

Federal Railroad Administration Announces High-Speed Rail Grants



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Colorado has received \$400,000 and Vermont \$500,000 under the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program grant program funded from fiscal year 2009 appropriations. Colorado will use its funds to develop a state rail plan, a prerequisite for receiving additional HSIPR intercity passenger rail funding. Vermont will conduct a study of a proposed rerouting of Amtrak's Ethan Allen service between Rutland, VT, and Albany, NY, which would result in additional cities receiving rail service. FRA has now released more than \$136 million for the HSIPR program, the significant portion of which comes from the Obama Administration's unprecedented \$8 billion down payment for the creation of a national network of interconnected high-speed rail corridors in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Media Contact: Rob Kulat 202-493-6024.

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