

# 2013 California State Rail Plan Freight Element

Bruce de Terra, Chief  
Office of System, Freight and Rail Planning

George Mazur, Principal  
Cambridge Systematics, Inc

Planning Horizons  
July 10, 2013

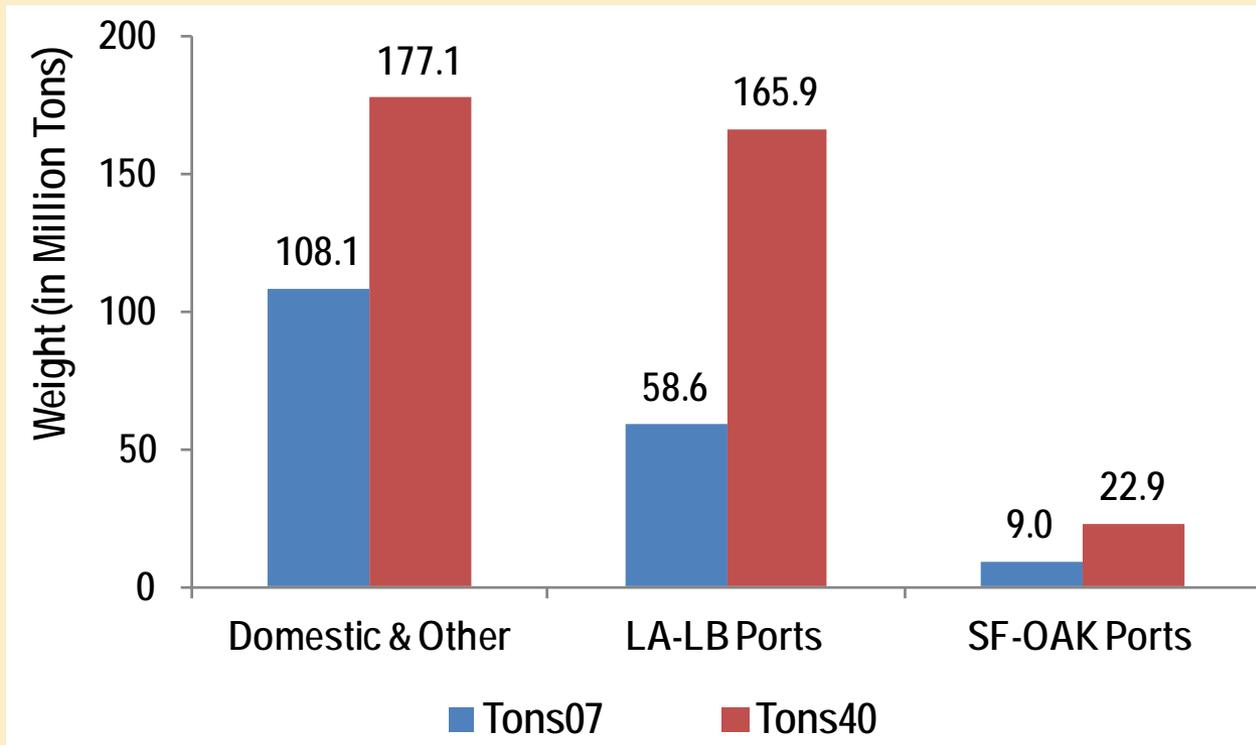


# Caltrans Rail Plan Team

---

- ❖ Bill Bronte
- ❖ Emily Burstein
- ❖ Nathan Smith
- Jan Perschler
- Shelly Chernicki
- Karen Thomas
- Alan Miller
- Clem Bomar
- Steve Zimrick
- Joanne McDermott
- Todd LaCasse
- Bruce Kemp
- Fay Meek
- CTP Team (State Planning)

