On-dock Rail Subcommittee Report

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Presentation Today

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- Leverage through strategic public investment
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Dual Rail Access

- **What is it?** Dual rail access to the ports is where two Class I railroads have access to the on-dock rail.

- **Why is it important?** Dual access to the port stimulates competition and multiple market availability to different inland terminals.
Challenges of Dual Rail Access

- Dual access is often not achieved because only one RR serves the port or a RR without dock access does not have enough of a business incentive (case) to warrant “building in” at its own expense.

- Steamship/container lines now request dual rail access for ports of call – Maersk for example

- Serving railroads are protective of their franchise and their capital investments made to serve a facility
Federal Level discussions for Railroad Development


- aimed at eliminating the current antitrust exemptions for freight railroads
- eliminates antitrust exemptions by allowing the federal government, state attorneys general, and private parties to file suit to enjoin anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions
Planned Port Development with Dual Rail Access

- Proposed Third Crossing
- Median Rail Line
- Proposed Craney Island Marine Terminal
- APM/Maersk Terminal Under Construction

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Planned Port Development
With Dual Rail Access

- APM Terminals and VPA’s proposed 4th marine terminal at Craney Island - will have dual rail access to CSX and NS through the Commonwealth Railway connections at Suffolk
Dual Rail Access
Where do we need it?

- Water port and inland port facilities - strategically placed at or near the crossroads of rail lines or on a connecting dual service shortline
Leverage Through Strategic Public Investment

- Public investment provides a leverage to create dual rail access opportunities and development for port on-dock rail services and enhance rail lines to increase track and clearance capacity and safety of rail services provided.

- DRPT’s Rail Enhancement Fund Projects have provided for:
  - Rail Port Access
  - Rail Capacity Enhancement
  - Rail Safety Relocation
Commonwealth Policy Discussion

- VA develop a public policy on the application of public funds that provisions for unimpeded access
- Follow Federal legislation and determine Commonwealth’s position
- Conduct a study to determine the benefits of unimpeded access at key locations
  - Develop and adopt a public policy position based on these identified benefits
  - Established benefits lead to leveraged public funding through incentives of public and private investment