



ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MEETING PACKET

**Wednesday, December 5, 2012
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Reed Hall (102 HOB)**

**Will Weatherford
Speaker**

**Jimmy Patronis
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The Florida House of Representatives
Economic Affairs Committee

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Meeting Agenda
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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- IV. Introduction of Members**
- V. Presentations**
 - a. Department of Economic Opportunity**
 - b. Department of Transportation**
- VI. Adjournment**



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**REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
TAX WORKGROUP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012**



Reemployment Assistance

- Chapter 2012-30, L.O.F., (HB 7005) rebrands the Unemployment Compensation Program as the Reemployment Assistance (RA) Program
- Section 92 of the act requires DEO to convene a workgroup to study the reemployment assistance contribution calculation



RA Program Contributions

- Since October 1, 2000, reemployment assistance tax has been administered by the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) through a contract as required by s. 443.1316, F.S.
- DOR serves as DEO's tax collection service provider and performs all functions relating to RA tax including calculation of the contribution rates for each year



RA Workgroup

- The law prescribed the membership of the workgroup
- Total of ten members - including four representing business who were appointed by joint agreement by the DEO and DOR Executive Directors, two of which represent small business
- Two each from DEO and DOR
- One member each from the House and Senate



Workgroup Meetings

- First meeting held in Tallahassee on July 12, 2012
- The three subsequent meetings in August, September, and October 2012, were held in Tampa
- The meeting on November 2, 2012, was held in Tallahassee
- Last meeting held telephonically on Nov. 16



RA Workgroup Responsibilities

- The law required the workgroup to study the contribution calculation, and
- Provide by December 31, 2012, findings and recommendations to the Legislature for changes to the calculation designed to ensure long-term solvency of the reemployment assistance program while promoting equitable, minimal tax burdens on Florida employers



RA Workgroup Responsibilities

- The law prohibited the workgroup from considering any recommendations relating to changes in benefit eligibility for unemployed workers
- The law authorized the workgroup to review the laws of other states to develop workgroup recommendations



Study of the Calculation

- DEO engaged two consultants to assist with the study and guide the development of recommendations through setting goals
- Presentations were made to the workgroup at each in-person meeting covering federal requirements for experience rating, Florida's current calculation, other rating systems and solvency, Florida's forecast for solvency, and an alternative calculation method called Array



Recommendations

- Beginning with the second meeting, time was devoted to developing goals for development of the recommendations
- The first meeting in November was dedicated solely to developing and agreeing to the recommendations
- A follow-up meeting was held to review and finalize recommendations



Report to Legislature

- DEO has drafted a report to the Legislature on the workgroup's study of the contribution calculation and its recommendations
- The report is under review and will be provided to the Legislature by December 31, 2012



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Freight Mobility & Trade Plan



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

2012 Legislative 'Freight' Update
Freight, Logistics and Passenger Operation



Governor's Focus

A key initiative of Florida Governor Rick Scott's 2012 Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda is to



“reprioritize state transportation projects to focus on those that would, over the short and long term, help create the greatest number of jobs”

Florida Department of Transportation

In response, Florida DOT Secretary Ananth Prasad created the Office of Freight, Logistics & Passenger Operations (FLP)



“This office will play a key role in the advancing Governor Scott’s initiatives to transform Florida’s economy by becoming a global hub for trade, logistics, and export-oriented manufacturing.”

Freight, Logistics and Passenger Operations (FLP)

- FLP goal is to improve *mobility and connectivity* which will, in turn, increase *commerce and enhance livability*

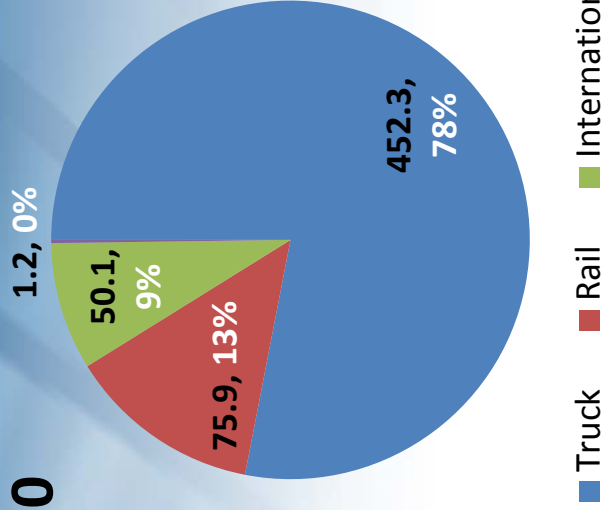
Modal Offices with FLP:

