

Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update Freight Rail Advisory Council Meeting March 21, 2013

Freight Rail Recommendations from 2008 Review and Status Report

Suggested to be deleted in next update
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Complete in 2008

Rec #	Recommendation	Cost (\$ millions)	2008 Status	Preliminary 2012 Status
R-1	Conduct economic impact analysis of freight rail to the state of Louisiana and educate the state's Congressional delegation on the need for federal funding for the State's freight railroads.	\$0.50	Ongoing	Ongoing (Part of Plan Update)
R-2	Continue and expand Louisiana's Freight Rail Advisory Council.		Delete in Next Update	
R-3	Support the interests of rail shippers and small railroads.		Delete in Next Update	
R-4	Help freight railroads secure grants and loans from existing and future federal assistance programs.		Ongoing	Ongoing
R-5	Provide state funding sources for the Louisiana Statewide Rail System Program that is to be periodically updated with input from the Freight Railroad Advisory Council. Program includes assisting shortline railroads with 286 K weight and other issues.	\$3/yr in SC 3 \$5/yr in SC 4	Ongoing	No Progress
R-8	Establish highway/rail grade separation program.	\$8 per year	No Progress	Complete
R-11	Add three positions to the Rail Section of DOTD, including a Rail Safety Compliance Officer and two program managers.		Complete	Complete
R-13	Research incentive programs for closures of public and private grade crossings.		Ongoing	Ongoing
R-14	Provide state funding sources for the New Orleans Gateway Project (\$ 425 M total estimated cost). See Non-Highway MegaProjects.	\$150 M state share	Add to Next Update	Ongoing EIS is Underway
R-15	Continue funding for active warning devices at rail/highway crossings.	\$5/yr in SC 1 & 2 \$9/yr in SC 3 & 4	Add to Next Update	Ongoing