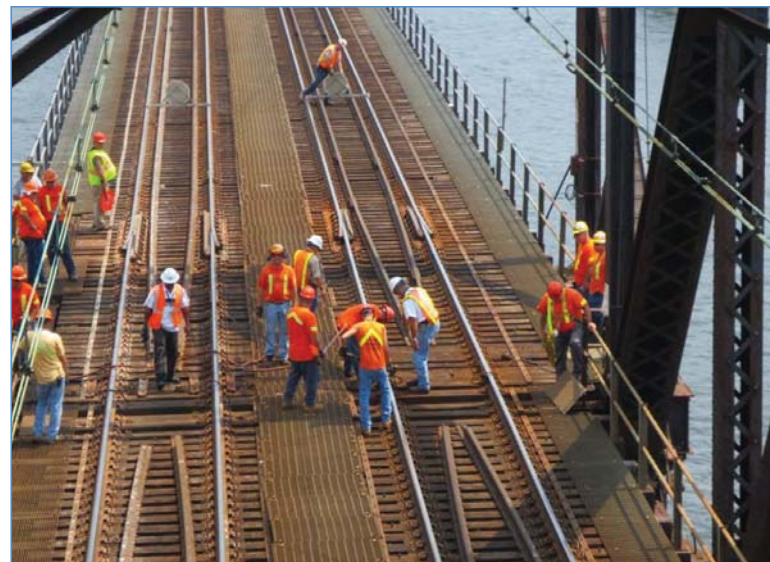


Project Purpose and Need

The problems posed by the existing Susquehanna River Rail Bridge include:

- Functionally obsolete and aging infrastructure;
- Speed and capacity constraints;
- Operational inflexibility;
- Maintenance difficulties;
- Conflicts with maritime uses.



Amtrak crew manually opening the movable bridge span to accommodate marine traffic.