## WELCOME TO THE OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW JERSEY'S STATE RAIL PLAN

### Why a State Rail Plan?

- Identifies and addresses the issues facing the state's passenger and freight railroads
- Identifies and addresses the conflicting interests of passenger and freight operations
- Provides a platform for multi-modal transportation
- Serves as a road map for improving/expanding rail service
- Educates the public on New Jersey's railroads
- Mandated by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)



#### What is a State Rail Plan? Plan Elements

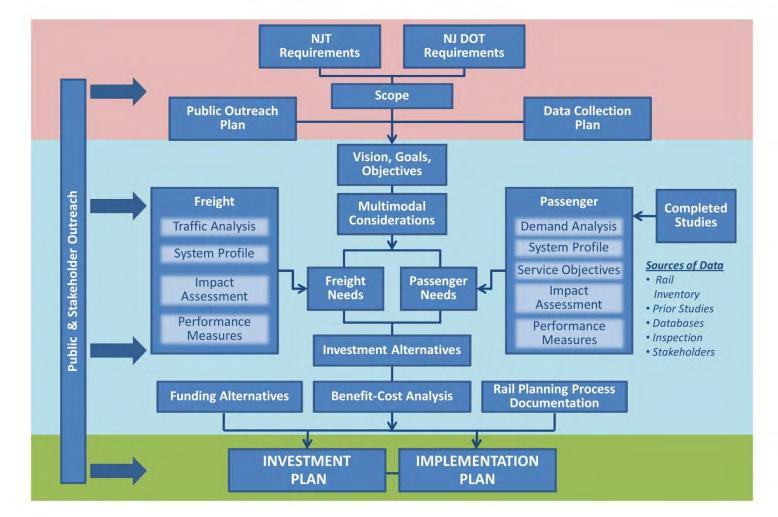
- Describes the role of passenger and freight rail in the state
- Sets rail transportation goals and objectives
- Describes rail network, services and facilities
- Assesses passenger rail connections with other transportation modes (transit, highway access)
- Assesses rail connections with other freight transportation modes (ports, truck-rail transfer facilities)
- Describes rail impacts: economy, environment, energy consumption
- Evaluates passenger and freight services and infrastructure - needs assessment
- Provides a high speed rail corridor development plan
- Provides a long range investment program: proposed projects

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### **State Rail Plan Process**





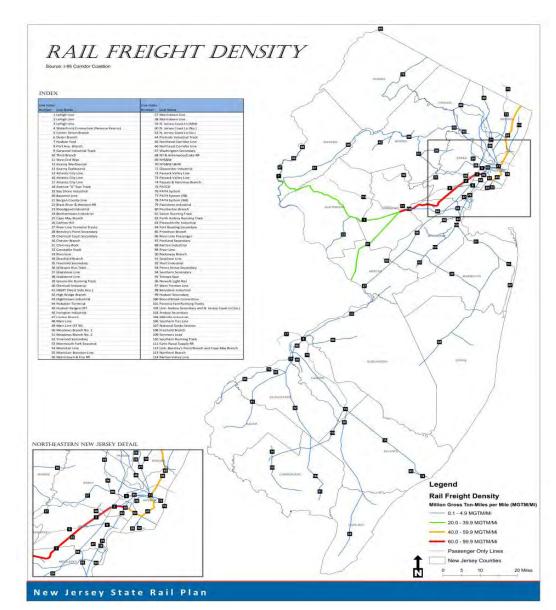


## NEW JERSEY'S FREIGHT RAILROADS

| Class/Type         | Railroad Name                  | Miles Operated in New<br>Jersey |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Class I and        |                                |                                 |
| Canadian           | CSX Transportation             | 647                             |
|                    | Norfolk Southern Corporation   | 933                             |
|                    | Canadian Pacific Railway       | 68                              |
| Class II and Class |                                |                                 |
| III                | New York, Susquehanna and      |                                 |
| (Regional)         | Western Railway                | 91                              |
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| III                | Belvidere and Delaware River   |                                 |
| (Local)            | Railway Company                | 20                              |
|                    | Morristown and Erie Railway,   |                                 |
|                    | Inc.                           | 42                              |
|                    | New Jersey Rail Carrier, LLC   | 2                               |
|                    |                                | (in switching category)         |
|                    | New York and Greenwood Lake    | <u>)</u>                        |
|                    | Railway                        | 2                               |
|                    | SMS Rail Service, Inc.         | 13                              |
|                    | Southern Railroad Company of   |                                 |
|                    | New Jersey                     | 53                              |
|                    | Winchester and Western         |                                 |
|                    | Railroad                       | 54                              |
| Switching and      |                                |                                 |
| Terminal           | Black River and Western        |                                 |
| Railroads          | Railroad                       | 17                              |
|                    | Conrail, Inc.                  | 469                             |
|                    | East Jersey Railroad and       |                                 |
|                    | Terminal Company               | 3                               |
|                    | New York, New Jersey Rail, LLC | 1                               |
|                    |                                | (Classified as New York         |
|                    |                                | Cross Harbor)                   |
|                    | Port Jersey Railroad           | 5                               |
|                    | Raritan Central Railway, LLC   | 17                              |
|                    | US Rail Corporation            | 18                              |

