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Webinar Series: A Tale of Two Rail Systems:

Exploring the Near-Term Crisis in
Operations and the Long-Term
Potential of Capital Expansion

NOVEMBER 17
2PM EASTERN/11AM PACIFIC



Agenda

2:00pm - Introduction

Sean Jeans-Gail, VP of Government Affairs + Policy – Rail Passengers

2:05pm - On the Passage of the Infrastructure Bill

Devon Barnhart, Director - OneRail

2:15pm - Q&A

2:25pm - Amtrak Operations Update

Jim Mathews, President & CEO - Rail Passengers

2:35pm - Q&A

2:40pm - Closing Remarks

Joe Aiello, National Field Coordinator - Rail Passengers



Introduction

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On the Passage of the Infrastructure Bill

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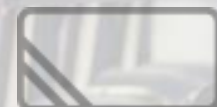
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Modal Equity

Ensure consistent treatment of rail and transit

Safety

Improve rail safety, particularly at grade crossings

Jobs

Bolster rail workforce issues and support Buy America

Funding

Support funding for rail and multimodal programs

Climate

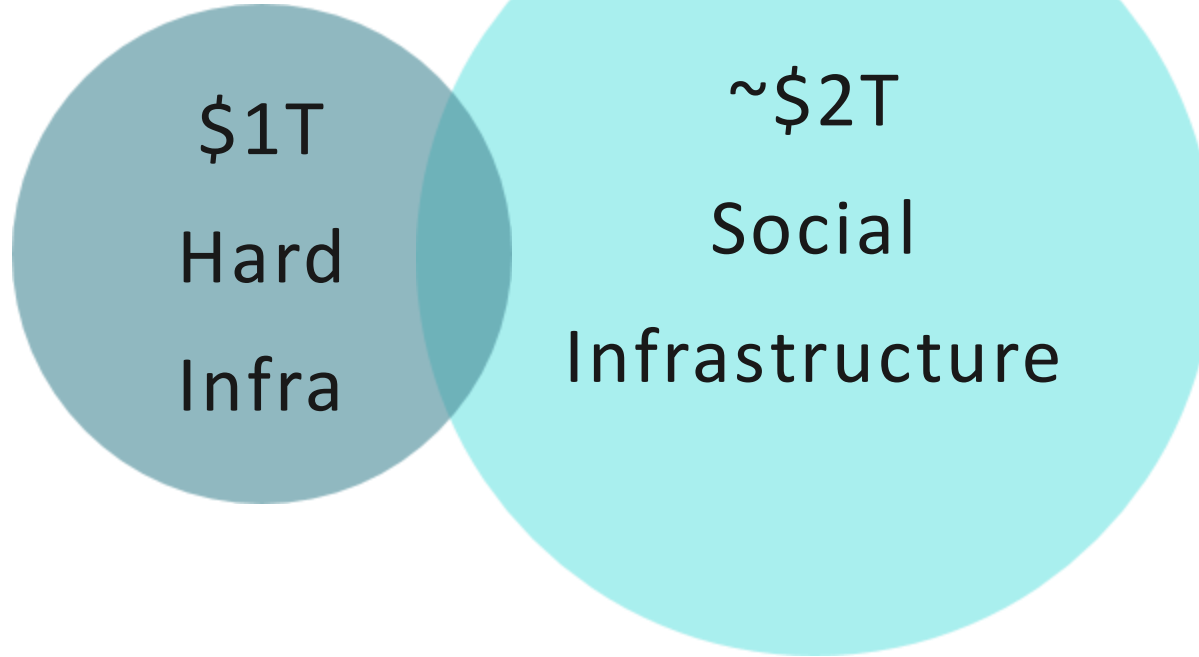
Ensure rail is part of the climate solution

