## RAIL RENAISSANCE

The Changing Dynamics of Freight Transportation



#### Railroads are the Backbone of America's Freight Transportation

- Nearly 140,000 MILES
- Over 180,000 EMPLOYEES
- Aggregate freight REVENUE of over \$70 billion
- In the U.S., railroads account for approximately 40%\* of all FREIGHT (more than any other transportation mode)
- 60% of all AUTOS produced in America move by rail
- 30% of all U.S. GRAIN moves by rail



- 70% of all COAL is moved by rail which in turn produces nearly 40% of American electricity
- U.S. railroads move 34 million tons of WHEAT, enough to provide 82 billion loaves of BREAD



#### Key Benefits of Rail Transportation



## HIGHWAY GRIDLOCK REDUCTION

A typical freight train takes the equivalent of SEVERAL HUNDRED TRUCKS OFF OUR HIGHWAYS

## ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLINESS

Freight railroads account for approximately 40% of the nation's intercity freight volume but

reduce greenhouse gas emissions

75%

compared to trucks

#### **COST EFFICIENCY**

In general, shippers

## PAY LESS FOR SHIPPING VIA RAIL

than for other forms of surface transportation

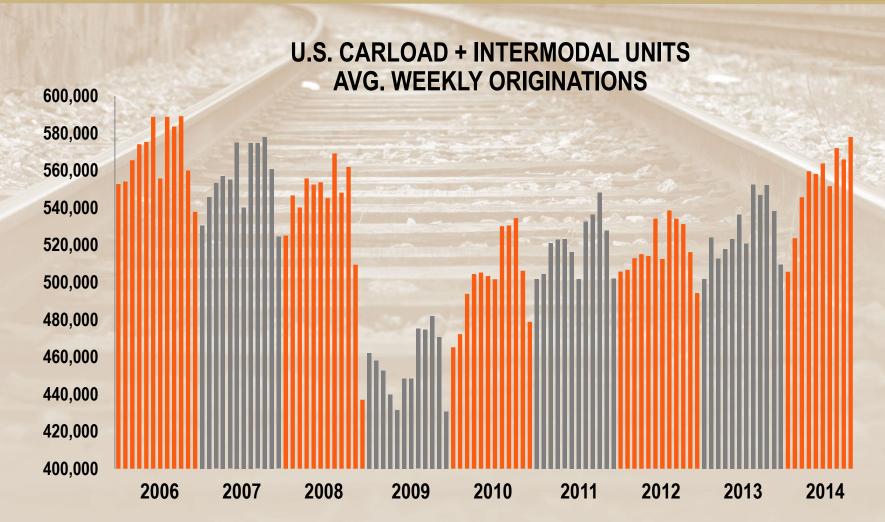




**Here We Grow Again** 



#### Freight Levels Today Highest Since Before Recession



Data are average weekly originations for each month, not seasonally adjusted, do not include intermodal, and do not include the U.S. operations of CN and CP.





## With Growth Comes Challenges



#### Significant Growth Over Multiple Businesses

#### U.S. RAIL TRAFFIC: FIRST HALF 2014 VS. FIRST HALF 2013

Grain: +119,000

Coal: +84,000

Industrial sand: +41,000

Food: +36,000

Crude oil: +24,000

Chemicals: +21,000

Lumber & wood: +13,000

Crushed stone: +11,000

Autos & parts: +11,000

Paper: +8,000

Cement: +7,000

Primary metal products: +6,000

■ Waste & scrap: -3,000

Metallic ores: -41,000

Intermodal containers & trailers: +372,000

Figures are originated carloads, except for lumber, paper, and autos, which are terminated carloads, and intermodal, which is originated containers and trailers.



