devices and pedestrian gates at two trail Kalamazoo River Trail crossings just east of Kalamazoo, at McCollum and Dickman Roads, which are heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists alike.

The project includes up to 157 miles of fencing (or 80 route miles), and pedestrian safety warning devices and other safety improvements at select crossings (e.g., sidewalk, striping, signage, pedestrian crossing gates).



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It is Amtrak's expectation that, prior to the obligation of grant funds for this project, Michigan DOT and Amtrak will discuss resource requirements and Amtrak's ability to adequately support the project, and subsequently enter into an agreement setting forth our roles and responsibilities with respect to the project, with terms acceptable to Amtrak.

The advancement of this project will reduce trespassing along with the associated delays and will increase safety along the Michigan Line corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Gardner", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Stephen J. Gardner

Senior Executive Vice President,

Chief Operating and Commercial Officer

cc: Rob Lippert, Manager, Rail Infrastructure Section-Office of Rail, MDOT