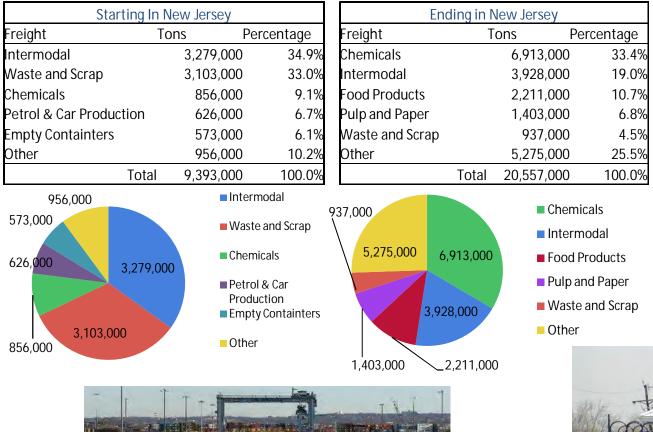
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### IMPORTANCE OF FREIGHT RAILROADS

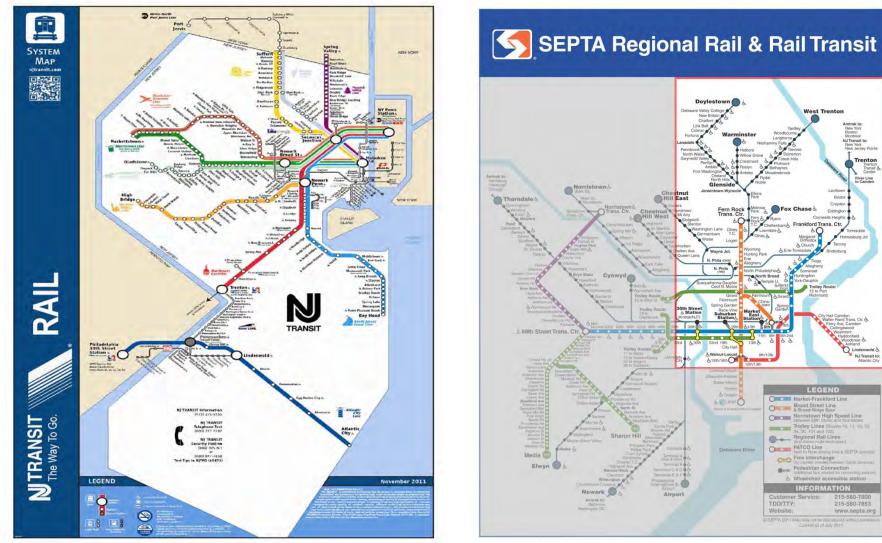


- 983 miles of railroad in the State
- Railroads are four times as fuel efficient as trucks
- Railroads produce onethird the amount of green house gases as trucks per ton of freight
- A typical train eliminates 240 trucks from the highway system









#### **NEW JERSEY'S COMMUTER RAILROADS**

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New Jersey State Rail Plan

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# NJ TRANSIT OPERATIONS

- Operates ten rail routes serving 116 municipalities
- Operates 727 trains each weekday
- Nearly 400 trains run each Saturday and Sunday
- Over 276,000 riders use NJ TRANSIT rail service each weekday



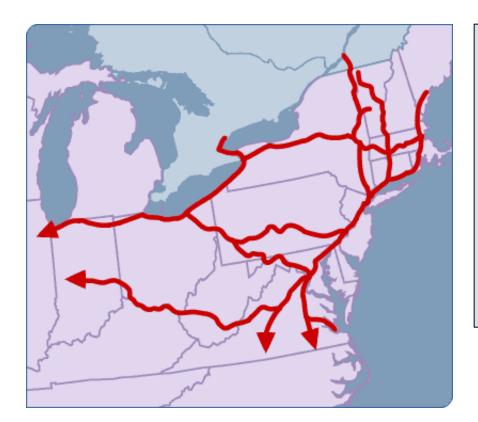


- The 2011 average weekday passenger boarding at NY Penn Station was 77,058
- NJ TRANSIT operates three light rail lines
- NJ TRANSIT operates a fleet of 3092 buses and 72 light rail cars
- Serves nearly 223 million passenger trips each year on all modes





### AMTRAK'S NORTHEAST CORRIDOR LINE

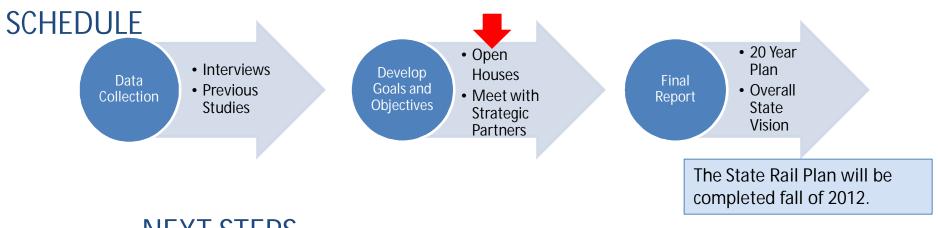


- Amtrak operates 110 trains daily in New Jersey
- New Jersey has six Amtrak stations: Newark, Newark International Airport, Metropark, New Brunswick, Princeton Junction and Trenton
- Two of Amtrak's twenty-five busiest stations are in New Jersey: Newark (14<sup>th</sup>/ 686,626 passengers); Trenton (23<sup>rd</sup>/ 424,068 passengers)
- The Northeast Corridor is the busiest rail line in the country









# NEXT STEPS

- Meetings with rail partners
- Public and stakeholder input
- Finalize overall goals
- Establish long term plan for the state's rail transportation system
- Write the State Rail Plan

Visit the Web Site: <u>www.state.nj.us/transportation/freight/rail</u>

## STAY INVOLVED

You can:

- Fill out the comment sheet (tonight)
- Place comments on the web site
- Contact us via email at: <u>StateRailPlan@njtransit.com</u>