- Rail and Motor Carrier
- Aviation and Spaceports
- Seaports and Waterways
- Transit

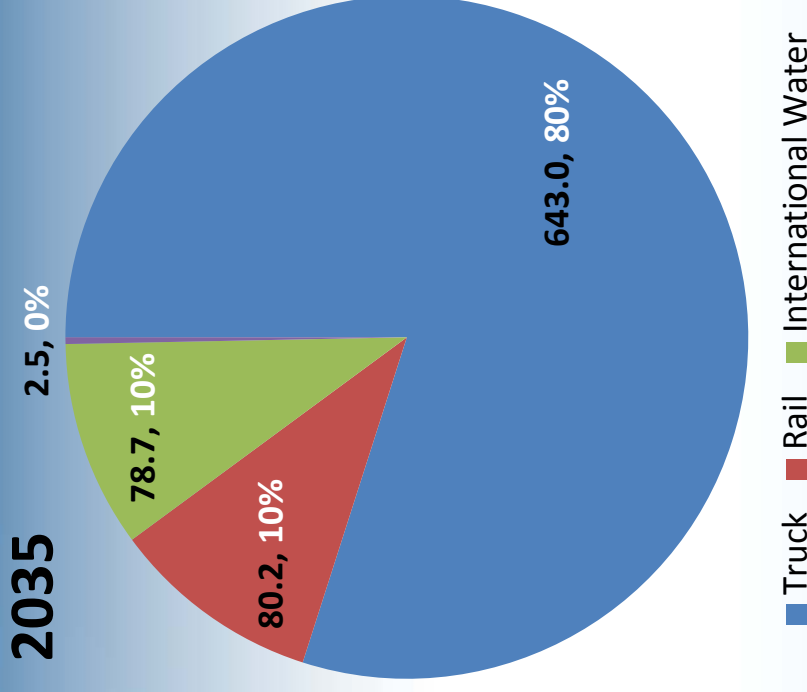
- Freight Coordinators have been appointed for each FDOT District Office and Turnpike

Freight Expected to Increase

2010



2035



Florida Freight (in millions of tons)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2035</u>	<u>AGR</u>
Truck	452.3	643.0	1.4%
Rail	75.9	80.2	0.2%
Water	50.1	78.7	1.8%
Air	1.2	2.5	3.0%

Note: Water excluded domestic movements.

Annual Growth Rate (ARG)

Source: Florida Trade and Logistics Study, 2010.

Tell the Freight Story

Communicate into easy, understandable terms

- No mixed signals - competing interests
- PhD or GED

Paint a picture of Freight

- To our daily lives
- Economic Development
- Jobs & health of our Economy
- A transitioning DOT



