



Rail Traffic Evaluation

Polk County TPO Presentation

June 12, 2008

by: FDOT District 1

Agenda



- Introductions
- Scope of Work
- Public / Stakeholder Outreach
- Schedule
- Discussion



Introductions

Project Team



- FDOT (District 1, 5&7, Central Office)
 - Stan Cann
 - Dick Combs
 - Ben Walker
 - Arlene Barnes
- Jacobs Engineering
 - Jeff Stiles



Scope of Study

Scope of Work



- Four Work Elements
 1. Identify Impacts / Develop Mitigation – CSX Rail Relocation
 2. Evaluate Freight Routing
 3. Passenger Rail Feasibility Assessment
 4. Public/Stakeholder Outreach

Identify Impacts / Develop Mitigation



- Existing Conditions
- Future Conditions (2030) Analysis
 - Without Freight Relocation
 - With Freight Relocation
- Identify Potential Mitigation Strategies
 - Safety Improvements
 - Traffic Improvements
 - Multimodal Improvements

Corridor Relocation



- Opportunities and Constraints
 - Underutilized / Abandoned Rail ROW's
 - Utility Corridors
 - Transportation Corridors
- Freight Operations
- Land Use Considerations
- Traffic Considerations

Passenger Rail Service



- Identify Passenger Rail Needs within Polk County
- Opportunities and Constraints
 - Orlando Metropolitan Area Plans
 - TBARTA Planning
 - Regional Plans (Intercity, HSR)
- Macro Level Analysis
 - Demand Forecasting (Ridership Analysis)
 - Operations Planning
 - Costing
 - Socioeconomic / Environmental Considerations

Stakeholder Outreach



□ Key Components

- Understand, Address and Respond to Public Concerns
- Integrate Outreach with Technical Work
- Outreach to Support Decision Making
- Use Outreach to Help Shape Recommendations

Stakeholder Outreach



- Techniques
 - Meetings
 - Formal and Informal
 - Direct Communications
 - Web page / “e – news”
 - Fact Sheets / Newsletters
 - Follow Up



Project Schedule

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- Summer / Fall 2008
 - Data Collection
 - Preliminary Analysis
- Winter 2008/2009
 - Technical Findings
 - Preliminary Recommendations
- Spring 2009
 - Final Recommendations
 - Implementation Plan



Discussion

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