

Financing Florida's Rail System



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Florida's Rail Program

- ◆ Rail Passenger Service
 - ✓ Development of intercity passenger and commuter rail services
 - ✓ Development of fixed guideway systems
- ◆ Rail Capital Improvements
 - ✓ Access improvement to intermodal facilities
 - ✓ Acquisition of rail corridors and right-of-way
 - ✓ Rail freight capacity and service
- ◆ Rail Rehabilitation
 - ✓ Preservation and rehabilitation of rail facilities
- ◆ Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Improvements
 - ✓ Rail safety and security
 - ✓ Crossing and signal improvement



Florida Funding Programs

Primary Sources of State Funding for Rail

- ◆ Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
 - ✓ Statewide system of high-priority transportation hubs, corridors and connectors
 - ✓ Focus on international, interstate, statewide, and interregional movement of people and freight
 - ✓ Designated based on objective measures of transportation and economic activity

- ◆ Transportation Regional Incentive Program
 - ✓ Provides an incentive for regional planning
 - ✓ Leverages investments in regionally-significant transportation facilities (roads and public transportation)
 - ✓ Links investments to growth management objectives



Florida Funding Programs

Primary Sources of State Funding for Rail

- ◆ New Starts Transit Program (Florida)
 - ✓ Assists in the development of transit rail fixed-guideway and bus rapid transit (BRT) projects on dedicated right of way, consistent with comprehensive growth management plans at the local, regional and state level
 - ✓ State funding up to 50% of non-federal share

- ◆ Intermodal Access Program
 - ✓ Improvement of access to intermodal facilities, airports and seaports through highway and rail improvement projects
 - ✓ Acquisition of right-of-way
 - ✓ Development of intermodal terminals and facilities



Federal Funding Programs for Rail

- ◆ Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Program
 - ✓ Funding for improvements of highway-railroad grade crossings
 - ✓ 10 percent match required (no match for certain projects)
- ◆ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
 - ✓ Funding for projects that help achieve compliance with national air quality standards and improve air quality
 - ✓ Formula-based
- ◆ Freight Intermodal Distribution Pilot Grant Program
 - ✓ Grants to support development of intermodal freight transportation
 - ✓ Up to \$1 million per project per year (Fully earmarked to other states through 2009)



Federal Funding Programs for Rail

- ◆ Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) Program
 - ✓ Key surface transportation projects including freight rail projects
 - ✓ 20 percent match required
 - ✓ Funding for high-cost projects exceeding \$500 million

- ◆ Capital Grant Program for Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Projects
 - ✓ Grants for projects supporting economic development and quality of life and mitigating rail traffic on safety
 - ✓ 10 percent match required



Federal Funding Programs for Rail

- ◆ Fixed-Guideway Modernization
 - ✓ Rehabilitation and modernization of fixed-guideway transit systems
 - ✓ Formula-based (fully earmarked through 2009)
- ◆ Economic Development Administration (EDA) Funds
 - ✓ Grants for economic development projects in economically distressed industrial sites
 - ✓ Grant assistance for up to 80 percent of project cost
- ◆ Community Facilities Program
 - ✓ Funding for transportation projects in rural, agricultural and industrial regions
 - ✓ Grant assistance for up to 75 percent of project cost



Federal Funding Programs for Rail

- ◆ Federal New Starts Transit Program
 - ✓ Formula-based
 - ✓ Fixed-guideway transit projects
- ◆ Federal New Small Starts Transit Program
 - ✓ Transit capital investments less than \$75 million



Federal Loans and Tax Credits

- ◆ Railroad Rehabilitation and Investment Financing (RRIF) program
 - ✓ Acquisition, improvement, and rehabilitation of freight and passenger rail facilities
 - ✓ Finance up to 100 percent of total project cost
- ◆ Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA),
 - ✓ Large surface transportation projects of national significance
 - ✓ Eligibility widened to include freight rail projects
 - ✓ Finance up to one-third of project cost



Federal Loans and Tax Credits

- ◆ State Infrastructure Bank
 - ✓ Revolving infrastructure investment funds established by states
 - ✓ Capitalized with federal or state funds
 - ✓ 20 percent match required where federal rail or transit account funds used

- ◆ Railroad Track Maintenance Credit
 - ✓ Maximum credit allowed under this program is \$3,500 per mile of railroad track owned or leased
 - ✓ Class II and Class III railroads eligible

- ◆ Private Activity Bonds
 - ✓ Allows issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for highway and freight transfer facilities
 - ✓ \$15 billion cap



Other Funding Sources

- ◆ Private Rail Investment
- ◆ Public and Private Sector Partnerships
 - ✓ Multi-state coalitions are creating models for future public-private partnerships



Questions?

