

Florida Department of Transportation



Florida Rail System Plan Update

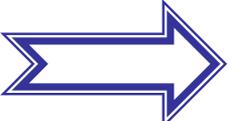
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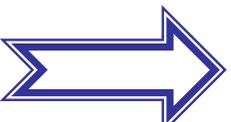
Background

- ◆ 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/railpublications.htm>
 - ✓ 2006 Passenger Rail Vision Plan
 - <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rail/railpassenger.htm>



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
 - ✓ Update will include local government involvement – primarily at the MPO/TPO level



Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- ◆ Purpose
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 4 meetings around the state



Scope of Services

- ◆ Task Management Team
 - ✓ Ed Lee, FDOT Rail
 - ✓ Nazih Haddad, FDOT PTO
 - ✓ Tara Bartee, FDOT Transit
- ◆ Cambridge Systematics will be performing the work
- ◆ Tasks
 - ✓ Policy element by 12/31/08
 - ✓ Implementation element 6/30/09



Policy Element

- ◆ 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



Implementation 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/plandev.html>
- ◆ Attend Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings in your area
 - ✓ Meeting 2: Tallahassee -- 8/26-27
 - ✓ Meeting 3: Ft. Lauderdale – September
 - ✓ Meeting 4: Jacksonville – Early November
- ◆ If you have a local group who would like a presentation, let me know so we can schedule one.