Freight Mobility & Trade Plan



Tell the
Freight
Story



Develop
the Plan



“Sell”
Freight

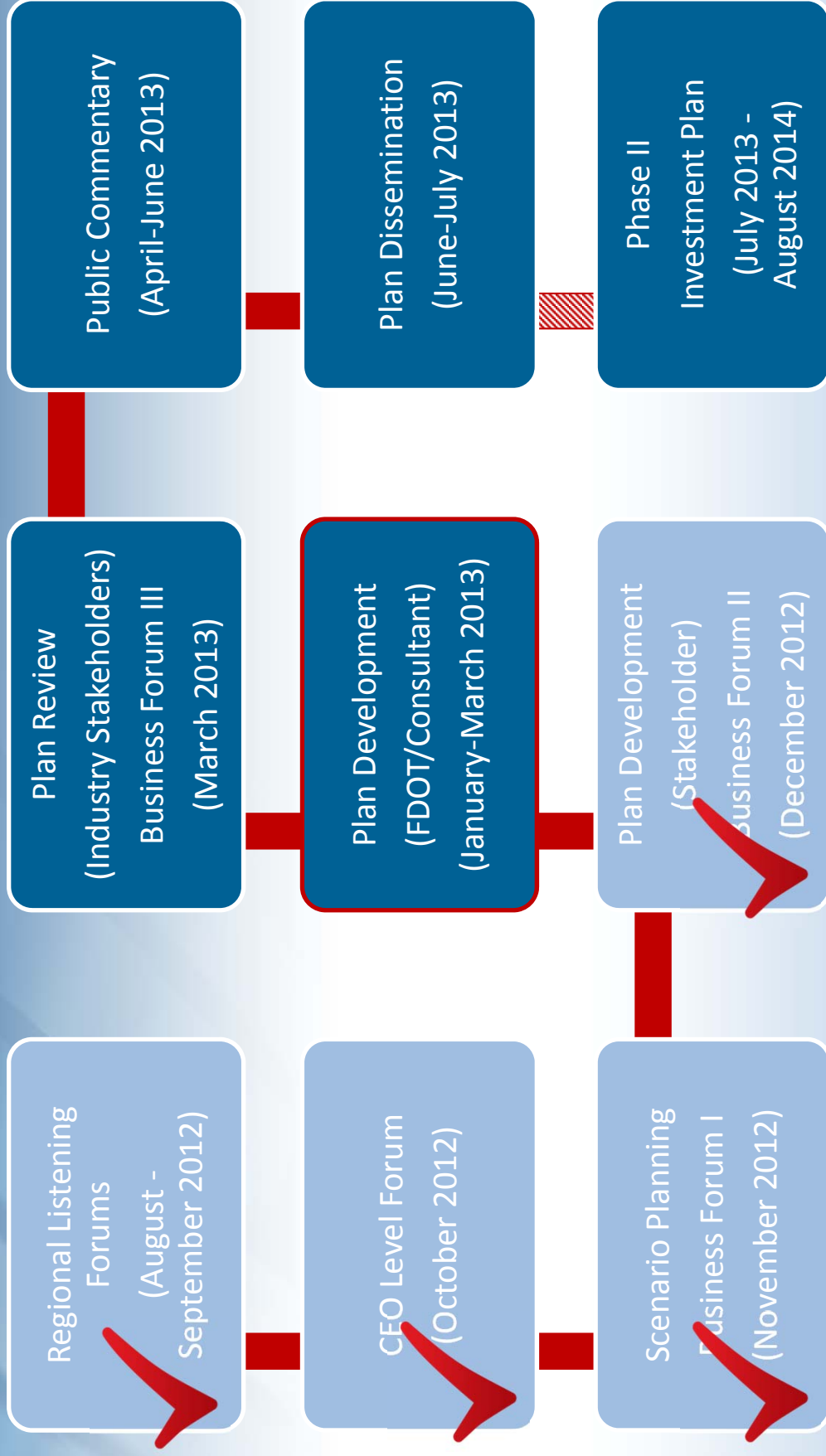
3 Pillars

Response to Florida House Bill 599

Approved on April 27, 2012 by signature of Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Bill 599 requires the Florida Department of Transportation to develop the Freight Mobility and Trade Plan. The goals for the creation of the plan are:

- 1. Increasing the flow of domestic and international trade through the state's seaports and airports ...** recapture cargo currently shipped through seaports and airports located outside the state.
- 2. Increasing the development of intermodal logistic centers in the state ...** capitalize on the empty backhaul trucking and rail market in the state.
- 3. Increasing the development of manufacturing industries in the state ...** transportation facilities that will promote the successful development and expansion of manufacturing facilities.
- 4. Increasing the implementation of compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), and propane energy policies ...** that reduce transportation costs for businesses and residents located in the state.

The Plan's Path



Regional Listening Forums

FDOT hosted six locations around the state, these sessions gathered observations and comments on the current and future condition of the freight transportation system from all interested participants- over 500 attendees!.

Extensive effort was made to hear from Private Industry on:

- Deficiencies of the system
- Solutions to remedy those conditions
- Future needs envisioned to support growth



The six Regional Listening Forum sessions were held in:

Miami	Jacksonville	Ft. Myers
August 8, 2012	August 16, 2012	August 29, 2012
Orlando	Panama City	Tampa
August 9, 2012	August 17, 2012	September 11, 2012

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Make your voice heard!

Join discussions about Florida's ability to meet the needs of our businesses in transporting goods to, from and within the State, U.S., and across the globe.

The Offices of Freight Logistics and Passenger Operations (FLP) for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be hosting Regional Listening Sessions as the initial step in crafting Florida's Freight Mobility and Trade Plan.

