NYSDOT Freight Bureau:
Funding of Railroad Capital Projects to Improve Track and Bridge Weight Carrying Capacity

PIN X935.72.301, $4.0M:
National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)
Rehabilitation of Freight Track #5 on Hell Gate Bridge
This project upgraded the single freight track on the Hell Gate Bridge with continuously welded rail (CWR) and new ties, to carry industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars. This track is the only land connection to Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island for rail freight shipments.

PIN X935.76.303, $2.5M:
New York & Atlantic Railway
Upgrade Fresh Pond Yard and Bay Ridge Branch Interchange Track
This project upgraded the NYAR Fresh Pond Yard and the interchange track on the NYAR Bay Ridge Branch to carry industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars. The interchange track is used to exchange railcars between NYAR and CSX Transportation, Canadian Pacific Railway, or Providence & Worcester Railroad.
PIN X935.84.301, $0.5M:
New York New Jersey Rail, LLC
Rehabilitation of Railcar Float Bridge
This project replaced the leaking pontoons on NYNJ Rail’s 51st Street float bridge with new pontoons, to support movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars. NYNJ Rail operates the only railcar barge operation linking the US mainland at Greenville, NJ with Brooklyn, NY.

X501.53.321, $4.0M:
Long Island Rail Road
Lower Montauk Branch - Ties and Surfacing
This project installed ties & ballast and performed surfacing to allow movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars by NYAR to serve shippers in western Queens.
New York & Atlantic Railway
Rehabilitation of Bushwick Branch in Queens

New York & Atlantic Railway
Rehabilitation of Bushwick Branch in Brooklyn

These projects rehabilitated NYAR freight trackage in two New York City boroughs. They improved the efficiency of rail freight service and upgraded tracks allow movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars.

Additional Projects in Progress

Norfolk Southern Railway
Portage Bridge – Preliminary Engineering
This project provides funding towards the preliminary engineering for the repair or replacement of the 133-year old Portageville Railroad Bridge over the Genesee River gorge between Livingston and Wyoming Counties. This bridge is the last undergrade structure on the NS Southern Tier Main Line which is not capable of carrying 286k cars.

South Buffalo Railway
Port of Buffalo Rail Relocation
This project will upgrade the track on the SB to support to movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars to and from the Port of Buffalo.

New York & Ogdensburg Railway/Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority
Track Rehabilitation, Norwood to Ogdensburg
These projects underway will upgrade the track and undergrade structures on the Ogdensburg Branch to support movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars to and from the Port of Ogdensburg.
X501.53.322, $15.9M:  
Long Island Rail Road  
Upgrade Selected Undergrade Railroad Bridges in Queens

X935.77.301, $1.2M:  
Long Island Rail Road  
Non-Destructive Testing and Vertical Clearance Measurement  
Upgrade Structures for 286k in Queens County  
These projects are evaluating LIRR undergrade railroad bridges in Queens to assess their capability to carry industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars by the NYAR. Selected bridges will be upgraded in priority order to allow movement of 286k railcars. CMAQ funding will contribute $15.9M.

X935.69.301, $17M:  
New York City Economic Development Corporation  
Intermodal Improvements on Brooklyn Waterfront  
This project upgrades track to support the movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars by NYNJ Rail, eliminates two highway/railroad at-grade crossings, and reconfigures track to improve efficiency and railroad network operation. Funding is from both Federal and State sources.

X935.89.301, $1.2M:  
New York New Jersey Rail, LLC  
Bush Terminal Rehabilitation  
This project will upgrade the tracks in the 1st Avenue Yard, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn to support the movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars and reconfigure tracks to improve efficiency and railroad network operation.

X935.80.301, $4.5M:  
Long Island Rail Road  
Install Welded Rail - Lower Montauk Branch  
This project will support movement of industry-standard 286,000 pound gross weight railcars by the NYAR. Installation of CWR is scheduled for 3rd Quarter 2008.