

## Increasing capacity on our nation's transportation system will:

- Unlock Gridlock,
- Generate Jobs,
- Deliver Freight,
- Access Energy,
- Connect Communities

### Did you know?

- The amount of freight moved in this country—from milk, toothpaste and toilet paper to sparkplugs, wheat and wind turbines—is expected to double in the next 40 years?
- The Interstate Highway System represents only 4 percent of total miles but carries 70 percent of commercial truck traffic?
- Each of the top ten worst freight-truck bottlenecks cause over one million hours of delay a year?

"It's important to utilize all of our transportation options when it comes to the movement of freight. Rail is a key component to Tennessee's transportation network. The new intermodal facility will eventually result in more long-haul freight moving by train, which will have the additional benefit of relieving congestion on our crowded interstate highway system."

—Gerald Nicely, Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner



## Freight Capacity Needs

### Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project

The Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project was awarded in February 2010 a \$105 million American Recovery & Reinvestment Act TIGER grant, which includes \$52.5 million to construct the Memphis Regional Intermodal Facility.

The facility will be built immediately west of Rossville, Fayette County, which is located 27 miles east of downtown Memphis on Norfolk Southern's mainline between Memphis and Chattanooga. The project includes pad and support tracks, trailer and container parking areas, lead tracks, and other ancillary buildings and operating equipment. An Automatic Gate System will be installed, which will result in greatly reduced truck queuing and associated emissions caused by idling trucks.

The facility is a critical component of a larger, multistate/multipartner initiative located along Norfolk Southern Railroad's Crescent Corridor. The 2,500-mile network of existing rail lines extends from New Jersey to Memphis and on to New Orleans. Tennessee is joining with Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, and Mississippi to partner with Norfolk Southern to develop regional intermodal freight distribution centers. This will strengthen both domestic and international distribution in the Southeast, Gulf Coast, and Mid-Atlantic states.

Enhancing the railways and constructing new intermodal terminals such as the Memphis Regional Intermodal Facility will help create jobs, improve economic competitiveness, and increase the use of trains to move more long-haul freight. That will result in less pollution, lower energy use, and reduced traffic congestion on highways.

Railroads are eight times more fuel efficient than trucks, according to a November 2009 Federal Railroad Administration study. In some cases, a single train can haul as much freight as 300 trucks, which can result in fewer trucks on the roads and less congestion for motorists.