- Four sessions will be held across the state during August 2012 to hear your thoughts on:
 - What are the issues, opportunities, and potential solutions affecting today's freight community in Florida?
 - How can FDOT assist you in helping to expand Florida's economy and create jobs?
 - What future strategies should be advanced by FDOT to better position Florida as a global freight hub?
 - In looking to the future, how should FDOT structure its Freight Mobility and Trade Plan to meet the needs of the business community?

Sessions are planned from 9:00AM to Noon on each of the following dates:

MIAMI Aug. 8, 2012	Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Ray Goode Ryder Conference Center Ballroom Level 1601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami 33132
ORLANDO Aug. 9, 2012	Tampike Headquarters Building 5315 Rozans 1093 & 1094 (Alderman A & B) Florida Turnpike Mile Post 263, Ocoee 34761
JACKSONVILLE Aug. 16, 2012	JACKSONVILLE JACKSONVILLE 9810 August Dr., Jacksonville 32226
PANAMA CITY Aug. 17, 2012	Bay County Library Community Room 686 W 11th St., Panama City 32401
FT MYERS Aug. 29, 2012	Southwest Florida International Airport Airport Training & Conference Center 15524 Air Cargo Ln, Ft Myers 33913
TAMPA Sept. 11, 2012	Tampa Port Authority Board Room 1101 Channelside Dr, Tampa 33602

Registration is free, but SPACE IS LIMITED. Register at https://www.scrayonsolutions.com/Regional_Listening_Session or email lody.martinez@dot.state.fl.us with questions.



Video and summary document available at

[www. freightmovesflorida.com](http://www.freightmovesflorida.com)

CEO-Level Forum

This special session was intended to engage the senior leadership of:

- Companies presently located in the state
- Those we seek to encourage to re-locate to the state
- Others who can contribute to the economic growth of the state

Participants Included:

Boeing - NASA – Bank of America – Florida Chamber of Commerce
Publix - U.S. Sugar - Coca-Cola - PepsiCo –Orlando Health
Bealls - Port Miami – JAXport – Port Canaveral –McTyre Trucking
CSX – FEC – CEMEX –RaceTrac Petroleum
Rooms-To-Go - Office Depot – Southeast Milk

Key Partners & Participants



Scenario Planning

- The Scenario Planning Session was a one-day event and the **first of three Business Forums** over the next five months to further stakeholder involvement.
- Scenario Planning is a proven method for developing policies and investments into the future
 - Four distinct future concepts were explored:
 - Global Marketplace
 - Millions of Markets
 - Naftastique!
 - One World Order
 - We cannot accurately predict and plan for all the potential events in our state's future, but by planning for futures encompassing a variety of potential outcomes, we can better plan for whatever the future brings

Plan Development

- The Plan Development Session was a one-day event and the **second of three Business Forums** to further stakeholder involvement.
- Objectives
 - Review the stakeholder input to date
 - Review the timeline for the Freight Mobility & Trade plan (FMTP)
 - Introduce and discuss proposed FMTP
 - Review, gauge acceptability and refine draft strategic topic areas and strategies for each goal
 - Identify any additional strategies/key issues that need attention going forward
 - Develop seamless integration strategies into FDOT 2060 Transportation Plan
 - Review and discuss next steps in the plan development process

Plan Review

- The Plan Development Session will be a one-day event and the **third of three Business Forums** to further stakeholder involvement.
- Stakeholders will be asked to review the draft Freight Mobility & Trade Plan and provide feedback before it is released for public comment
- Scheduled for March 2013 in Orlando, FL (exact date to be determined late January 2013)

Plan Process

Plan will be done in two phases:

- **Policy Element** – due by *July 1, 2013*
 - Lays out overall freight policy direction and framework for freight investment decisions
 - Meets requirements of HB 599
- **Investment Element** – completion *July 1, 2014* (estimated)
 - Identifies and prioritizes freight needs across modes
 - Meets requirements of Federal MAP-21

Draft report due for comment: *March 1, 2014* (estimated)

Final report due by: *July 1, 2014* (estimated)

