Rail Electrification Council
Government Relations Update
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Agenda

• American Jobs Plan (Infrastructure Bill)
• CLEAN Future Act
• March 30th CA Air Resources Board (CARB) Meeting
American Jobs Plan: Rail Highlights

- **American Jobs Plan** (AJP) is Pres. Biden's $2.25 trillion infrastructure plan
- Transpo infrastructure has a trillion-dollar backlog of needed repairs
- $105 billion for rail repair: 5,000 rail cars, 200 stations, and thousands of miles of track
- AJP invests in roads, bridges, ports, airports, transit systems, and rail
- AJP doubles funding to expand rail service to new communities across the country
- Provides a multi-year funding stream to enhance existing corridors and build new lines
- Provides $80 billion to: address Amtrak’s repair backlog; modernize the high traffic Northeast Corridor; improve existing corridors and connect new city pairs; and enhance grant and loan programs that support passenger and freight rail safety, efficiency, and electrification
- To build a more resilient electric grid, establishes a new Grid Deployment Authority at the DOE to leverage existing rights-of-way and create financing tools to spur additional high-voltage transmission lines
American Jobs Plan: Timeline

- **Senate Activity:**
  - T&I and EPW Committees likely to pass a package by end of May
  - Biden is meeting with Senate Republicans today

- **House Activity:**
  - Ways and Means Committee start hearings next week; likely to pass a package by July 4th.
  - House not likely to vote on any package unless they know the Senate has the votes to pass it

- **More info** [here](#).
CLEAN Future Act

- In March 2021, EC&C introduced H.R.1512, the CLEAN Future Act
- Primary Sponsors: Pallone and Tonko
- Establishes grant and rebate programs of $50 billion to electrify equipment at airports, ports, railyards and other freight facilities.
- Referred to Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
- These committees have been holding hearings
- After markups, will go to House floor for debate; no timeline available yet
- Good summary found here
CA Air Resources Board Meeting

- March 30th California Air Resources Board (CARB) “Draft In-Use Locomotive Regulation Public Workshop”

- CARB has implemented measures to reduce locomotive and railyard emissions in CA:
  - Studies, regulations, enforceable agreements, and funding of clean technology
CA Air Resources Board Meeting

• Discussed draft regulatory language for reducing emissions from in-use locomotives:
  o To accelerate the adoption of zero-emission technologies
  o Would be implemented statewide
  o Addresses regional pollution and environmental justice concerns
  o Accelerates adoption of advanced cleaner technologies
  o Accelerated timelines are in response to Executive Order N-79-20

• EO N-79-20
  o Calls for 100% of off-road vehicles and equipment operations to be zero-emission by 2035.
  o Establishes zero emissions credits and spending accounts

• Additional Materials:
  o Workshop Materials; Reducing Rail Emissions in CA Webpage; Workshop Presentation
Questions?

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