

RAIL STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

Note: This statement has been prepared by the facilitators based on Committee discussion at its first meeting on July 29-30, 2008. Please review in preparation for discussion at the August 26, 2008 meeting.

The Vision

A safe and secure passenger and freight rail system providing mobility, improving quality of life and promoting economic opportunities for Florida.

Annotation, based on Committee discussion: It is the year 2030. The State of Florida has developed a rail system that provides safe, seamless, interconnected passenger and freight mobility, throughout the state, its regions and its communities, as well as efficient connections to national and international markets. The system is viewed as a model nationally and worldwide. It exemplifies effective public/private and public/public partnership, and is fully integrated with other modes of transportation. As a result, Florida's residents, visitors, and businesses have reaped multiple benefits, including improved quality of life, increased economic opportunities and competitiveness, enhanced smart growth in and around urban centers, and greater environmental sustainability.