Promoting Florida's Responsive Freight Initiatives

We Listen....We Act

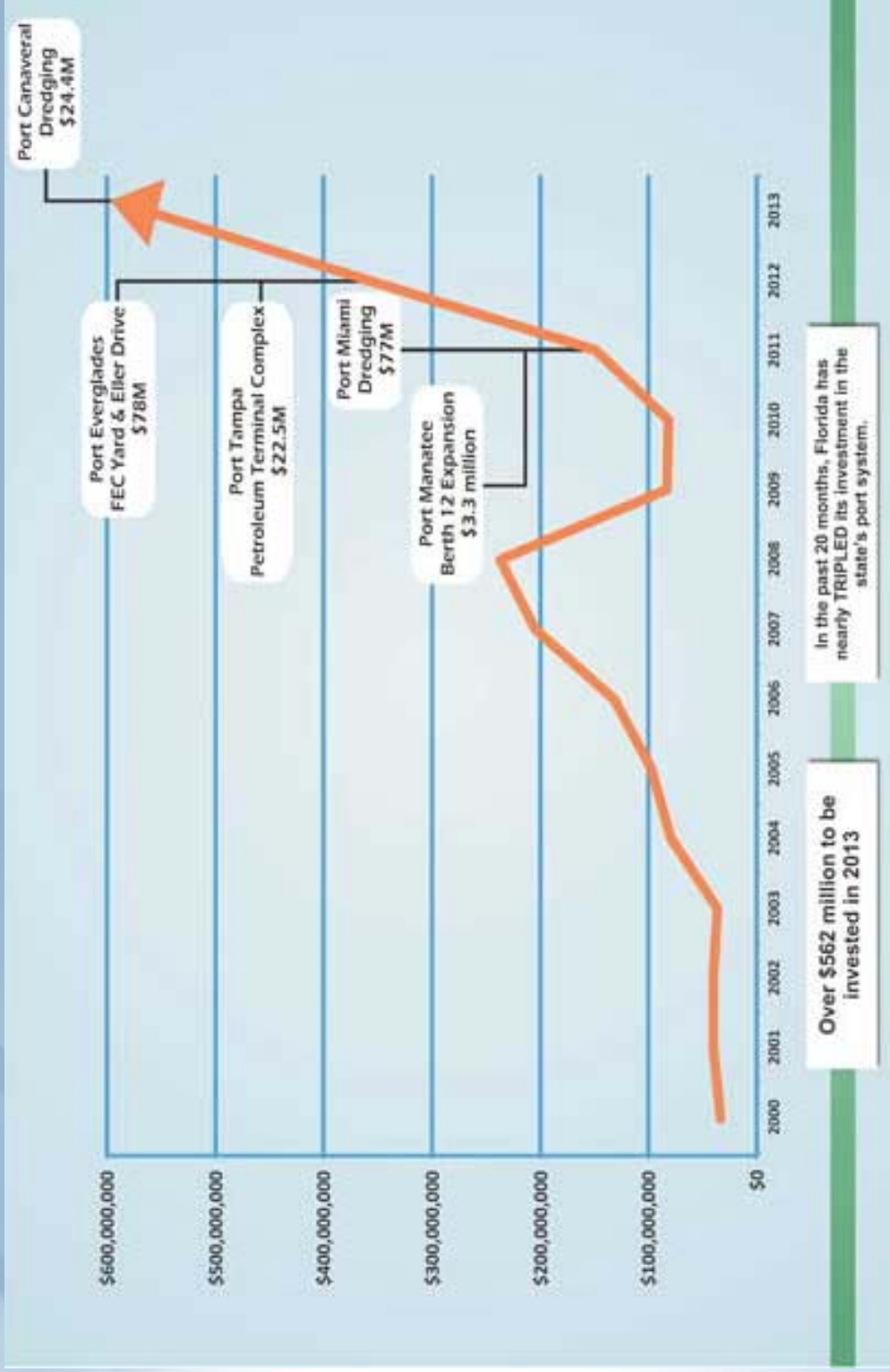
- Truck size and weight harmonization
- Identifying and advancing work production \$22 million in “quick fixes” on Florida’s SIS and NHS Intermodal Freight Connectors

Advancing State Money to Make Strategic Port Investments Rather Than Wait For Federal Match That May Never Come