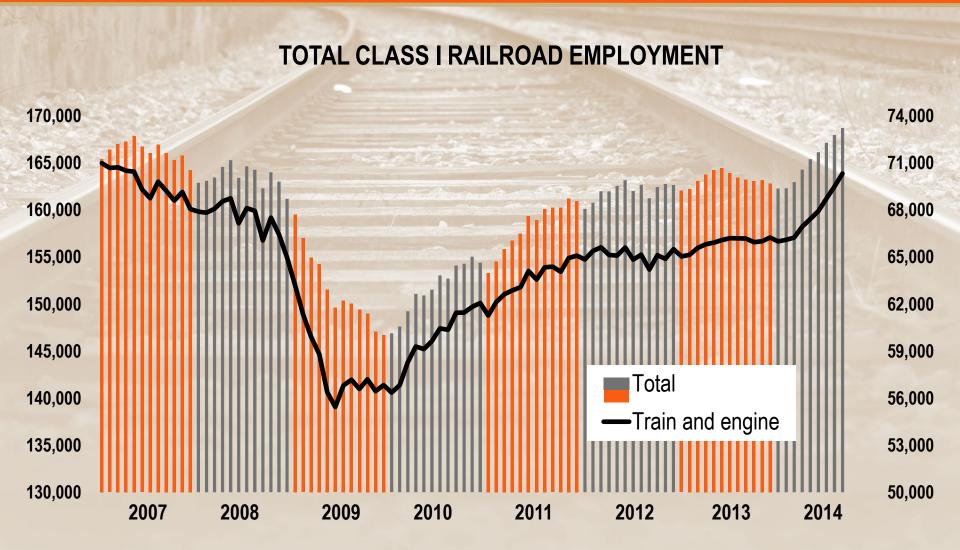
### What Are Railroads Doing to Solve the Problems?

- Process changes
- Improved information technology
- More people
- More locomotives and freight cars
- More physical plant



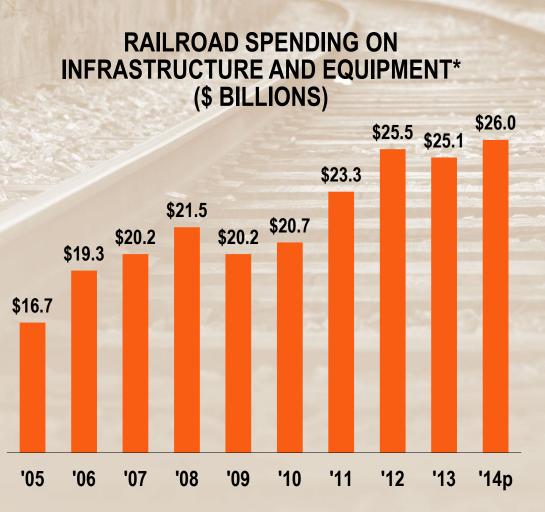


#### More People





#### Higher Spending in Recent Years than Ever Before



p – AAR projection \*Capital spending + maintenance expenses. Data are for Class I RRs.

#### Types of key projects:

- Main line, terminal and terminal through route upgrades
- Signal and control infrastructure
- Locomotive/freight car maintenance/servicing facilities
- Terminals and sidings
- Unit train servicing capabilities



#### Big Effort to Improve Chicago for Upcoming Winter

- Develop and test winter response plans earlier
- Trigger Chicago alerts automatically
- Improve routing protocols to use alternative gateways
- Deploy more weather resistant technology
- Investment in physical plant both through CREATE and individually
- More people





### Adding More Trains Not Always the Best Thing to Do

Adding more cars to this highway won't help existing cars move faster. Same with railroads.