Infrastructure

Reconciliation

Broadband, Water/Sewer, Ports,
Highways, Electricity, Resilience

Schools, Climate, Housing,
Immigration, Pre-K,
Transit, HSR



Bipartisan

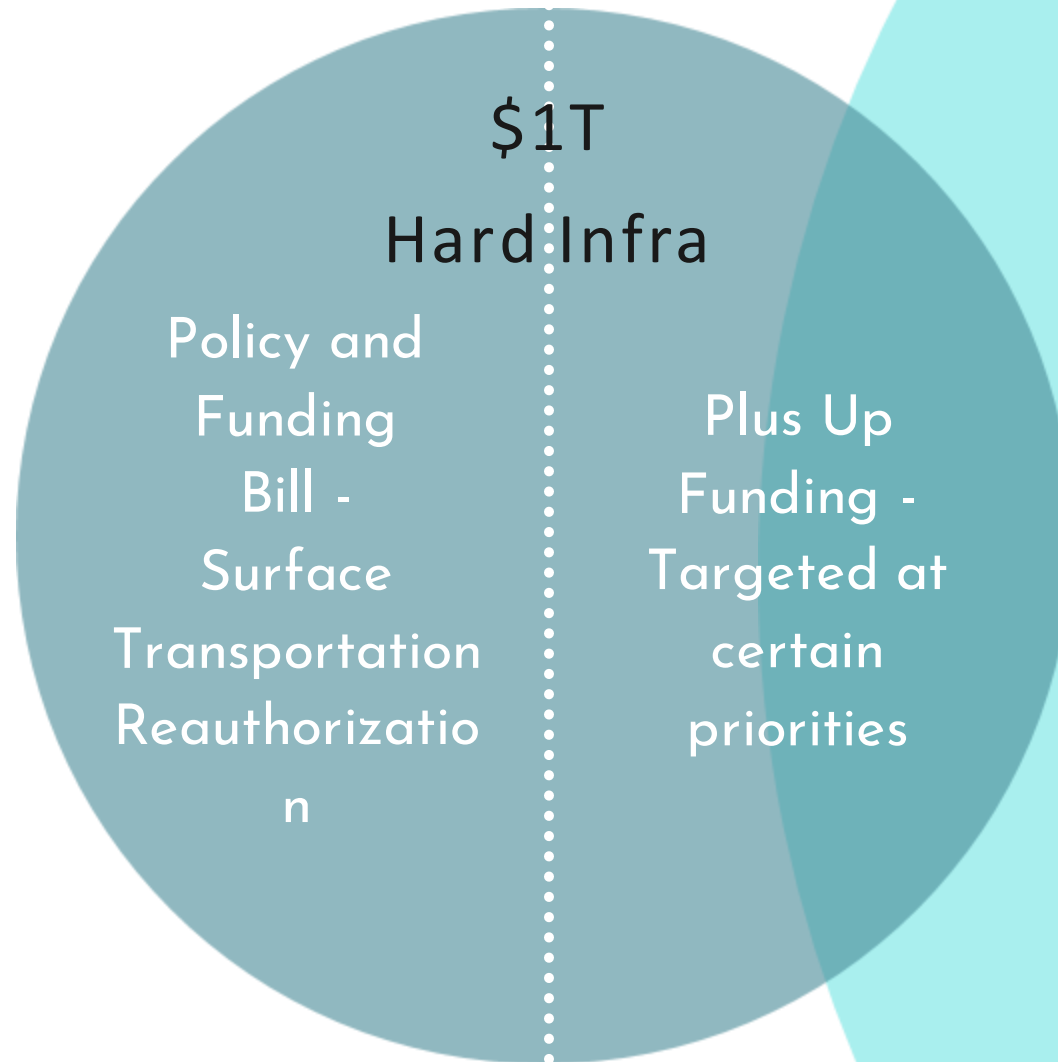
Democrats-only

Law

Needs to pass
the House and Senate

Infrastructure

Reconciliation



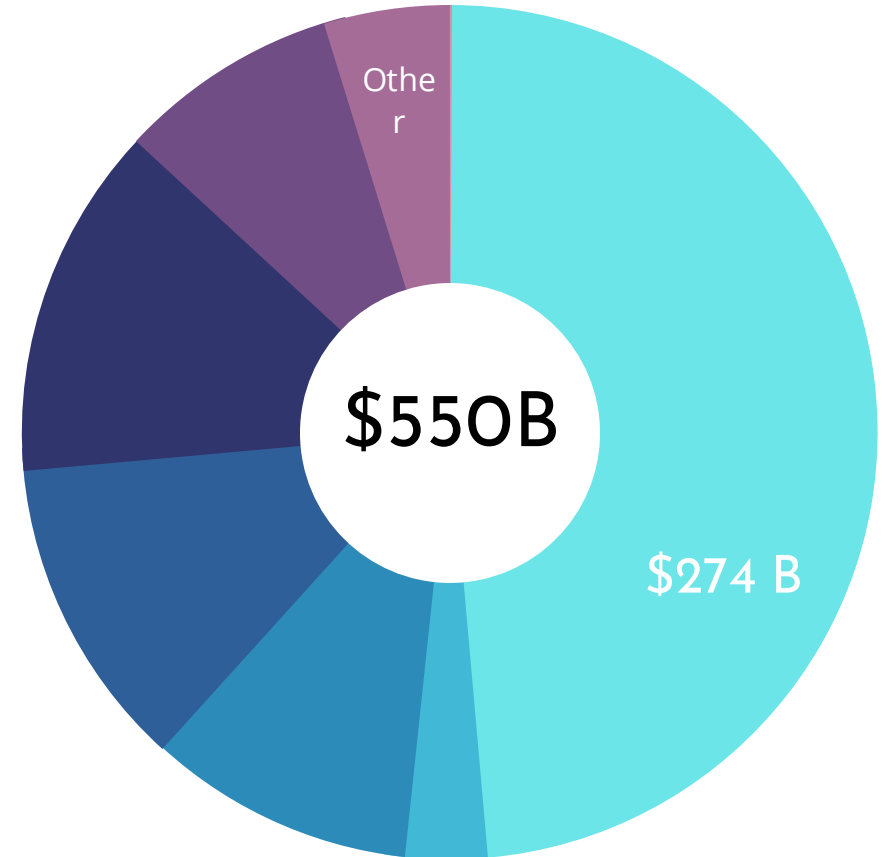


What's in the bill?

