

MDOT OFFICE OF RAIL REPORT (9-7-2024)

MDOT To-Be Completed Grant Projects

Grant Project	Project Type	Federal Grant Source	Total Project Cost	Federal Grant	Status
Battle Creek Connection	PE/NEPA	2019 CRISI	\$1.5M	\$750,000	Work in progress
MI Line bridge reconstruction	PE/NEPA	2021 SOGR	\$2.1M	\$1.5M	Pending grant agreement
MI Line signal infrastructure upgrades	Construction	2019 SOGR	\$13M	\$6.5M	Construction began in '23 and is ongoing
Safety Enhancement Project	Construction	2020 CRISI	\$31M	\$15.6	Work in progress
Jackson Curve Modifications	Construction	2020 SOGR	\$29M	\$14.4	Construction began in '23 and is ongoing
Ann Arbor-Owosso track & bridge rehabilitation	Construction	2021 CRISI	\$42.7M	\$21.3	Pending grant agreement
Manistee River Bridge	Construction	2022 CRISI	\$34M	\$20.4M	Pending grant agreement
Detroit/Pontiac-Chicago Service Development Plan W/ Proposed Expansion to Windsor/Toronto (Step 1)	Planning	2022 CID	\$.5M	\$.5M	Pending consultant selection
Port Huron-Chicago Service Development Plan (Step 1)	Planning	2022 CID	\$.5M	\$.5M	Pending consultant selection
Grand Rapids-Chicago Service Development Plan (Step 1)	Planning	2022 CID	\$.5M	\$.5M	Pending consultant selection

- Battle Creek Connection PE/NEPA project is expected to be completed next year.
- Due to the curve modification project, the Wolverine is expected to operate with cancellation of 350 and 353 Monday-Thursday thru October. 23 curves (or about 53% of the project) have been completed to date.
- FRA Corridor ID: MDOT has released a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant that will plan and develop Service Development plans for all three existing services in Michigan, as well as a proposed new intrastate service connecting Holland-Grand Rapids-Lansing-Ann Arbor-Detroit. The three existing services have already been selected into FRA's Corridor ID

Program, and grants for Step 1 of the process have been obligated by FRA. It is expected that the plans will take at least two years to complete. When completed, they will guide investments to increase reliability and frequencies for the new services and help determine the feasibility for the proposed new service. Proposals have been received and MDOT is currently going through the scoring and selection process.

- MDOT is continuing to work with the City of Detroit to explore a potential alternative for the Detroit New Center Intermodal Facility.
- MDOT is continuing to work with Amtrak and other stakeholders on the potential connection of the Wolverine Service with VIA Rail in Windsor.
- 3 Venture café cars have been accepted and are in revenue service and are showing up on various trains throughout the Midwest.
- Amtrak July Ridership/Revenue Update (month over month increase or decrease)
 - Wolverine: 38,773 (18% decrease), \$2,346,590 (1% increase)
 - Blue Water: 18,173 (4% increase), \$753,036 (17% increase)
 - Pere Marquette: 9,509 (17% increase), \$412,514 (21% increase)