



Brotherhood Railway Carmen Division

Transportation Communications Union/IAM

Donald E. Grissom
General President

November 22, 2022

Amit Bose, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

The Brotherhood Railway Carmen Union represents the Carmen craft workers on the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad. Our members primarily inspect and repair freight cars for the railroad. Currently, we have 2 members.

On behalf of our members, I would like to express our strong support for the Vermont Agency Of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant application, "Tri-State Regional Rail Upgrade Project."

The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad (SLR) is partnering with the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine on this grant project. The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) is the lead applicant for the application. Matching funds are being provided by the states of ME and NH, as well as the SLR to make the project a true public-private partnership. This is the final work needed to complete the three-state modern heavy haul rail freight corridor and provide 286,000 lb. railcar weight capacity.

The SLR mainline will receive new welded rail, ties, and grade crossing repairs. This project will continue efforts by the SLR and the three states over many years to upgrade the SLR main line into a state of good repair, enhance safety, and allow fully loaded modern rail car shipments, which will support the current and future growth needs of our business.

Our members will benefit from this Project by having a safer and more reliable railroad that can support the customers and attract future business.



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Please give the CRISI application serious consideration for selection and award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D.E. Grissom".

D.E. Grissom
General President
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