



# FAST Act Rail Provisions

FAST Act Workshop

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We all have a stake in **A**  **B**



# FAST Act Rail Provisions

- ▶ First federal surface transportation act to include rail provisions
- ▶ Rail programs are authorized for five years and funded by general fund appropriations



# FAST Act Rail Provisions:

## Passenger Rail

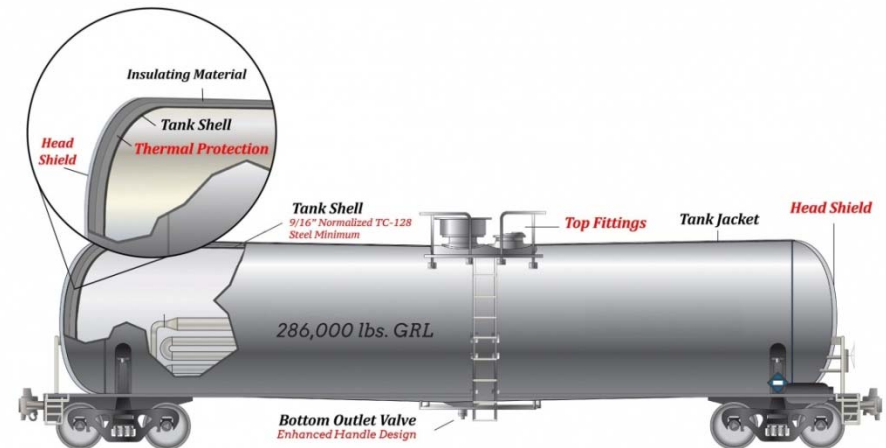
- ▶ Competitive grant programs
- ▶ Minnesota will compete for funding from:
  - National Passenger Rail Network – \$5.5 billion
  - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement – \$1.1 billion
  - Federal–State Partnership for State of Good Repair – \$1 billion
  - Restoration and Enhancement (operating assistance) – \$100 million



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## Freight Rail Safety Policy Changes in 2015

- ▶ **General Rail Safety:**
  - Grade crossing action plans
  - Bridge reports and studies
  - Tank car safety features and report
- ▶ **Environmental Streamlining**
- ▶ **Public / private partnership opportunities**



# FAST Act Rail Provisions:

## Freight Rail Funding

- ▶ Highway grade crossing safety funds
- ▶ Community Safety Grants for hazmat response
- ▶ Positive Train Control deadline extended and one-time total funding of \$199M
- ▶ New Highway Freight Programs provide some rail funding

