

National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission Roundtable Forum



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Savannah Port

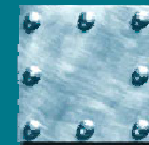


- 4th largest container port in U.S.
- Fastest growing East coast container port
- Throughput doubled since 2001
- To double again in 10 years

Source: Georgia Ports Authority



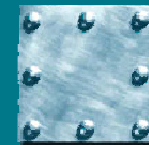
Georgia Interstate System Plan



- By 2035:
 - Total VMT will increase 129%
 - Truck VMT will increase 185%



Georgia Truck Lanes Needs Study



- Determine congested corridors
- Identify solutions/recommend projects
- Explore funding methodologies
- Public-Private Partnership



- Additional gas tax revenues
- Traditional tolling

Source: GDOT-Office of Planning



Interstate Highway System – Global Gateway



- Preserve 47,000 mile system
- Improve its performance through management and ITS technologies



Travel Demand



	Population Growth	Travel Growth (VMT)
1956	165 million	600 billion
2006	300 million	3 trillion
2056	435 million	7 trillion



Interstate Highway System of the Future



Significantly add capacity through:

New routes

Correct bottlenecks

Adding lanes
on current system

Intermodal connectors

Upgrading NHS
routes

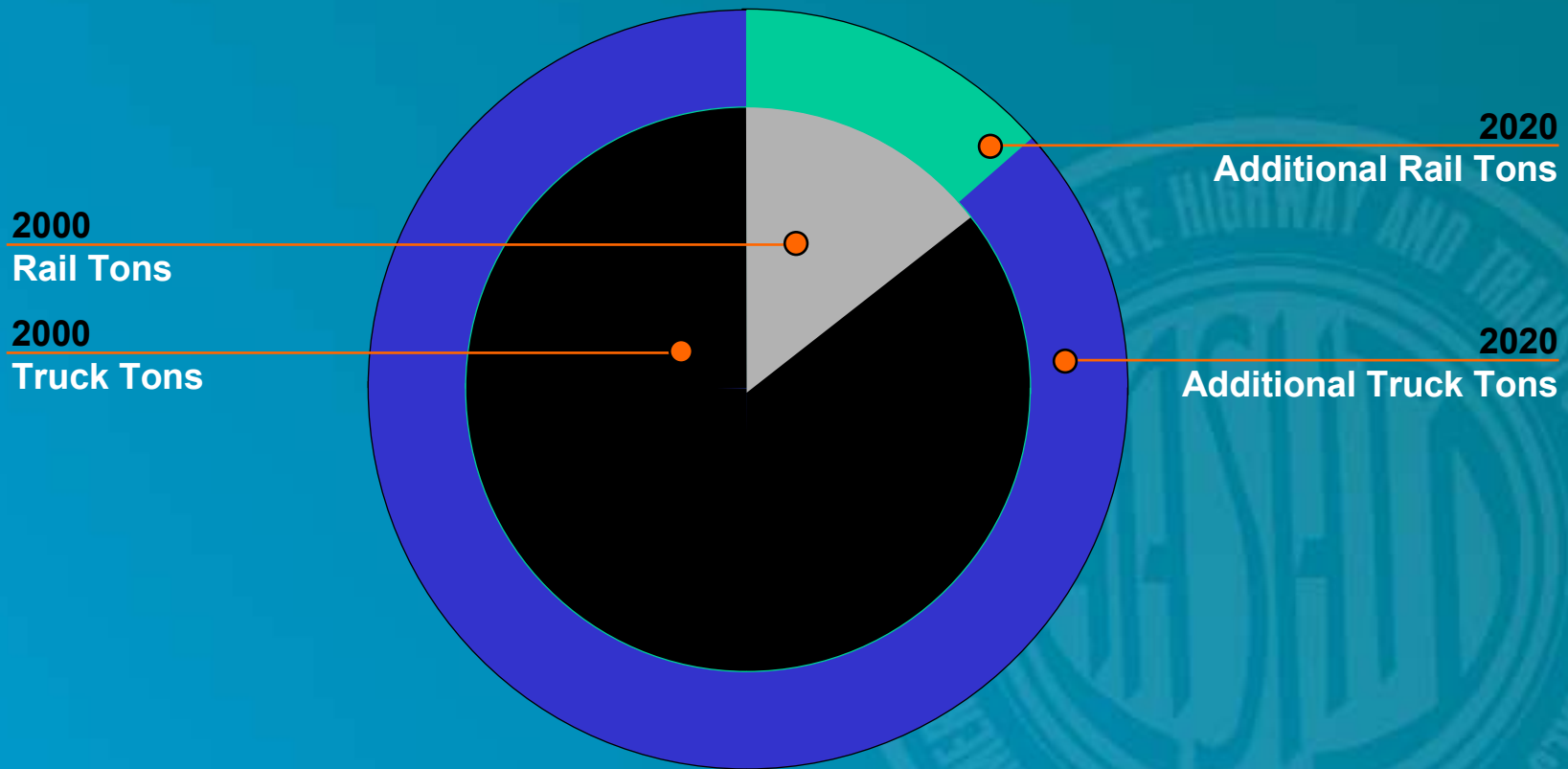
Truck-only lanes



Freight and Public Policy Issues



Do the truck and rail freight systems have the capacity to handle the growing volume of freight – even if mode shares remain constant?



Do the public benefits of a rail-freight system warrant public investment to expand rail-freight capacity?



Potential Impacts on Highways from Rail Shift



- \$2.6 Billion - Annual Public Investment Needed for Rail
- If not met, 31 billion truck VMT shift to highways
- \$21 Billion – Increased cost to Highways