KEY GOAL:
RESTORE
VELOCITY



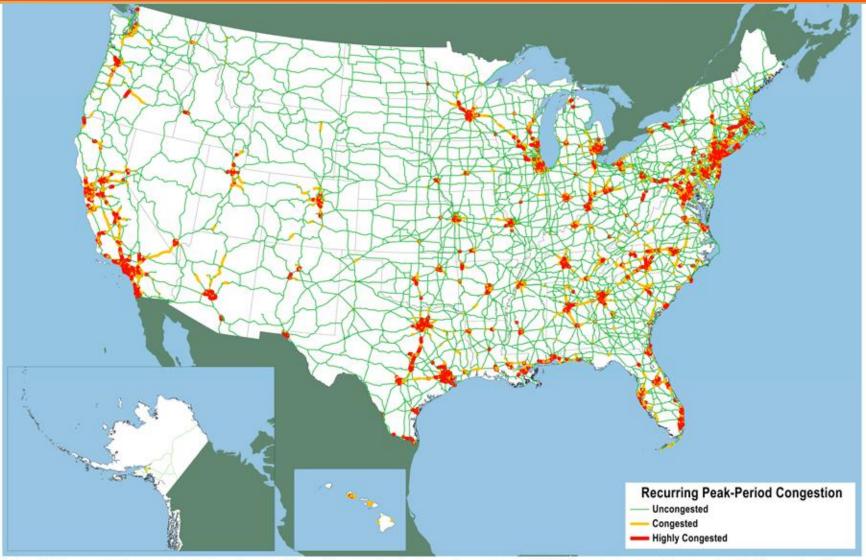




**Changing Dynamics of Our Supply Chain** 

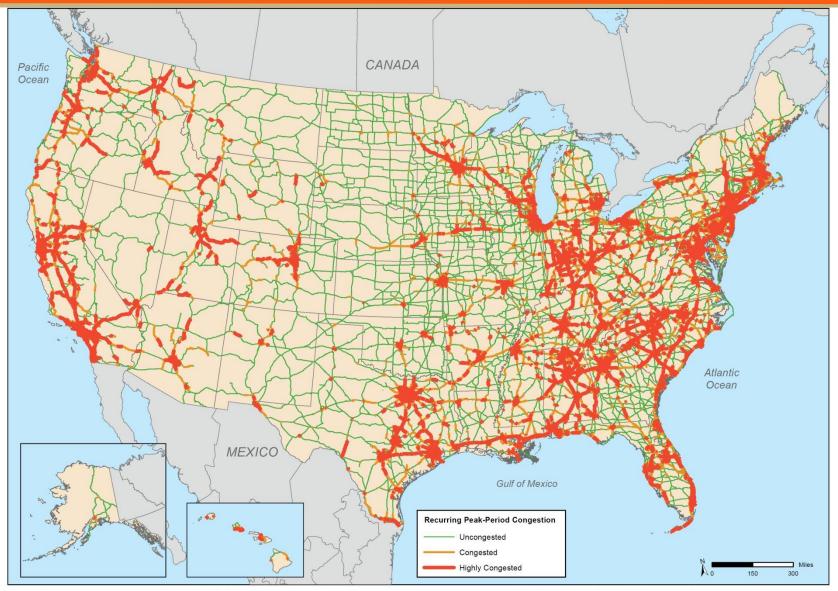


# Peak-Period Congestion on the National Highway System: 2007



Notes: Highly congested segments are stop-and-go conditions with volume/service flow ratios greater than 0.95. Congested segments have reduced traffic speeds with volume/service flow ratios between 0.75 and 0.95. The volume/service flow ratio is estimated using the procedures outlined in the HPMS Field Manual, Appendix N. Source: U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Highway Policy Information, Highway Performance Monitoring System, and Office of Freight Management and Operations, Freight Analysis Framework, version 3.4, 2012

# Peak-Period Congestion on the National Highway System: 2040

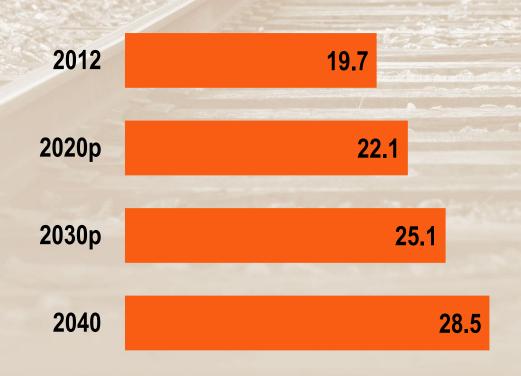


Notes: AADTT is average annual daily truck traffic and includes all freight-hauling and other trucks with six or more tires. AADT is average annual daily traffic and includes all motor vehicles. NHS mileage as of 2011, prior to MAP-21 system expansion.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Freight Management and Operations, Freight Analysis Framework, version 3.4, 2013.

## Long-Term Demand for Freight Transportation Will Surge

#### BILLIONS OF TONS OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTED IN THE U.S.



The U.S. DOT expects total U.S. freight movements to rise from around 19.7 billion tons in 2012 to 28.5 billion tons in 2040.

+45%

P – projected Source: FHWA - Freight Analysis Framework, version 3.4





#### **An Investment in Our Future**



#### Industrywide Investment

Since 1980, railroads have invested more than



\$575 BILLION

that's more than ...







out of every **REVENUE** 





#### Infrastructure Investment

#### What we need:

- Freight mobility planning
- User-pays policy
- More private investment





## National Freight Mobility Strategy



Regulatory reform is a competitiveness issue

#### What we need:

- Regulatory innovation
- Improved rulemaking
- Project permitting reform



#### In Summary ...

# We are in the midst of a RAIL RENAISSANCE

- The U.S. supply chain needs an efficient freight rail system
- Growth is putting a strain on the U.S. highway system
- Rail is preparing to accommodate that growth through continued investment





