

Inland Port Cargo Complex



Regional Approach for Ports

 A statewide improvement Connects five plus seaports Promotes connectivity utilizing existing transportation network Improves rail efficiencies Relocates freight off of I-95 & Turnpike corridors Frees up coastal rail for urban passengers

What Is An Inland Port?

An inland port is a distribution site to provide opportunities to support intermodal transfers between ship, rail and truck operations, typically located in a rural setting where land costs and land uses are less restrictive. Inland ports must be centrally located to key markets and have efficient access to freight facilities which are over or near capacity.

Inland Port meets all 5 SIS Goals

 A safer more secure system for all
 Effective preservation, efficient operation & management of transportation system
 Increased mobility for people & freight with integration & connectivity across modes
 Enhanced economic competitiveness & diversification

5 Enriched quality of life & environmental stewardship

Florida's Seaports:

Conditions, Competitiveness, and Statewide Policies

"...It would be highly desirable for Florida ports to capture discretionary cargo now using out of state ports, because it would not only generate port-related economic benefits, but also reduce truck moves on Florida's highways. Strategies to accomplish this may include: channel deepening; rail service improvements; and warehouse/distribution/inland port development."

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"But if Florida fails to make needed improvements in its container ports, a greater share of discretionary cargo traffic will be lost to other states, and will have to come to Florida by rail or by truck from other ports. Monies saved by not investing in ports will probably be lost – and then some – because of additional investments needed on Florida's highways and railroads."

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TEUs	Water	Terminals	Landside	Access Markets
Miami 1,009,500 TEUs	42' deepening underway, 50' project under study	Total of 518 acres majority used for containers, 6100' of berthing	Potential for improved on-dock rail service	Excellent access to South Florida market
		Expansion requires and in and port	Truck access is constrained, tunnel planned	Limited access to out of state markets
Port of Palm Bea 226,002 TEUs	ach 33' channels	153 acre main term, more than half used for Containers	Direct service by FEC, potential for upgraded rail yard	Excellent access to South Florida market, possibility
		Expansion requires landfill, FP&L property, or inland port	Truck access is constrained, improvements	to improve Central Florida service with inland port
			planned	Limited access to out of state markets

Palm Beach's recent Master Plan Update includ<mark>es a variety o</mark>f planned projects ... Remaining concerns inc<mark>l</mark>ude ...ability to fund improvements"

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U.S. Containerized Tonnage Forecast

CAGR



Congestion Along The Coast



Port & Transportation Challenges

Increase in cargo by 300%
Larger ships mean larger volumes
Water access / channel improvements
Protect Florida's competitiveness
Improve rail system for on-time deliveries
Minimize roadway freight congestion







Inland Port Components

- 3,500 acres
- Warehouses, Distribution, Light Manufacturing
- Open Ground, Paved and Improved Storage
- Connectivity to existing & future Roadway Improvements
- Connectivity to existing & future Rail Improvements
- Secure Rail Interchange Facility

Community Factors

- Economic Development for Tri-City Palm Beach & adjacent Counties
- Job Opportunities and Training
- Improved transit options in urban core
- Master planning opportunity



Disaster Response

Military/Medical Response
Evacuation
Fuel Distribution
Synergy with Industrial Facilities
Post Disaster Recovery

Environmental Benefits

 EPA Consistency – Increased Rail = Reduced Fuel & **Emissions for Air** -270 vs. 12 at grade rail crossings **Everglades Restoration** to minimize impacts C-18 Canal w/SFWMD



Inland Port - Regional Approach to Heartland Rural Area of Economic Concern



Real Jobs for the Heartland

- <u>Direct</u> Construction, trucking, maintenance, warehouse, dispatch, management, parts, rail, heavy equipment operators & security
- <u>Indirect</u> Business opportunities to support shippers, distributors, freight forwarders, manufacturers, restaurants, fueling, retail & vocational training.
- Numerous entry level & family wage, full time, year-round jobs
- Transportation jobs = higher level paying jobs

Support for the Concept

- FDOT Secretary & Staff
 - Development & funding feasibility study
- Belle Glade City Commission
- Tri-City Board Positive Response
- MPO Voted unanimously to support with funding
- South Bay Mayor & Commission support
- Media Miami Herald, Sun Sentinel, Palm Beach Post & South Florida CEO ALL POSITIVE





Inland Port



Objective

- Facilitate and increase international trade in Florida by developing, operating and marketing a regional international trade processing center
- Provide for economic development regionally

Mission

- To expand the South Florida area's transportation and logistics industry
- To make it cheaper, faster, more efficient and secure for companies to move goods into, out of and through various Florida markets



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