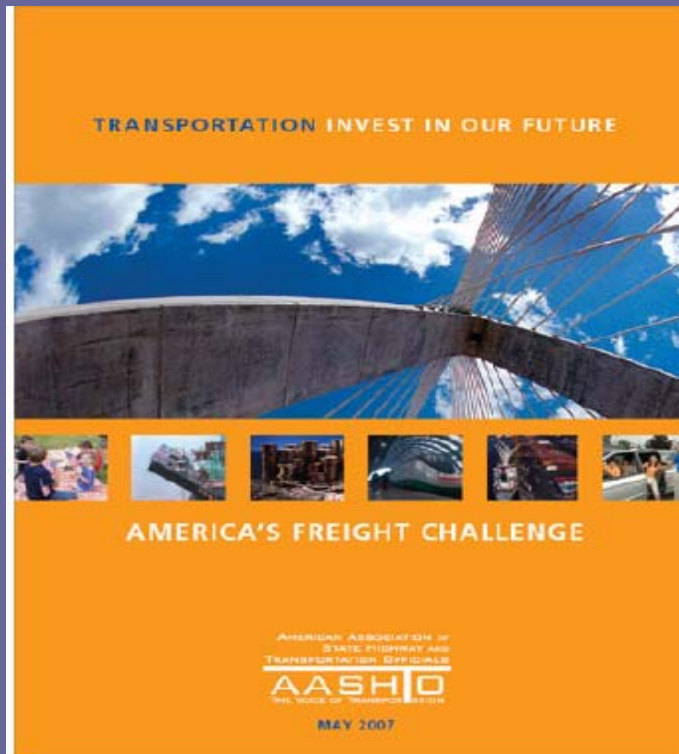


# America's Freight Challenge



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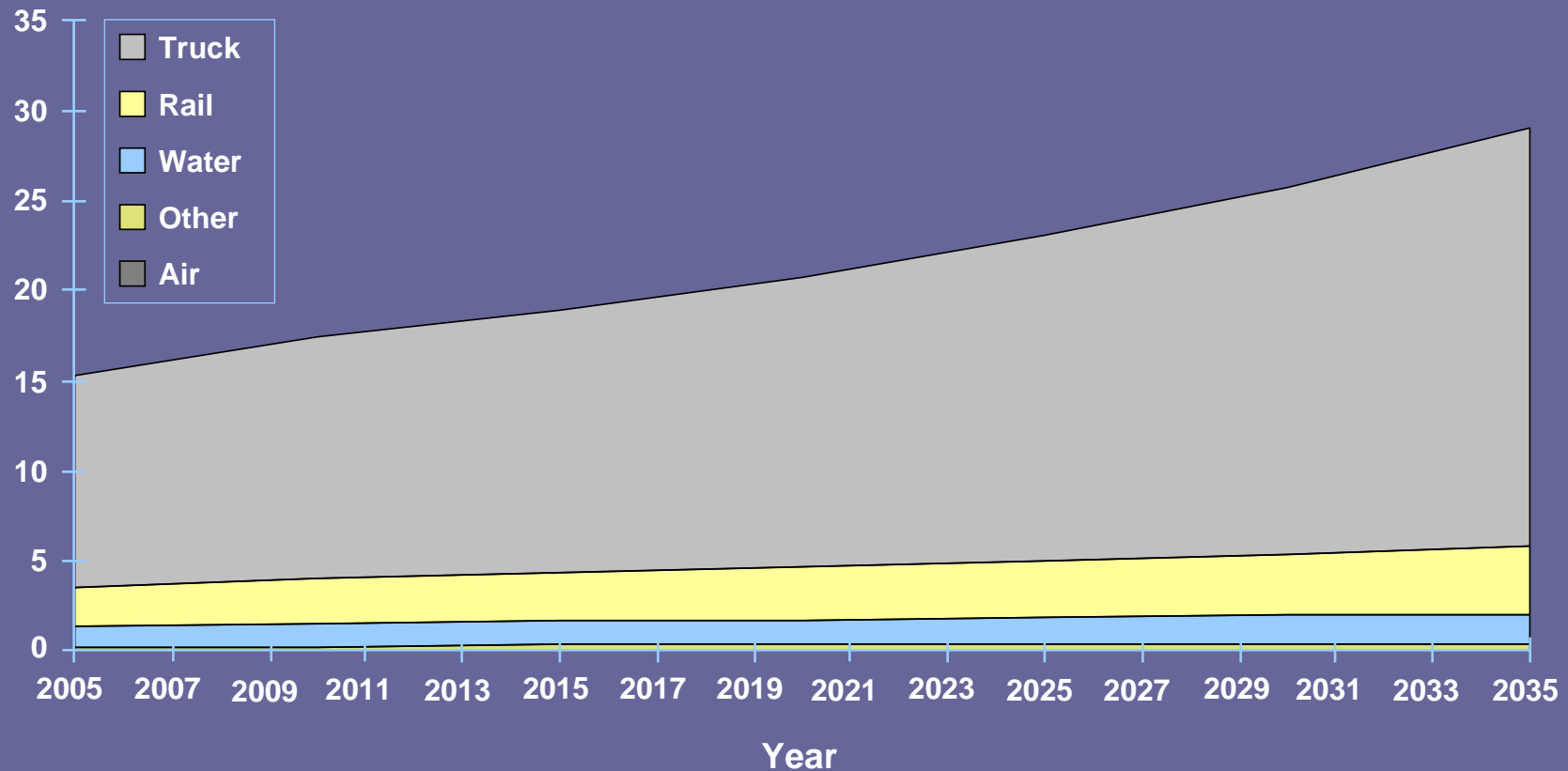






