Michigan Department of Transportation

Rail Program Highlights

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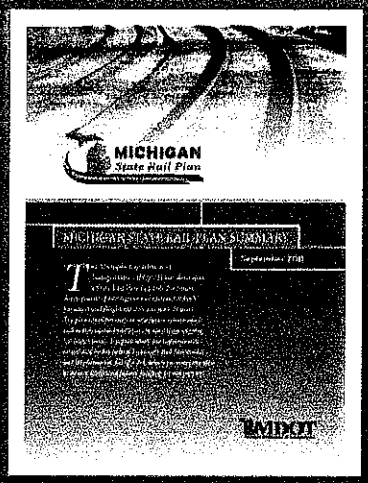
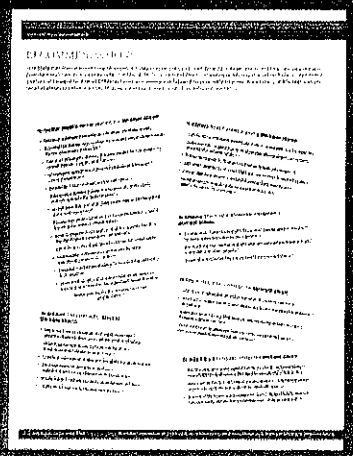
State Rail Plan

- Guides the future development of the rail system for passenger and freight rail over the next 20 years
- Developed with extensive public outreach
- Meets requirements for potential future federal funding



State Rail Plan

- Includes:
  - Profile of system
  - Needs identification
  - Benefit analysis of potential investments and recommendations
- Projects identified and prioritized into 4 funding investment packages (current levels to "best")
- "Good" package recommended: $7.1B over 20 years
- Plan available online www.michigan.gov/mirailplan



The Office of Rail

- Passenger Rail
  - Intercity
  - Commuter
  - Michigan Line
- Freight Rail Economic Development Programs
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  - Management of state-owned lines
  - Rail infrastructure revolving-loan program
- Rail Safety
  - Regulation
  - Railroad crossing projects

Michigan's Passenger Rail System

FY 2011

Ridership	
Blue Water	187,065
Pere Marquette	106,662
Wolverine	503,290
TOTAL	797,017
Revenue	
Blue Water	$ 5.8M
Pere Marquette	$ 3.2M
Wolverine	$18.8M
TOTAL	$27.8M

Michigan's Accelerated Rail Program

Chicago-Detroit/Pontiac Corridor

- Federal Investment
  - Stations $ 44.1M
  - Infrastructure $593.2M
    - Instate - $355.9M
    - Outstate - $237.3M
  - Future Corridor Planning $ 3.2M

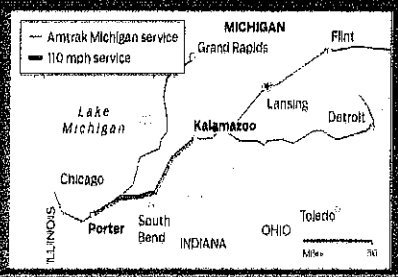
  TOTAL $640.5M

  - Midwest Next Generation Train Equipment (MI Share TBD) $268.2M

Amtrak Ownership

Kalamazoo-Dearborn Extension

- Enhanced Safety
- Reduce trip times
- Passenger-focused ownership between Porter, IN and Dearborn (Nearly 80% of the corridor)
- Freight will benefit from capacity improvements

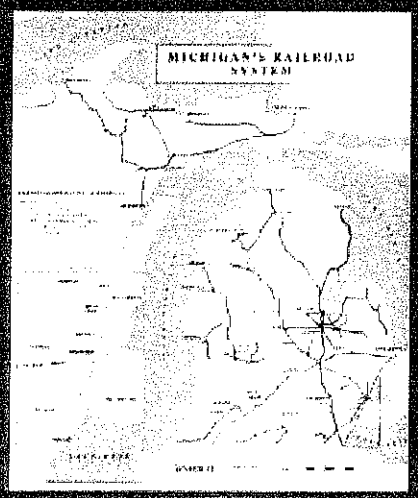


Safety/Innovations

- New technology will improve safety at grade crossings and along the railroad

Michigan's Freight Rail System

- 3600 miles of track
- 24 Operators
- 530 miles state-owned
- 4800 public railroad crossings
- Carries 33% state's freight tonnage



FY 2012 Freight Rail Programs

Rail-Related Economic Development

- Role in State's Economy
  - Carries 33% of state's freight tonnage
  - Passenger-rail system connects major economic centers and promotes economic development
- Rural Development
  - Freight rail particularly important to agriculture, forestry and mining industries
  - Projecting 50% increase in crop production
  - Double agricultural exports over next 5 years

THANK YOU

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