# Current & Future Tonnage



California Rail Tonnage Distribution by Rail  
Market Type, 2007 and 2040

# California Trade Regions

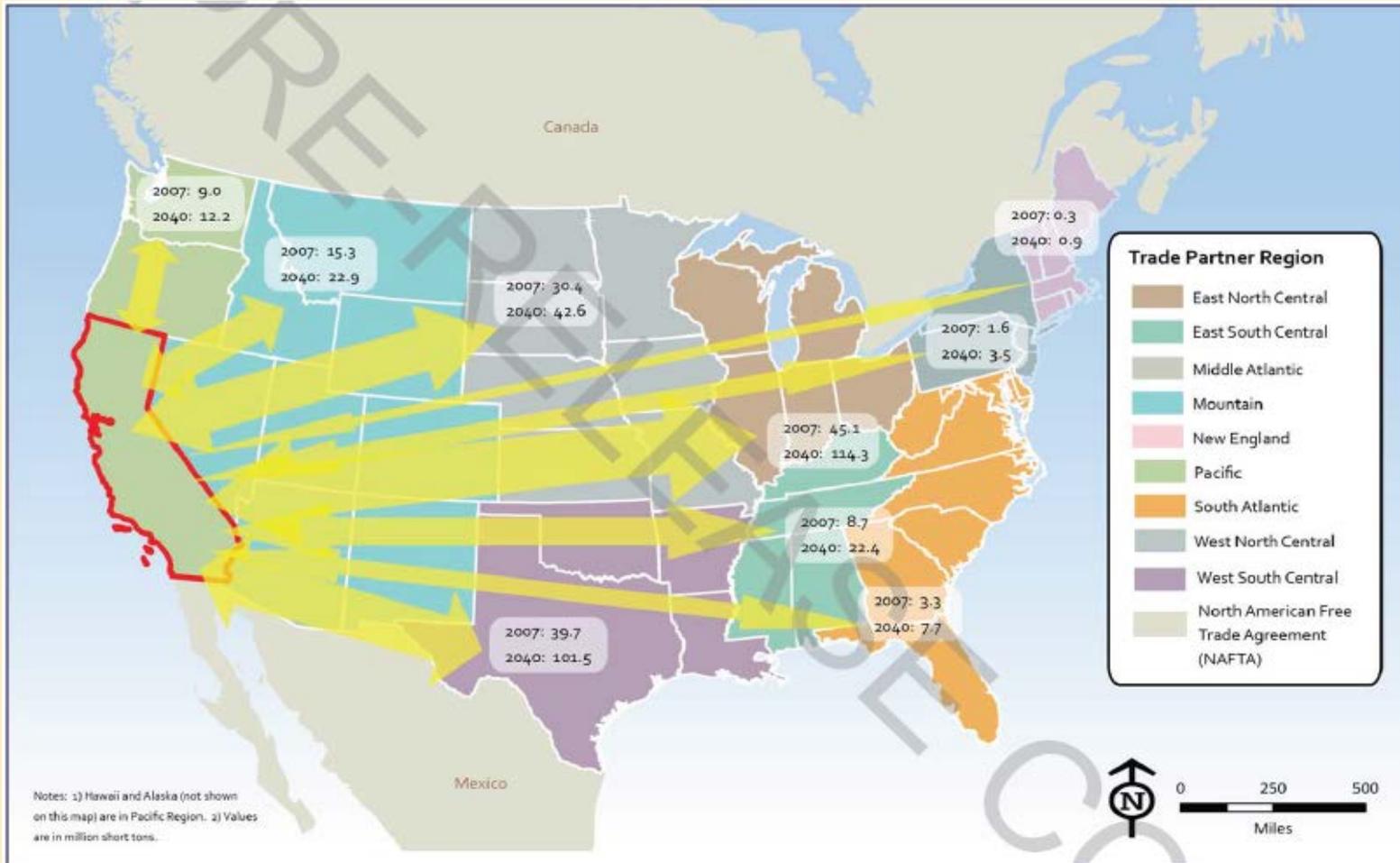


Exhibit 6.14: California Rail Trading Partner Tonnage Distribution







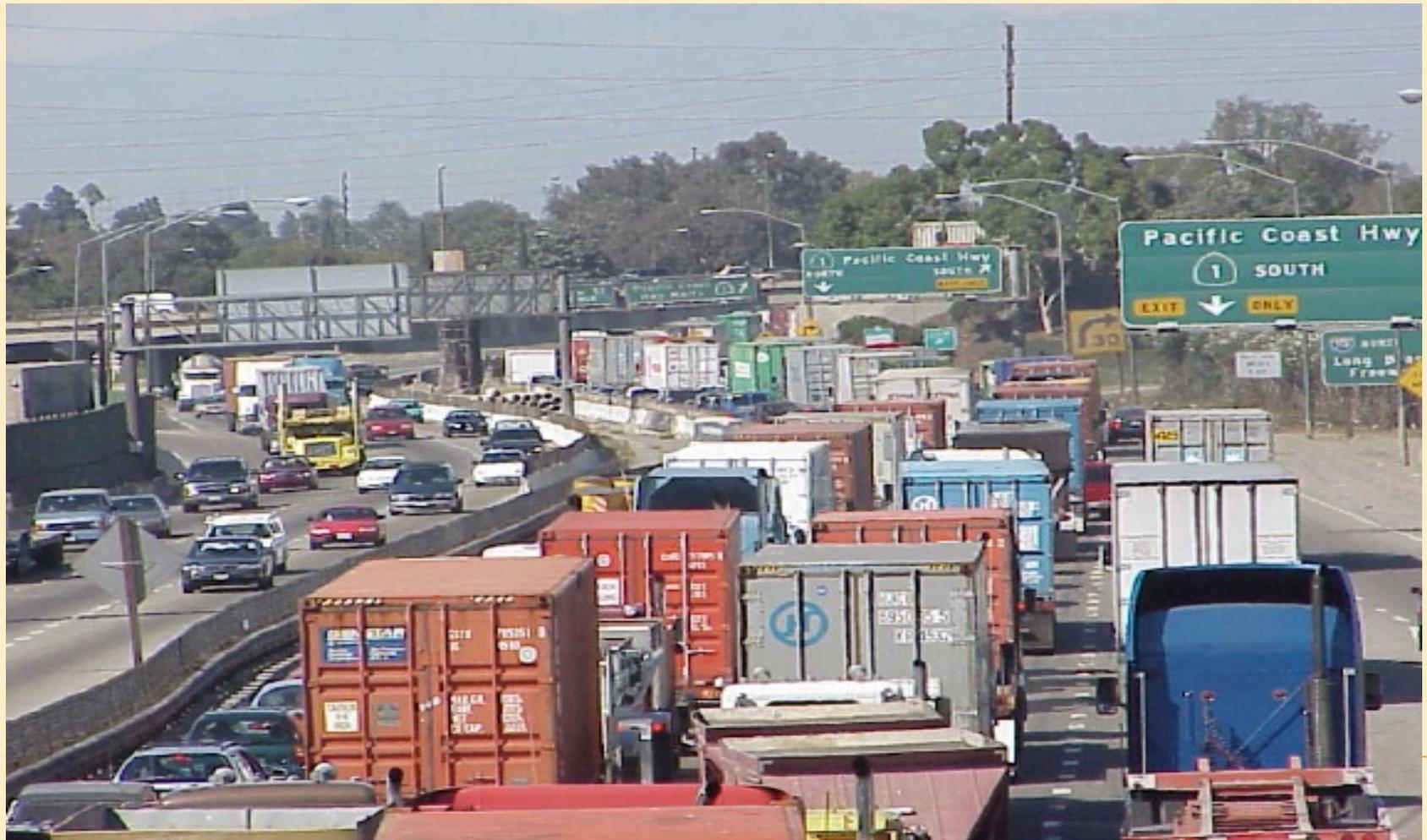
# Transfer to Trucks



# Port Gates



# Highways to Intermodal & Transload



# On-Dock Rail









# Trade Corridor Improvement Fund



## Southern California Active Projects

### Seaports

6 projects **\$1.374 billion**

### Railroad Mainlines

6 projects **\$515 million**

### Railroad Grade Separations

28 projects **\$2.324 billion**

### Highways

16 projects **\$2.240 billion**



- **110+ trains per day**
- Partners: BNSF, UP, SanBAG, CTC, Caltrans
- \$202 million total project
- Benefits: safety, air quality, noise, congestion reduction, operations efficiency