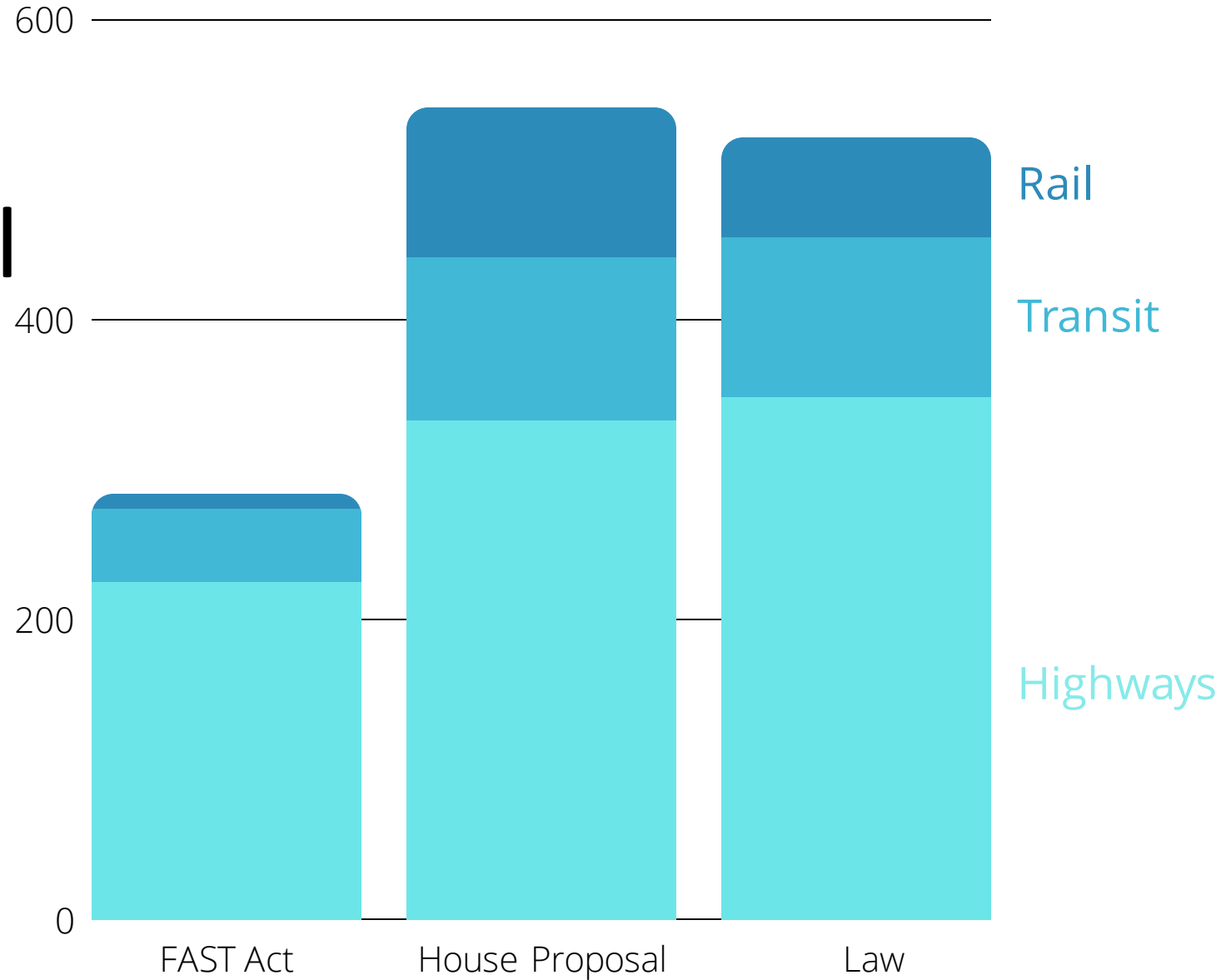
\$550B in new infrastructure spending,
including \$274B for transportation

-- AND --

\$293B 5-yr Surface Transportation
Reauthorization



How does the Infrastructure bill compare?



Projects - Competitive Grants

- \$16B over 5 years
- 5-yr reauthorization and plus up funding
- More funding may become available during annual approps

- 1 Megaprojects
.....
- 2 TIGER/BUILD/RAISE
.....
- 3 INFRA
.....

Rail

- \$66B over 5 years
- 5-yr reauthorization and plus up funding
- Biggest increase since the creation of Amtrak (equivalent of 18 years worth of funding)

- 1 Amtrak Nat'l Network
- 2 Amtrak NEC
- 3 Fed-State for IPR
- 4 CRISI
- 5 Grade Crossing Elim.

What does it
mean for you?





Buttigieg joins Northam to seal \$3.7 billion deal to expand passenger rail between D.C., Richmond

