



## **FRA AWARDS \$25 MILLION IN GRANTS**

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) awarded \$25 million in grants to increase safety at railroad crossings, train stations, and tracks across the country. A total of 23 projects in 14 states and the District of Columbia received funding.

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The Railroad Safety Infrastructure Improvement Grants fund safety improvements to railroad infrastructure, including the acquisition, improvement, or rehabilitation of intermodal facilities; improvements to track, bridges, rail yards, and tunnels; upgrades to railroad crossings; and the separation of railroad crossings and roads.

### **Rail Yards**

- **Finger Lakes Railway – N.Y.**
  - \$500,000 to widen the track centers of Solvay Auburn Yard tracks in the Town of Geddes, along with realigning the yard ladder track and repositioning the switches to improve safe walking conditions between the yard tracks. The removal of track 4 in the Solvay Auburn Yard will provide the space for widening the track centers and include a road through the entire yard, which will address current concerns that access for emergency vehicles is restricted by close clearances and a narrow road. Finger Lakes Railway also plans to add lighting along the north side of the yard for improved visibility.