# TONNAGE PER DAY ON KEY ROUTES

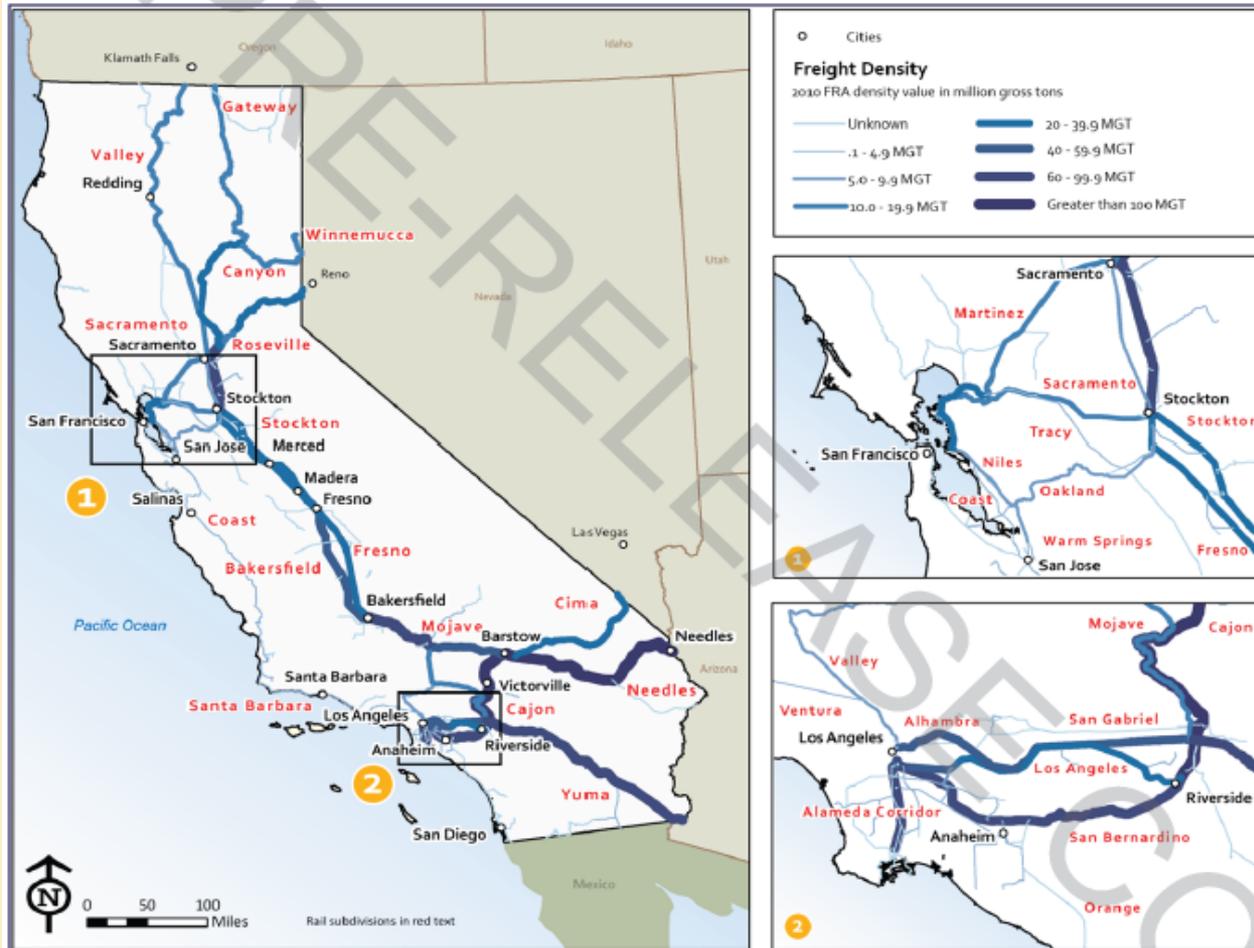


Exhibit 6.7: Class I Main Line FRA Density, 2006

MGTM = Million gross ton-miles.

# MAP-21 State Freight Plans

---

- ✘ US DOT to encourage each state to develop a comprehensive state freight plan; **pending Assembly Bill 14** requires such a plan.
- ✘ The plan can be developed independently of or incorporated into the statewide long-range transportation plan – doing both.
- ✘ A State Freight Plan is required in order to seek the higher federal share for freight projects.

# National Freight Network

---

- ✘ Primary network designated by the U.S. DOT (**27,000 centerline highway miles**), that is most critical to the movement of freight. This is happening now using Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) data.
- ✘ Portions of the Interstate System not designated as part of the primary freight network.
- ✘ Critical rural freight corridors designated by the states (**3,000 centerline miles**).
- ✘ Maximum national total of 30,000 centerline highway miles.

# Required Plan Elements

---

- ✘ Identify significant freight **trends, needs, and issues.**
- ✘ Description of freight **policies, strategies and performance measures** that will guide state investment decisions.
- ✘ Description of how plan will improve the ability of the **state to meet national freight goals.**

# MORE REQUIRED PLAN ELEMENTS

---

- ✘ Consideration of **innovative technologies and operational strategies**, including ITS, that **improve safety and efficiency**.
- ✘ Description of improvements needed to reduce or impede **deterioration on routes travelled by heavy vehicles**.
- ✘ **Inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues**, such as **truck bottlenecks** and strategies state is employing to address freight mobility issues.



# FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

---

- The Federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA)
  - Requires State Rail Plans that include three elements
    - Conventional passenger rail
    - High speed passenger rail
    - Freight rail
  - Completed plans to be approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
  - State Rail Plans to be updated every five years

# STATE REQUIREMENTS

---

- The Department is required, under California Government Code Section 14036, to prepare a ten-year California State Rail Plan (CSRP) with separate passenger and freight elements. The Plan is required to be updated every two years.
- Pending Assembly Bill 528 would amend Section 14036 to adopt the Federal rail plan timeline so the next rail plan will be due March 2017 and every five years thereafter.

# COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL & STATE LAWS

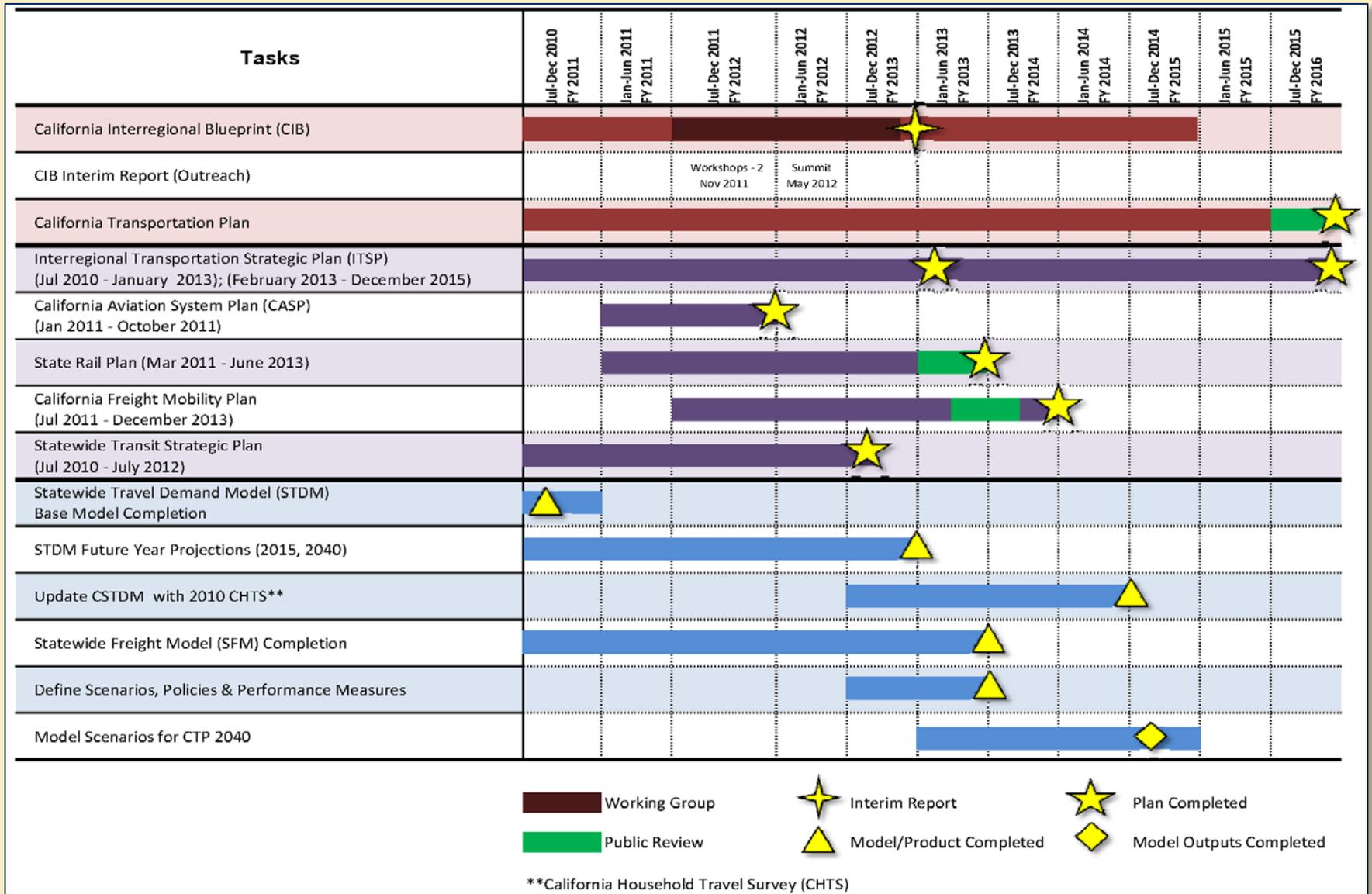
- FRA grants for State Rail Plan and SDPs
  - Comply with both California and federal law
  - Total of 4 grants totaling \$4.5 million
  - \$3.02 million consultant contract
    - \$2,136,000 federal grant funds
    - \$ 885,700 state matching funds
  - Two year contract - June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2013

