PURPOSE

Recap and validate input on how rail and transit should function as part of an integrated, statewide and regional transportation system

Gather input on the roles and responsibilities of FDOT and other partners

Strengthen collaboration to advance rail and transit priorities
AGENDA

01 Rail & Transit System Overview Recap

02 What We Heard

03 Current Efforts & Next Steps
TRANSIT

217.6 Million passenger trips (2019)
PASSENGER RAIL

Intercity  Regional  Urban

Providers:
- Amtrak
- Tri-Rail
- SunRail
- TECO Streetcar
- JTA Skyway
- Miami Metromover & Metrorail

7.8 Million Rail Passengers (2019)
FREIGHT RAIL

Partners

Class I
Class II
Class III

78 Million tons (2019)
SCHEDULE

MAR 29TH
Jacksonville
FDOT District Two Headquarters
Training Room
1:00-4:00 PM

APR 6TH
Lakeland
Magnolia Building
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

APR 7TH
Longwood
Longwood Community Building
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

APR 12TH
Ft. Myers
Riverside Community Center
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

APR 13TH
Aventura Miami
Aventura Branch Library
1:00-4:00 PM

APR 26TH
Marianna
Jackson County Agriculture Center
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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SESSION RECAP

01 Overview Presentation with Live Polling

02 Rail & Transit System Engagement Stations

03 Roles, Responsibilities & Priorities Discussion
WHAT WE HEARD
TRANSIT
How often do you use transit?

- Never
- Once a year
- Once a month
- Once a week
- Daily

2.038
What would encourage you to use transit?

- Connections to new destinations or modes: 110
- First mile/last mile connections to transit: 98
- More frequent and reliable service: 119
- More convenient and affordable payment options: 72
- Improved personal safety and security: 50
- Better amenities: 65
- Other: 4
- None: 1
TRANSIT RECURRING THEMES

- Reliability
- Connectivity
- Technology
- Coordination
- Prioritizing Transit
- Planning
- Accessibility
- Perception
- Funding
Reliability

Increased frequencies and extended service hours are necessary to create a reliable experience for transit riders.

Connectivity

Considerations should be made for new routes, regional hubs, connections to other modes, and first/last mile connections.
Technology
As the transit environment evolves, technology is becoming increasingly important

Coordination
Partnerships and coordinated planning efforts are needed between FDOT, transit agencies, local governments, RPCs, and human service agencies
Prioritizing Transit

Dedicated bus lanes and express bus routes should be given priority on high-ridership corridors in order to shift mode use.

Planning

There is a need to change policies and align priorities to integrate transit into local land use and growth management practices.
Accessibility
Paratransit/ADA accessibility should be included in all transit discussions to increase access for transit dependent populations and promote equity.

Perception
The perception of transit must be addressed: Why people are reluctant to use transit, how to better serve existing riders, and how to attract new riders.
There is a need to reimagine the use of existing transportation funds and find alternate funding opportunities for transit.
I can support transit needs as identified

I can support transit needs with clarifications or changes

I cannot support transit needs unless concerns are addressed
## Transit Feedback

Poll Results (single answer required):

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PASSENGER RAIL
How often do you use passenger rail?

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- Once a week
- Daily

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- Connections to new destinations or modes
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- Other
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PASSENGER RAIL RECURRING THEMES

- Connectivity
- Consistency
- Convenience
- Accessibility
- Corridor Preservation
- Technology
- Awareness
- Safety
- Partnership
- Funding
Connectivity
Considerations should be made for new routes, regional hubs, connections to other modes, and first/last mile connections

Consistency
Increased frequencies and extended service hours help create a more accessible service
Convenience

Passenger Rail should be convenient for all user groups – tourists, tourist support workers, college students, commuters, etc.

Accessibility

ADA accessibility is vital to increase access and promote equity
Corridor Preservation
Dedicated rail infrastructure should be considered within existing highway/utility corridors

Technology
Technology should aid in passenger rail accessibility and convenience
Awareness
Civic engagement through outreach and marketing can help educate the public on the availability and benefits of passenger rail to attract users.

Safety
The safety of riders as well as roadway users who interact with rail tracks is a top priority.
Partnership

For a successful passenger rail system, FDOT, the railroads, and local jurisdictions must be willing to partner and expand their roles.

Funding

There is a need to reimagine the use of existing transportation funds and find alternate funding opportunities for passenger rail.
FEEDBACK

I can support passenger rail needs as identified

I can support passenger rail needs with clarifications or changes

I cannot support passenger rail needs unless concerns are addressed
Passenger Rail Feedback

Poll Results (single answer required):

- I can support passenger rail needs as identified: 60%
- I can support these needs with clarifications/changes: 34%
- I cannot support these needs unless concerns are addressed: 6%
Which of the following is your top freight rail priority?

- Safety: 55%
- Capacity: 22%
- Funding: 19%
- Liability: 4%
There is a need to increase capacity and connections for freight rail, whether through re-imagining shared tracks or using dedicated freight corridors.

Modal shift from truck to rail is necessary to ease highway congestion, reduce carbon footprint, and help solve the truck parking issue.
Maintenance Needs

There is a need for maintenance and retention of existing corridors around the state.

Intermodal Facilities

There is a need for inland ports and inland port funding opportunities.
Florida should incentivize Class I railroads into market

There is a need to address rail/roadway conflicts through crossing elimination or separation and encouraging safe behavior around tracks
Coordination/Relationships

Coordination amongst FDOT, freight railroad companies, ports, passenger rail companies, and local jurisdictions is critical to getting things done.

FDOT’s Role

There were various opinions on the role that FDOT should play, but majority felt the role should be expanded.
I can support freight rail needs as identified

I can support freight rail needs with clarifications or changes

I cannot support freight rail needs unless concerns are addressed
Freight Rail

Poll Results (single answer required):

- I can support freight rail needs as identified: 62%
- I can support freight rail needs with clarifications/changes: 30%
- I cannot support these needs unless concerns are addressed: 8%
Past

- Objectives were general
- Limited needs analysis: Amtrak improvements, capacity, partnerships, tourist railroads

2022 Rail System Plan Update

- Objectives for Passenger Rail Service will be proactive and prescriptive
- Unique strategies, roles & responsibilities depending on the type of service
- More detail to update the section on Freight Rail Needs and Passenger Rail Needs
QUESTIONS
CURRENT EFFORTS

• Rebranding and sharing modal insights on variety of platforms

• Working with partners to apply for federal discretionary funding

• Identifying High-Capacity Premium Transit Corridors

• Brainstorming Options for Intercity Rail Corridor Identification Program
NEXT STEPS

• Needs will be prioritized for implementation

• Florida’s rail service and investment program will be available for a public comment period around August/September

• Send additional comments to:
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