



GORAIL is a national, non-profit, public interest organization dedicated to promoting freight transportation alternatives.

Freight transportation choices have major implications for the economy, highway congestion, fuel use, air pollution and highway safety. Freight volumes are expected to grow approximately 92 percent by 2035 and many highways are already stretched beyond capacity. The nation faces a complex freight mobility challenge and it is essential that non-highway options are available to keep goods moving.

Freight rail is an excellent alternative. Shipping more freight by rail saves taxpayers money, promotes cleaner air and greater fuel efficiency, improves safety, and lessens worsening highway congestion.

GORAIL's mission is based principally on recommendations from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, which represents state departments of transportation. AASHTO calls for increased public investment in freight rail infrastructure to help relieve pressure on the nation's roadways. AASHTO found that relatively small investments in new rail capacity would yield tremendous public benefits.

GORAIL actively builds public support among influential community and business leaders. Since its inception in 2004, GORAIL has assembled over 3,000 political, business, academic, and community leaders in 30 states. These leaders work with GORAIL to engage policy makers on opportunities to increase freight rail capacity.

With the expected increase in freight volumes, it is imperative that we pursue transportation options designed to carry these increased quantities of goods as safely and efficiently as possible. America's freight railroads are a clear alternative to continued reliance on an already overcrowded highway system.

A seamless transportation system is crucial for a strong economy and for the US to compete in the global marketplace. Smart transportation policies will improve quality of life for Americans.

**Please join with us in promoting policies that improve quality of life!**

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