# CSRP INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION

---

- CSRP Freight Element follows US DOT MAP 21 Significant Freight Provisions, including the National Freight Strategic Plan provision
- California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP)
  - Will build from State Rail Plan
  - Address goods movement in more detail
- Freight Element informs the California Interregional Blueprint (CIB) and 2040 California Transportation Plan

# 2040 CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN



# CSRP Chapters

---

1. Introduction
2. *California Rail Transportation Context and Challenges*
3. Rail Vision Statement
4. Public Outreach
5. Existing Passenger Rail System
6. **Existing Freight Rail System**
7. *Passenger and Freight Rail Integration*
8. Passenger Rail Improvements
9. **Freight Rail Improvements**
10. *Rail Benefits and Next Steps*

# CSRP

## Freight Related Appendices

---

- C. Rail Network Attributes and Base Year Data
- D. Freight Demand Analysis and Positive Train Control (PTC)
- E. Rail Capacity and Bottleneck Analysis
- F. State and Federal Regulatory Bodies and Other Institutional Arrangements
- K. Best Practices: Short Line Railroad Assistance Programs

# CSRP VALUE TO CALTRANS

---

- California freight rail network characteristics
- Trade and logistics issues and trends
- Bottleneck and capacity analysis
- Freight and passenger interaction
- Specific projects
- Prior and ongoing studies
- Direct input and feedback
  - Rail operators
  - Industry stakeholders
  - Public agencies

# CSRP LIFE CYCLE

---

- Administrative Draft, December 2012
  - Advisory Committee review
  - District review
- Public Draft, February 2013
  - Statewide open houses and webinar
  - 216 comment documents with 929 individual comments
- Administrative Final, April 2013
- Final, May 2013
  - FRA accepted on May 31
  - Being submitted to Caltrans and the Transportation Agency
  - Public release after final approvals

# GIS RESOURCES



# CSRP FREIGHT RELATED REFERENCES

---

- Regional goods movement Studies
- Caltrans
  - Goods Movement Action Plan
  - Freight Mobility Plan
  - 2010 State Rail Plan
  - Rail corridor studies
  - TCIF
- CTC Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment
- Federal
  - Waybill Sample
  - Freight Analysis Framework
  - Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Private
  - Industry interviews
  - Association of American Railroads
  - Moody's Analytics

# CHAPTER 2

## RAIL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CHALLENGES

- Demand Factors
  - Industrial output relative to socioeconomic growth
  - Directional flow
  - Intermodal traffic
  - Port-related traffic
- Positive Train Control
- State of Good Repair
  - Track
  - Structures
  - Control systems
  - Rolling stock

# CHAPTER 6

## OVERVIEW

---

- Current freight rail system
  - Class I railroads
  - Short lines
- Freight rail system usage
  - Demand
  - Commodity flow
  - Trends
- Bottlenecks and chokepoints
- Institutional issues
  - Oversight
  - Assistance programs
  - Safety and security
- Appendices

# CHAPTER 6

## RAIL LINE OWNERSHIP



# CHAPTER 6

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

- Operating miles
- Usage
  - Carloads
  - Ton Miles
- Signals
- Terminals
- Abandoned Lines



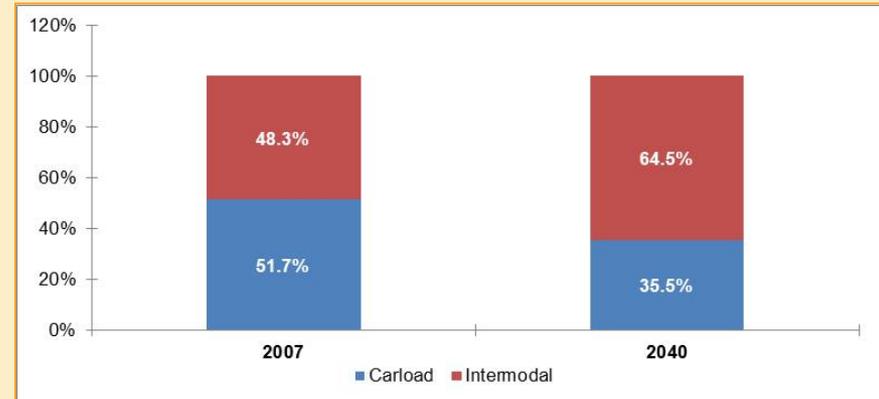
26

Name	Employees	Payroll (millions)	Track Miles Owned	Track Miles w/Trackage Rights	Total Miles Operated	Originating Carloads	Terminating Carloads
BNSF	2,983	\$210	1,155	975	2,130	1,636,623	1,669,449
UPRR	4,741	\$400	2,773	515	3,288	1,423,857	1,510,030