# *Freight Will Double by 2035 Yes, Double!!*

Net Tons (in Billions)



Source: Global Insight 2004 TRANSEARCH data and economic forecasts.

## ...and change

- West Coast Lockout
- Mega Distribution Centers
- Canadian and Mexican Ports
- Panama Canal Expansion
- Suez Canal
- Asia-Europe Rail
- Ethanol

# AASHTO and Freight

- Commission Recommendations
- Transportation Vision Conference & Report
- Freight Bottom Line Report
- Authorization Policy Development



# Commission Recommendations

1. Beyond “more of the same”
2. Increased investment
3. Four-phase revenue increase program
4. New funding sources for freight gateways, corridors, and connectors
5. Continue existing rail capacity programs
6. Establish national rail transportation policy for passenger and freight rail
7. Support multi-state infrastructure investment banks
8. Encourage private investment to improve flow of goods
9. Preserve Interstate System for the next 50 years
10. Facilitate improvements to inland waterways and harbors
11. Double capacity of Interstate System

# A New Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## Priorities

**Reduce Congestion**

**Keep America Globally Competitive**

**Meet 21st Century Mobility Needs**

# Key Strategies

**A multi-modal approach is needed which:**

- Preserves what has been built to date**
- Improves system performance**
- Adds substantial capacity in highways, transit, rail, airports and seaports**

# Changes Required

- Quantum increase in funding
- Use of advanced technologies
- Get governmental regulations out of the way
- Interjurisdictional collaboration

# Global Competitiveness

- Global competition from China, India and Europe
- Aggressive foreign investment in freight systems and high speed rail
- Need to compete as North American Market by integrating transportation of the U.S., Canada and Mexico
- Need to invest in projects of national significance
- Must develop multimodal freight strategy

# Freight Transportation Bottom Line Report

- Freight Demand and Logistics
- Highway Freight Transportation Bottom Line Report
- Rail Freight Transportation Bottom Line Report
- Waterborne Freight Transportation Bottom Line Report

# Authorization Policy Development

- Existing Programs
- Retrofit Initiatives
- Multistate Planning and Investment
- Financing

# Policy Puzzles

- Private Profit/Public Benefit
- Local Costs/National Benefits
- Global Economy/State Lines
- Shared Infrastructure
- Consumer Economy/Producer Economy
- Efficiency/Security
- Freight /Climate Change-Environment
- Who Pays?/Who Decides?





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