Educating, Recruiting & Mobilizing Support for Freight Rail

GoRail works with thousands of community leaders across the country to tell the local story of freight rail — stronger economies, more jobs and cleaner skies.

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THE FREIGHT RAIL NETWORK

140,000-mile private rail network

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation
Bureau of Transportation Statistics, National Transportation Atlas Database 2009
Freight Rail’s Private Spending

Supported over 1.1 million jobs

Generated nearly $26 billion in taxes

Created more than a $219 billion economic impact

Source: 2017 Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis of Class I Railroads, Towson University/RESI
Public Benefits

Railroads reinvest into the nationwide rail network at 6X the rate of the average manufacturer.
(Source: Census Bureau, AAR)

Freight rail is 4X more fuel efficient than trucking.
(Source: PRA)

Today, the average rail shipper can move nearly 2X the amount of freight for about the same price it paid more than 35 years ago.
(Source: AAR)

Every railroad job supported another 9 jobs across the U.S. economy in 2014.
(Source: Texas A&M University’s Regional Economic Studies Institute)

One train can carry the load of several hundred trucks, which reduces highway gridlock.
(Source: AAR)
South Carolina Rail Stats

- Number of Freight Railroads: 11
- Mileage: 2279
- Number of Rail Employees: 1615
Demand For Freight Transportation To Rise Sharply
(billions of tons transported in U.S.)

- 2012: 19.7 bil
- 2020p: 22.1 bil
- 2030p: 25.1 bil
- 2040p: 28.5 bil

* - projected  
Smart policy unleashes freight rail’s power to drive the American economy

The Staggers Act enabled the freight rail industry to adapt and serve U.S. shippers with a reliable and affordable way to move goods here and abroad.

Source: Association of American Railroads
Rail Tech

- **Advanced Fuel Management Systems**: assess track grade, train weight, wind speed and more, allowing our locomotives to move one ton of freight 470+ miles on a single gallon of fuel — 4x more efficient than trucks.

- **Positive Train Control**: continuously analyzes the hundreds of variables required to safely stop a train at any given time, counteracting human error.

- **Modern Tier 4 Locomotives**: are outfitted with hundreds of sensors that generate thousands of performance readings per minute to maximize efficiency.

- **Smart Sensors**: positioned along the track identify worn components on passing trains in real-time and amass a wealth of data for advanced analysis.

- **Automated Inspection Equipment**: monitors track integrity including curvature, alignment, grade, ballast and more.
• Thousands of emergency responders trained each year through industry and individual railroad efforts

• The Security and Emergency Response Training Center also offers a free, web-based training (http://sertc.org/course-type/web/)

• Railroads work with states & communities on developing emergency response plans
AskRail App

• Provides first responders immediate access to accurate, timely data about what type of hazmat a rail car is carrying so they can make an informed decision about how to respond to a rail emergency

• Available only to qualified first responders

• Provided to over 25,000 first responders in all 50 states and 8 Canadian provinces

• For more information or to sign up, visit http://www.askrail.us