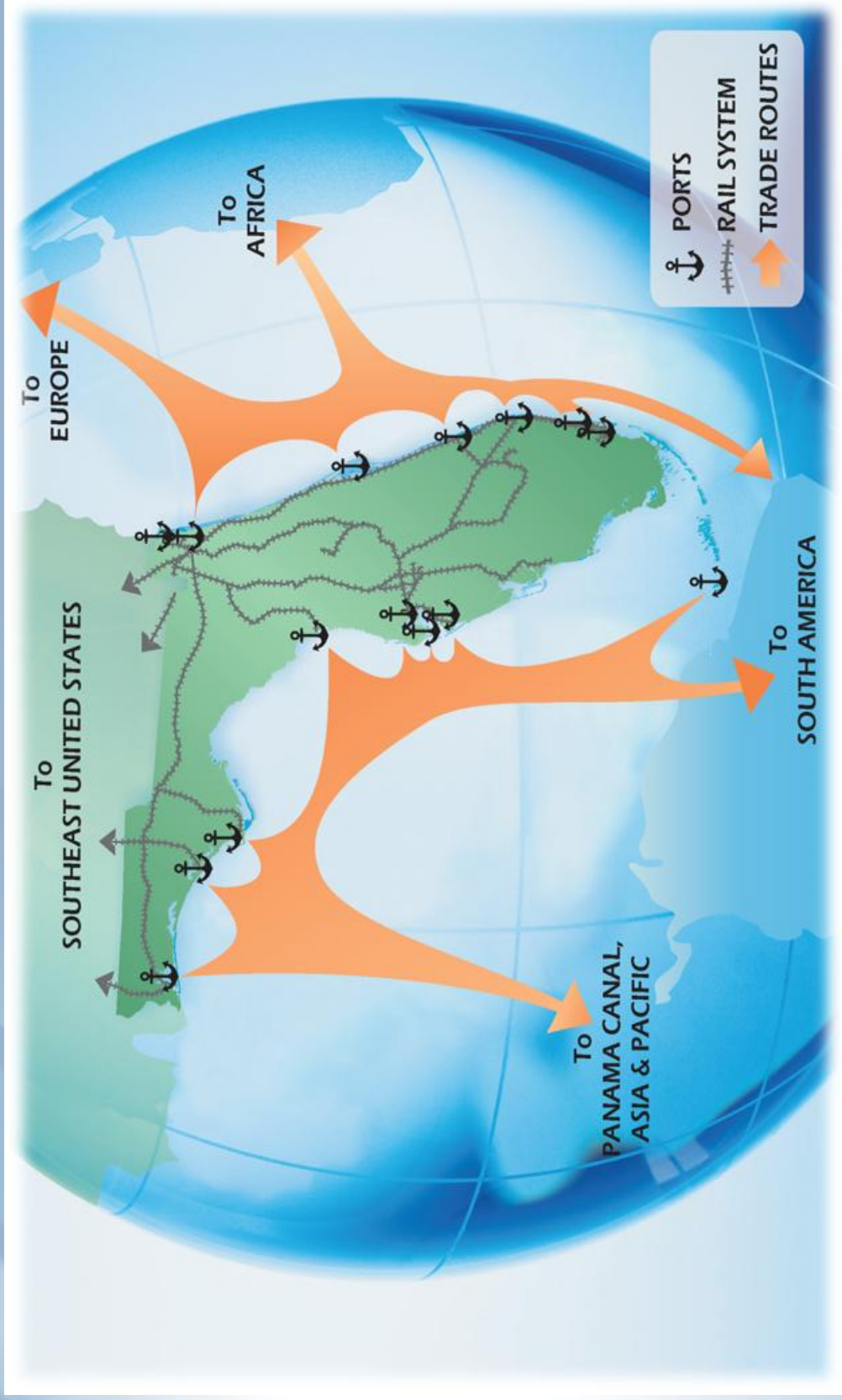
- Port Miami: dredge, rail and tunnel
- Port Canaveral: channel widening, turning basin
- Port of Tampa: petroleum terminal, on-dock, rail

Working closely with DEO, Enterprise Florida, Space Florida and Workforce Florida in aligning industry needs with efficient transportation connectivity

Florida Investing in International Trade



Florida: America's Gateway to the World



Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)

Congress has authorized a **2-year, \$105 Billion** surface transportation program with **\$80 billion** directed to the federal highway program, that includes several key freight provisions—

- **National Freight Transport Policy, Network, Strategic Plan**— “to improve the condition and performance of the National Freight network...”

Map-21 Freight Provisions

- **State Freight Plans**— “the Secretary shall encourage each State to develop a freight plan...”
- **State Freight Advisory Committees**—“the Secretary shall encourage each State to develop a freight advisory committee...”
- **Federal matching formula**— For freight projects eligible under Sec. 1115 and within a State Freight Plan, there is a 95-5 federal match for projects on the Interstate Highway System and a 90-10 match for other eligible projects.

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