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A Meeting of the Modes

Florida Railroad Association Presentation

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- The issues:
 - Railroads are very intermodal today
 - Transportation systems in the U.S. will be challenged
 - Expected freight levels will double
 - Florida's Transportation System is rushing to prepare
 - Florida's railroads struggle for replacement capital, let alone expansion capital

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- Funding Matters:

- Florida has identified the Strategic intermodal System (SIS)
- The Commission is to be commended for taking the lead and funding rail capacity
- Public funding is being maximized through public/private partnerships
- Public funds are being protected through creative equity positions in capacity improvements

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- From a railroad's perspective:
 - Florida's infrastructure needs to increase in preparation of future freight needs
 - Railroads will need to be able to carry double today's freight just to maintain share
 - If railroads are only a partial solution then the ability to double capacity will be needed
 - Rail capacity can be constructed quicker, more environmentally friendly and cheaper

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- Important Takeaways:
 - Government funding of railroad improvements needs to be primarily state based – Federal assistance welcomed
 - Five year project identification for funding is a challenge
 - Additional rail capacity builds market driven intermodalism
 - Florida's railroads look forward to being a solution to freight congestion mitigation

