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## *Corridor Identification and Development Program Listening Session*

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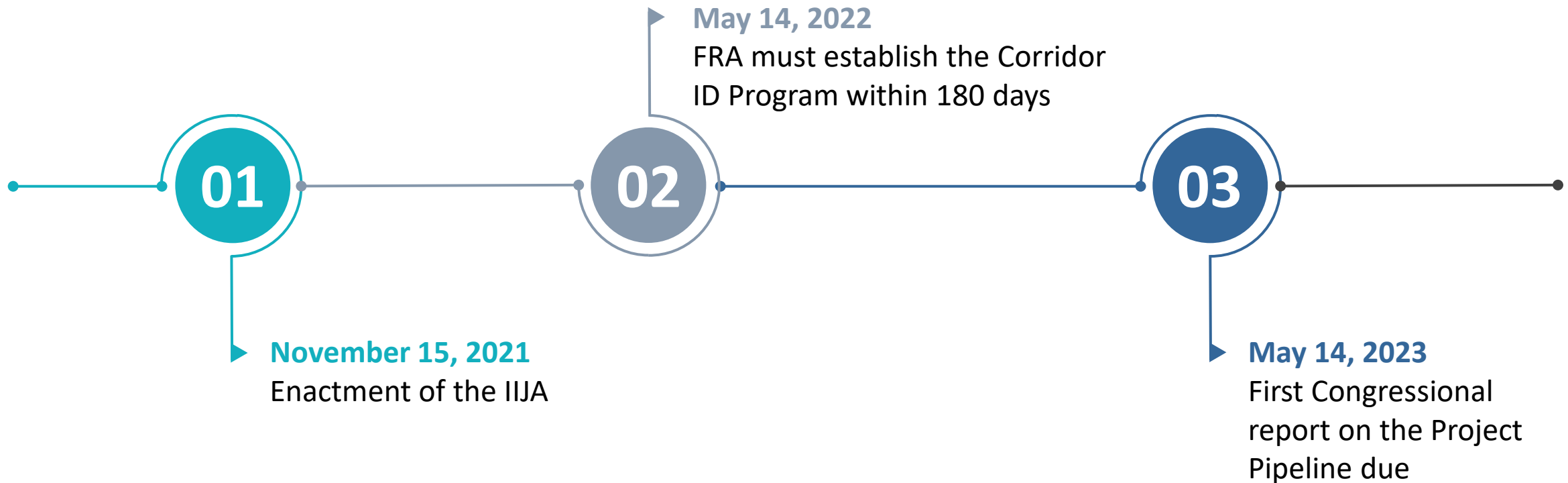


# Overview: Corridor Identification and Development Program

- Creates a foundational framework for identifying and developing new or improved intercity passenger services.
- Requires FRA (under delegation from the Secretary) to:
  1. Solicit proposals for implementing new or improving existing intercity passenger rail service;
  2. Select proposals for development under the Program;
  3. For each selected proposal, partner with the entity that submitted such proposal to prepare or update an existing Service Development Plan (SDP), which must include a “corridor project inventory”; and
  4. Establish a prioritized “pipeline” of projects that may be implemented with funding provided under FRA’s (and potentially other Federal) capital investment financial assistance programs.
- Eligibility includes both short-distance (<750 miles) services, along with increasing the frequency of long-distance service, and restoring service over any route formerly operated by Amtrak.



# Major Program Statutory Deadlines and Considerations

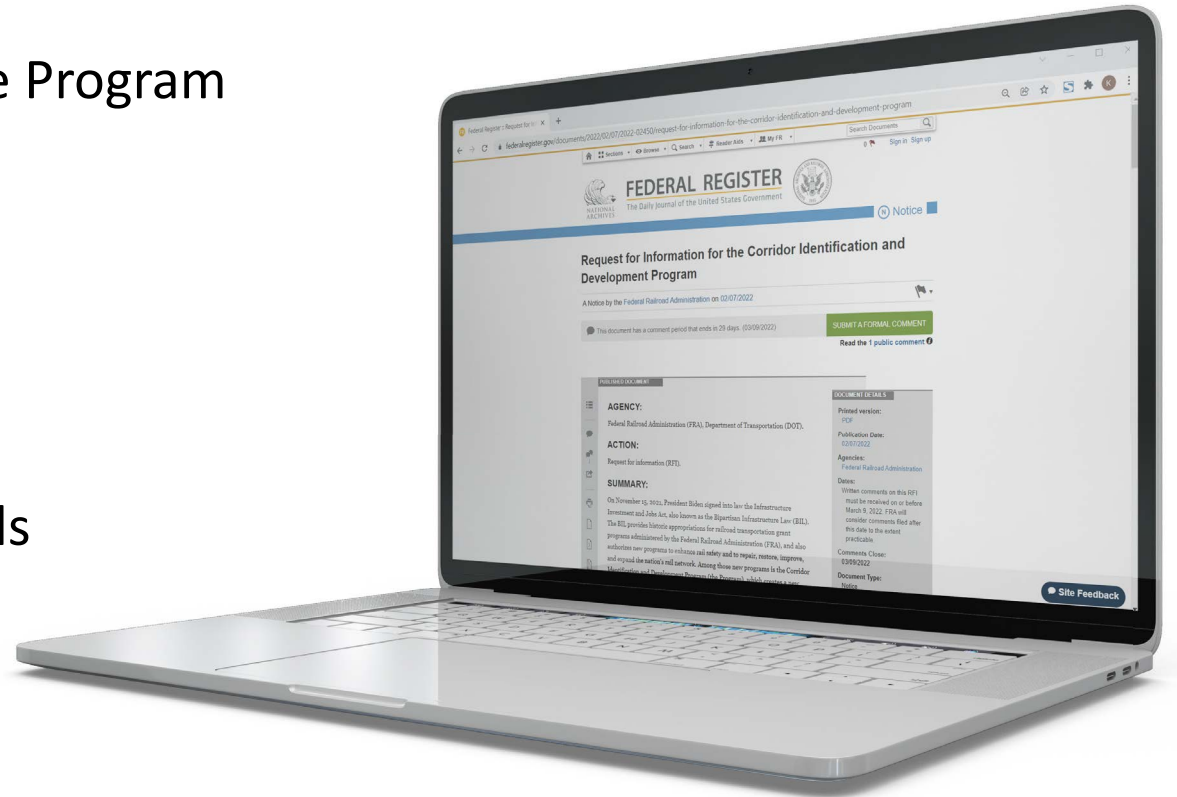


# FRA Approach to Establishing the Program

- By May 14, 2022, issue formal document “establishing” the Program, providing a general description of how FRA intends for the Program to function.
  - Major stakeholder outreach effort during February/March 2021 to inform drafting of document.
- In later 2022, issue more detailed Solicitation for Proposals.
  - Detailed description of required content for proposals.
  - Criteria for evaluating and selecting proposals.
  - Next steps for both selected proposals and those that were not selected.

# Request for Information

- On February 7, FRA issued a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/07/2022-02450/request-for-information-for-the-corridor-identification-and-development-program) seeking input into establishment of the Program.
- Topic Areas for Discussion:
  - Roles and Responsibilities within the Program
  - Service Development Plans
  - Project Pipeline
  - Funding of Program Activities
  - Readiness of Proposals for Selection into the Program
  - Criteria for the Selection of Proposals
  - Selectivity of the Program



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