

Michigan Department of Transportation
Rail Operations and Infrastructure Obligations
PA 166 of 2020 Section 704
October 27, 2021

The Rail Operations and Infrastructure line item in the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) FY2020-2021 appropriation bill, 2020 PA 166, funds a number of individual programs and activities, ranging from passenger rail operating assistance to capital and maintenance activities on the 665 miles of state-owned rail lines to a program to enhance economic development through investments in rail infrastructure.

The line item is funded with \$72,538,000 in state Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF) dollars, and also provides the authority to spend federal, local and private dollars, as well as monies held in the Rail Freight Fund, should they become available. While some federal grant funds and Rail Freight Fund dollars were obligated, no local or private monies were available during FY2021.

Final details of how these funds were obligated are reflected on the following pages. The bulk of the funding continues to be used to support passenger rail service in Michigan.

Rail Operations and Infrastructure - FY2021 Obligations

	FY2021 Obligations
Passenger Rail Operating	
Amtrak - operating assistance	\$14,958,500
Midwest States equipment (multi-state contract)	\$7,540,406
State-Owned Line Maintenance (Kalamazoo-Dearborn)	
MI Line maintenance	\$6,132,279
MI Line insurance	\$1,186,494
MI Line utilities	\$502,500
State-Owned Line Bridge Improvements (all lines)	
Amtrak - replace bridge with culvert - Jackson County	\$280,218
M-39 bridge rehabilitation	\$217,300
Roadwork to prepare for future bridge project - Wexford County	\$123,345
Michigan Line Capital	
Amtrak - Merriman Road crossing surface	\$51,359
Amtrak - track rehabilitation Albion-Jackson	\$8,109,472
Amtrak - track rehabilitation Jackson-Dearborn	\$9,418,220
Amtrak - replace diamonds - Kalamazoo	\$1,000,671
PE and CE for Jackson & Mechanic bridge replacements (consultants)	\$3,518,665
Freight Lines Capital	
Great Lakes Central - purchase ties and spikes	\$802,200
Great Lakes Central - install fence and guardrail - Boyne Falls	\$51,645
Great Lakes Central - fence replacement - Shiawassee County	\$40,700
Indiana Northeastern Railroad - purchase ties and spikes	\$48,053
Lake State Railway - purchase ties and spikes	\$1,505,000
Grand Traverse County Drain Commission - drain improvement	\$300,000
Track rehabilitation in Clare County	\$116,450
Freight Economic Development Program	
Chippewa County EDC	\$1,020,000
Pro-V Group, LLC (Dearborn)	\$198,580
Cal Chlor Corp (Ludington)	\$298,900
Greene's Propane Gas (Bay County)	\$70,903
King Steel (Holly)	\$1,633,072
Viking Energy (McBain)	\$308,825
Port of Monroe	\$257,665
Wilkinson Minerals (Bay City)	\$1,023,811
Straits Wood Treating (Bay City)	\$92,603
Branch & St. Joseph Counties Rail Users Association	\$625,000
Paw Paw River Transload, LLC (Hartford)	\$678,476
Hanson Logistics (Hartford)	\$132,586
PRM Plastic Recycling (White Pigeon)	\$238,980
G4 Energy (Gwinn)	\$2,000,000
Crestwood Midstream Partners (Alto)	\$634,608
Additional funding to complete prior-year projects	\$733,283

Miscellaneous

Grand Rapids station track inspection	\$36,400
Lake State Railway - grant match assistance	\$3,000,000
Detroit New Center - replacement study	\$48,418
Detroit New Center - ADA improvements	\$22,981
Demolition of BO Tower - Kalamazoo	\$49,800
Design and analysis (consultants)	\$290,878
MDOT staff support	\$305,454
Misc. small projects	\$66,615
	\$69,671,315

FY2021 DOLLARS BEING CARRIED FORWARD IN WORK PROJECT

Jackson and Mechanic Street railroad bridge replacements - Jackson	\$20,277,876
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CTF**\$72,538,000****RAIL FREIGHT FUND****\$2,013,021****FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS****\$15,398,170****TOTAL** **\$89,949,191**