



Rail Traffic Evaluation

Public Workshop

July 10, 2008

FDOT District 1

Agenda



- Meeting Purpose and Format
- Scope of Work
- Public / Stakeholder Outreach
- Schedule
- Contacts

Meeting Purpose



- Establish Dialog with Stakeholders
- Provide Overview of the Scope of Study
- Obtain Input to Scope of Study
- Identify Concerns and Ideas

Meeting Format



- Introductory Presentation
- Three (3) Breakout Areas
 1. Identify Impacts / Develop Mitigation
 2. Evaluate Freight Routing
 3. Passenger Rail Feasibility Assessment

Scope of Study

Scope of Work



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

Identify Impacts / Develop Mitigation



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

Freight Corridors



- Opportunities and Constraints
 - Underutilized / Abandoned Rail ROW's
 - Utility Corridors
 - Transportation Corridors
- 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
 - Commitment to Follow Up



Project Schedule

Schedule

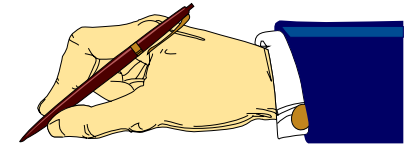


- Summer / Fall 2008
 - Data Collection
 - Preliminary Analysis
- Winter 2008/2009
 - Technical Findings
 - Preliminary Recommendations
- Spring 2009
 - Final Recommendations
 - Implementation Plan

Get Involved



- We Want to Hear from You
 - Attending Meetings
 - Talk with the Study Team
 - Voice Concerns
 - Identify Opportunities



Contact The Team



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- Please Participate in the Breakout / Discussion Areas
 - We Look Forward to an Open Dialog
 - Thank You for Attending



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