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
• 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
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
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