



Go 21

**Growth Options for
the 21st Century**



Go21 is

- **A national nonprofit grassroots organization.**
- **Building coalitions in 21 states.**
- **Promoting freight transportation alternatives.**



67% Increase By 2020



Florida Congestion

- **31 million hours** per year in traffic delays.
- Cost Florida citizens **\$589 million**.
- Wasted **22 million gallons of fuel** annually.

* Texas Transportation Institute. (September 2003). 2003 Urban Mobility Report.

Rail is the Link Between Economic Growth and Quality of Life



Truck Trailers on Flatbed Rail Cars



Public Benefits of Rail

- **Freight Rail Improves Quality of Life**
- **Rail Relieves Highway Gridlock**
- **Rail Enhances Public Safety**
- **Rail is Fuel Efficient and Better for the Environment**



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Freight- Rail Bottom Line Report

2003

- Motorist savings = \$635 billion
- Taxpayer savings = \$ 27 billion
- Business savings = \$401 billion

Total Benefits = \$1.063 trillion



Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP)

“Investing in the nation’s rail infrastructure is the best way to accommodate the tremendous expected growth in freight tonnage.”

STPP 2004 Policy Paper