America’s Rail System

Presentation to the Passenger and Freight Rail Leadership Group

AASHTO Annual Meeting

Boston, MA

November 13, 2016

OneRail Coalition
Anne Canby, Director

www.onerail.org
Rail Gets More Attention in FAST Act

- Freight Program eligibility
- FastLane eligibility
- New Passenger Rail programs
- Changes to RRIF
  - Authorizes financing for transit-oriented development
  - Allows eligibility for joint ventures that include at least one otherwise eligible applicant
  - Financing of pre-construction activities, planning and design, eligible
- Creates National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau (BATIC); the Bureau now manages the RRIF program
Downeaster Service, ME

- $30m private investment at Brunswick and Freeport for retail and commercial development to support expanded service
- $22m residential and retail complex at Old Orchard Beach
- $150m for walkable living/mill renovations at Biddeford-Saco
- $100m mixed use development at Thompson’s Point, adjacent to Portland Station
- By 2030, there is projected to be $7.2b in new development along the Downeaster corridor with 10,000 new jobs created and $75m generated in annual tax revenues
Cary, NC

• Federal investment created approximately 21.8 job years for Cary, NC
• While the Cary Depot was evolving, the town's population nearly tripled from 50,000 to 147,000
• More than a dozen locally owned shops and eateries have opened near the station in the past year
• The town is preparing to break ground on a seven-acre, $5.2 million signature downtown park just south of the station in 2015
• In conjunction with park construction, the town will invest $8 million in streetscape improvements
Mitchell-Rapid City, South Dakota

- At the peak of the project, more than 270 construction workers were on site
- During the years of construction, the local economy saw a boost with full motels, gas stations, restaurants, and other local stores
- The work at Liberty Grain employed 80 workers during 13 months of construction
- As a result of the railroad reconstruction there are now 20 full-time employees at the new Liberty Grain facility
- The railroad has moved over 6,000 cars of goods since the completion of the TIGER II project
About half of U.S. rail intermodal volume consists of imports and exports. International trade volume fell during the recession, but has been growing again more recently, and experts predict continued growth into the future.
Since the Northwest terminal opened in 2011, an additional 200 intermodal service lanes have been added to CSX’s network. 50 lanes opened in the first quarter of 2014 alone.

- More than 50,000 jobs will be created over a 30-year period, including 10,000 in the construction phase.
- $36 in public benefits for every dollar of public money invested.
Union Pacific’s Santa Teresa Intermodal Rail Terminal

• UP broke ground in 2011, and today, the railroad’s Santa Teresa facility stretches across 2,200 acres.
• Home to seven tracks and 100 miles of rail, the facility is built to handle 225,000 intermodal containers a year.
• Many of those containers come from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the two busiest ports in the United States.
• Santa Teresa is also an important transfer point for freight traveling between factories along the United States and Mexico border and to markets worldwide.

With an overall economic impact of $500 million for the state economy, freight rail’s presence has delivered economic growth to New Mexico. Less than a year after the facility opened in 2014, New Mexico exports across the Mexico border nearly doubled, from $802 million to $1.5 billion. Employment in Santa Teresa has skyrocketed with 3,000 construction jobs created during the building of the facility, between 2011 and 2015, and 600 permanent jobs.
U.S. Rail Supply Industry
2,698 facilities
Public Policy and Transportation Choices

Federal Investment in Transportation, FY1949-FY2014
(2014 Constant Dollars)

- Highway
- Air
- Intercity Passenger Rail

Source: FRA