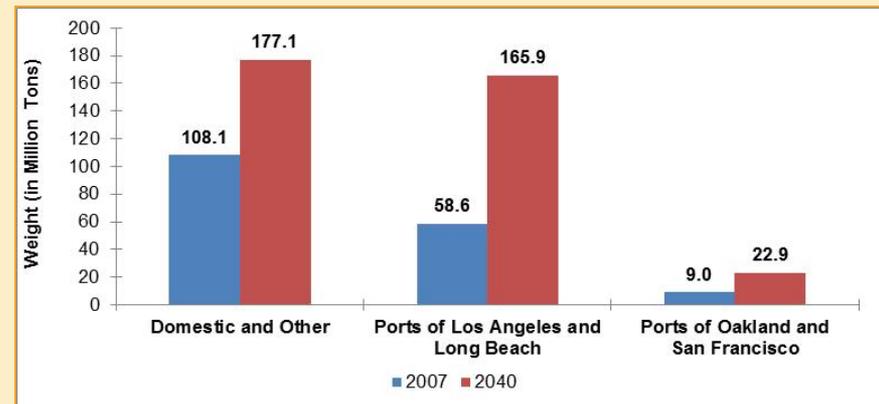
# CHAPTER 6

## DEMAND CHARACTERISTICS

- Drivers of demand
  - Freight rail commodities
  - Directional shipments
  - Domestic and port-related traffic
- Maps and charts illustrating trends



Tonnage by Rail Service Type



Tonnage by Rail Market Type

# CHAPTER 6

## TRENDS

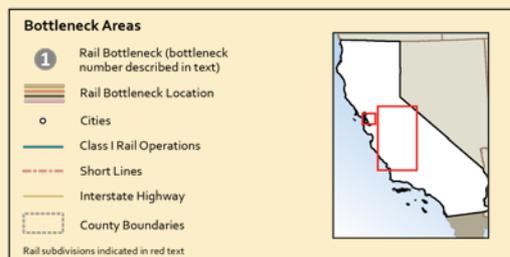
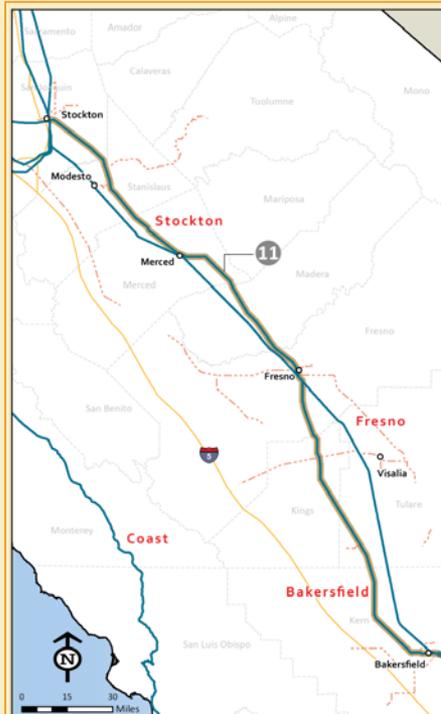
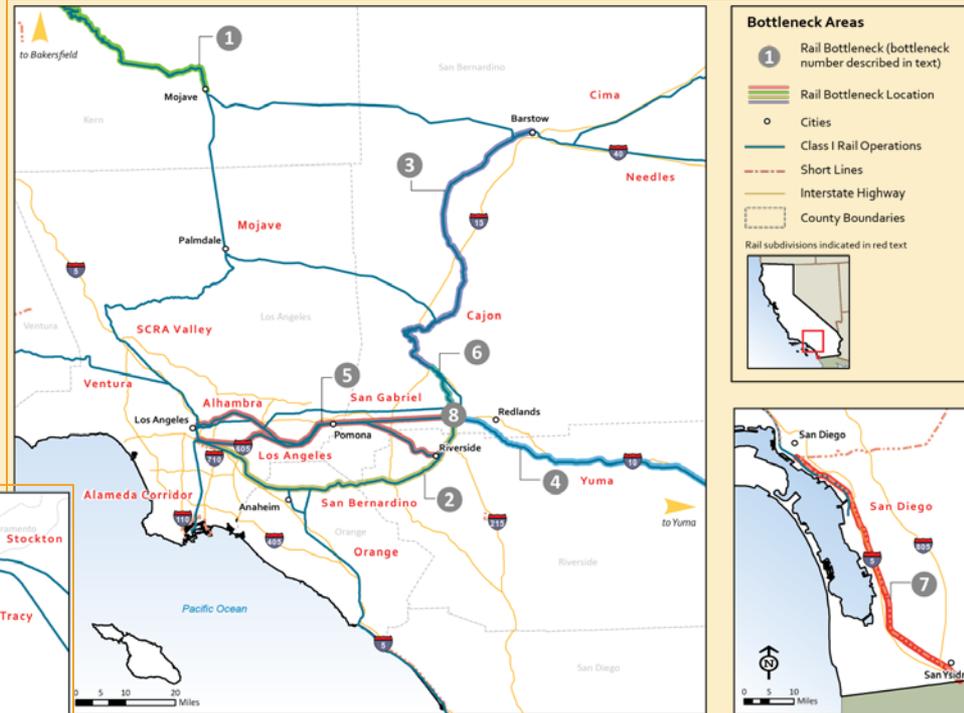
---