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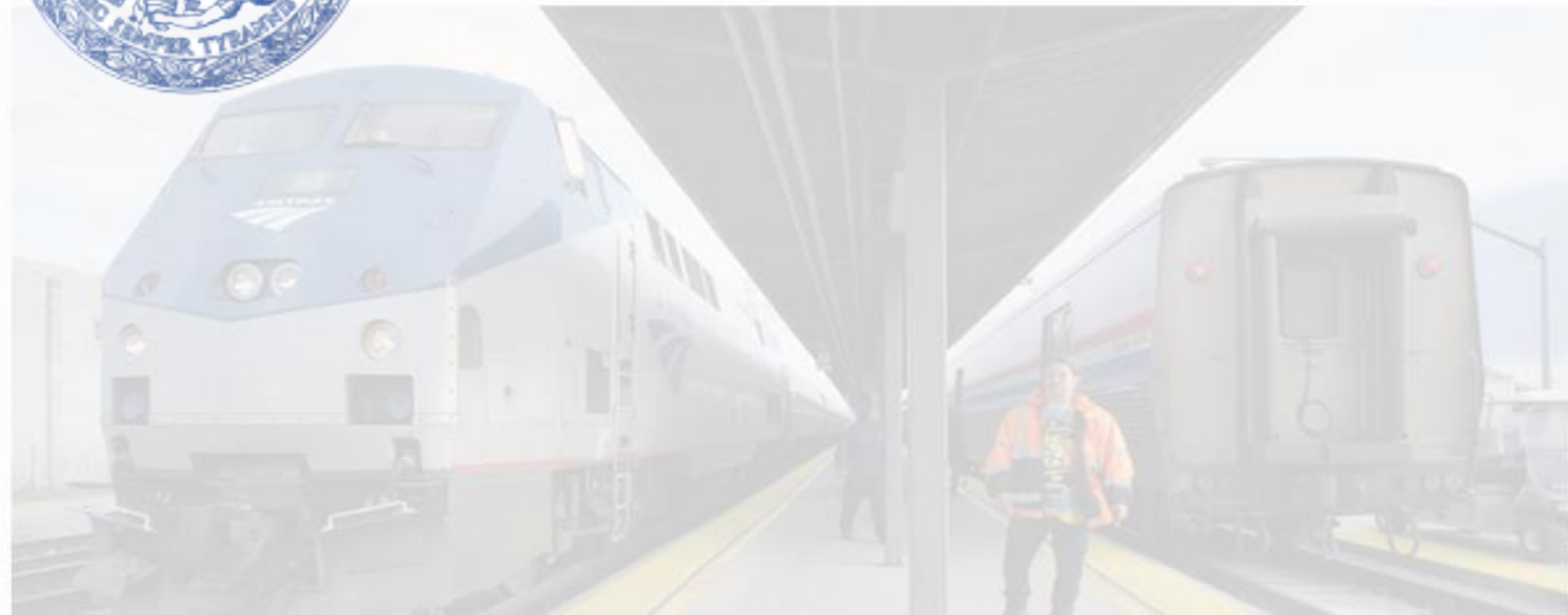
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83%

of Americans believe we should shift more trips to public transit, passenger rail and freight rail to reduce GHG emissions.

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82%

of Americans support Congress providing more funding to address highway-rail crossing safety.

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7 OUT OF 10

Americans view public transit and passenger rail favorably after the pandemic.

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A modern, sleek light rail train is shown in motion on a city street. The train is primarily silver and blue, with large windows reflecting the surrounding urban environment. In the background, several tall skyscrapers are visible under a clear blue sky. A traffic light on the right side of the frame shows a red light. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

1 OUT OF 2

Americans believe we should be investing more
in public transit and passenger rail.

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A freight train is shown in motion, blurred to convey speed, moving from left to right across the frame. The train consists of several dark-colored freight cars. The background features a bright sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is a clear, deep blue. In the foreground, there are some rocks and dry vegetation. The overall mood is one of industrial activity and progress.

86%

of Americans consider freight railroads important to the U.S.
economy.

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6 OUT OF 10

Americans favor moving freight over land by rail as opposed to truck.

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Understanding Amtrak's Near-Term Operational Challenges

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Operational Challenges: a tight labor market and vaccination hesitancy

- Following last year's rounds of furloughs and layoffs enacted at the height of the pandemic, Amtrak has been struggling to fill many positions as they look to return service to pre-pandemic levels.
- On September 9th, the White House issued an executive order requiring all federal contractor employees to be vaccinated by Dec. 8 (absent a religious or medical exemption).
- Amtrak is warning that, given the uneven distribution of personnel and vaccination rates, some services may see temporary service reductions.



