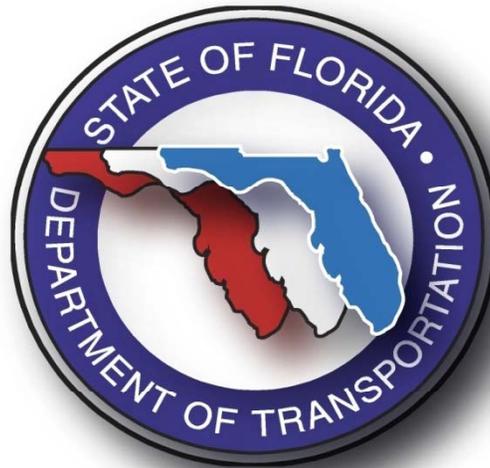


# Florida Department of Transportation



## Florida Rail System Plan Update

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# Background

- ◆ Legal Requirements
  - ✓ 341.302(3) Florida Statutes
- ◆ Planning Context
  - ✓ Relationship to Florida Transportation Plan and other plans
- ◆ Existing Plans Available on Rail Office Web Site
  - ✓ 2006 Rail System Plan
    - <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rail/Publications/Plans/2006/flrail06.pdf>
    - <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rail/Publications/Plans/06VisionPlan/ExecReportFinal.pdf>



# Evolving Process

- ◆ Descriptive  Strategic
  - ✓ Result of expanded rail funding
    - SIS and GM \$
  
- ◆ Separate freight/passenger  Integrated rail strategy
  - ✓ Result of
    - Local input
    - Ability to impact outcomes



# What to Expect with 2008 Update

- ◆ Integrated state-level perspective that looks at:
  - ✓ Intercity passenger service
  - ✓ Intraregional and local rail transit service
  - ✓ Freight service
  - ✓ How all 3 interact to move goods and people
- ◆ Expanded stakeholder involvement
  - ✓ Historically limited to railroads, shippers and passenger operators
  - ✓ Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee



# Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- ◆ Purpose – Develop policy recommendations to the Department
- ◆ Chaired by Asst. Secretary Hunt
- ◆ 35 members with representatives from:
  - ✓ Rail industry
  - ✓ Shippers (ports, large shippers)
  - ✓ Passenger rail agencies
  - ✓ Various state and local government entities
  - ✓ Growth management/environmental interests
  - ✓ Public interest groups
- ◆ 5 meetings around the state (Tampa, Tallahassee, Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando)



# Policy Element

- ◆ Based on Recommendations of the Advisory Committee
- ◆ Includes:
  - ✓ Vision, goals and objectives for rail transportation
  - ✓ Rail system and roles and responsibilities
  - ✓ Needs and prioritization policies
  - ✓ Funding issues
  - ✓ SIS designation criteria
  - ✓ Other policy issues



# Investment Element

- ◆ Needs assessment
  - ✓ Unconstrained
  - ✓ Input into SIS Needs Plan
- ◆ Project prioritization methodology
- ◆ Finance plan
- ◆ Other implementation policies



# How to Keep up with Progress

- ◆ Visit website at:
  - ✓ <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rail/plandevvel.shtm>
- ◆ Attend Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings in your area
  - ✓ Meeting 4: Jacksonville – November 12, 2008
  - ✓ Meeting 5: Orlando – December 4, 2008