- International trade
- Freight rail logistics, regulatory trends
- Issues for smaller railroads
- Positive train control

# CHAPTER 6

## FREIGHT RAIL BOTTLENECKS

- Location
- Segment characteristics
- Current and projected usage



- Analysis results
- Recent and planned projects
- Remaining needs

# CHAPTER 6

## FREIGHT RAIL PROGRAM

---

- Current requirements
- Best practices
- Options
- Topics addressed
  - State role and governance
    - Taxation
    - Safety
    - Highway-rail grade crossings
  - Project assistance
    - Funding
    - Partnerships

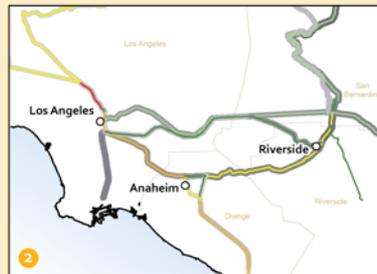
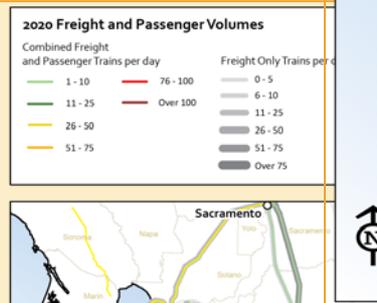
# CHAPTER 7 OVERVIEW

- Shared use corridors
  - Shared track
  - Shared right-of-way
  - Shared corridor
- Future demand
- Conflicts and opportunities
  - Evaluation
  - Freight rail influences
  - Passenger rail influences



# CHAPTER 7 DEMAND

- Total traffic
- Train mix
- Peaking



- Highest growth in Caltrain and ACE corridors
- Highest volumes in LOSSAN

# CHAPTER 7

## EVALUATION

---

- Criteria
  - 30 or more trains per day
  - 10 or more freight OR passenger trains
  - More than 30 percent commuter trains

# CHAPTER 7

## EVALUATION (CONTINUED)

---

- Key Corridors
  - Stockton to Martinez
  - Sacramento to Stockton to Bakersfield
  - Oakland to Sacramento to Roseville
  - San Rafael to Santa Rosa
  - Los Angeles to Downtown Burbank to Ventura
  - Los Angeles to Colton
  - Los Angeles to Riverside
  - Los Angeles to Fullerton and Laguna Niguel
  - Oceanside to San Diego

# CHAPTER 9

## OVERVIEW

---

- Project categories
  - Trade corridor
  - Short line
  - Community impact mitigation
- New investment needs
  - Clearance
  - Track upgrades
  - PTC
  - Grade crossings for lower volume lines
- Policy Issues
  - Performance monitoring
  - Maintaining local access
  - Economic development

# CSRP BENEFITS TO YOU

---

- California freight rail network characteristics
- Trade and logistics issues and trends
- Bottleneck and capacity analysis
- Freight and passenger interaction
- Specific projects
- Prior and ongoing studies
- Direct input and feedback
- Updated GIS resources