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The 'Great Resignation'



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— WHO RUNS THE TRAINS WHEN THEY QUIT?

October 28, 2021

Amtrak is finally acknowledging publicly something it has been grappling with internally for several months: there aren't enough staff to run the trains, and more may be leaving the railroad.

by Jim Mathews / President & CEO

- A NATIONWIDE phenomenon
- September was the sixth month in a row setting records for people quitting the workforce
- As in August, in September nearly 7% of the Accommodation and Hospitality workforce threw in the towel



The 'Great Resignation'

★ Quits: Accommodation and Food Services (JTS7200QUL)

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Observation:

Sep 2021: **863** (+ more)
Updated: Nov 12, 2021

Units:

Level in Thousands,
Seasonally Adjusted

Frequency:

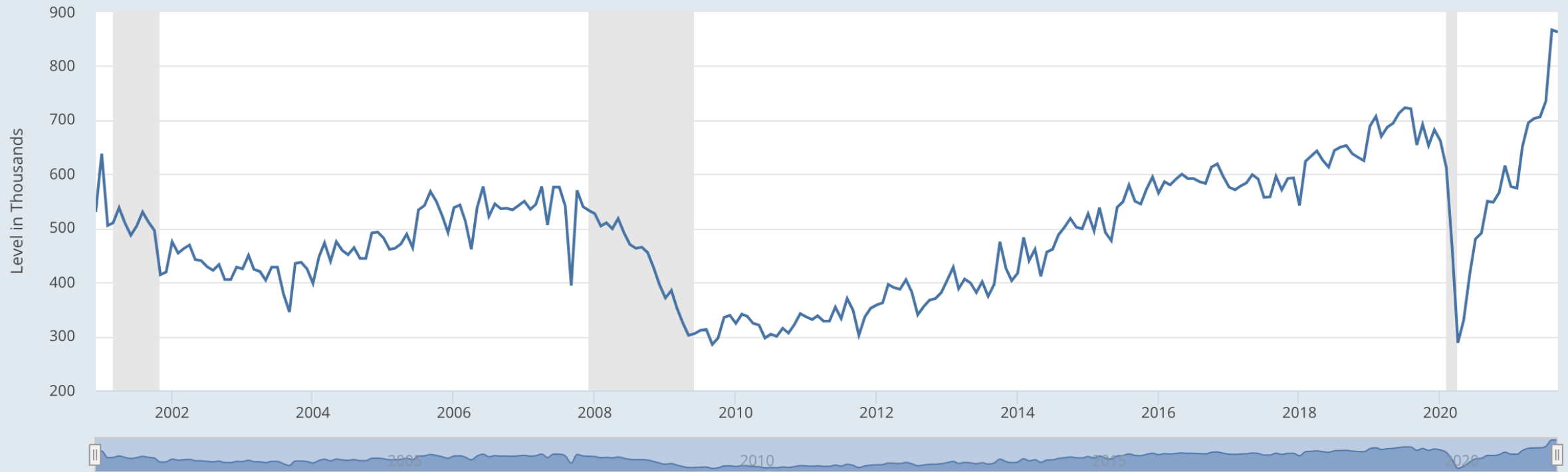
Monthly

1Y | 5Y | 10Y | Max

2000-12-01 to 2021-09-01

EDIT GRAPH

FRED — Quits: Accommodation and Food Services



Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

fred.stlouisfed.org





Questions *Rail Passengers* is working with Amtrak to understand

- When will Amtrak make an announcement on schedule cuts? Which routes will be affected?
- When will customers be notified, and when will Amtrak stop taking reservations?
- When will a timeline for full service restoration be announced?
- Are there any specific steps you can share with us regarding improvements to labor retention and/or new hiring?



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Thank you!

Questions?

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Closing Remarks

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Registration opening soon!

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