



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of July 20, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-D

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**SUBJECT:**

Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Railroad Crossing Elimination \(RCE\) Program](#). There is approximately \$573.3 million in total program funding. The deadline to submit an application is **October 24, 2022**.

The purpose of the program is to support highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that improve the safety and mobility of people and goods. The goals of the program are to strengthen rail safety, enhance community health and safety, eliminate highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossings, and mitigate the impacts of freight movement and railroad operations on underserved communities.

The minimum award size is \$1 million with an exception for planning projects. There is no maximum award size; however, no more than 20 percent of total funding may be awarded to projects in a single state. There is a nonfederal cost share requirement of at least 20 percent. Those match requirements may be satisfied through non-federal public sector or private sector funding, as well as certain in-kind contributions and costs incurred for preliminary engineering.

Eligible projects may include: grade separation and closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or combination thereof; track relocation; improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, and other measures to improve safety; technological solutions and other means to improve safety and mobility at highway-rail grade crossings; a group of the previous projects; and planning, environmental review, and design for eligible projects. Grants may also be awarded for commuter rail passenger transportation projects and would be administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.