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CARD DECK

A decked-out multimodal journey that you can bet on!



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Departure Point: Pacific Northwest Forest



Harvested trees are cut into logs and delivered by TRUCK to a pulp mill facility, where they undergo a multistep process to become pulp.



Pulp is transported by RAIL to a paper mill in the Midwest for further processing.



Pulp is pressed and dried to make sheets of paper. Paper is wound onto large spools and cut into smaller rolls. TRUCKS deliver rolls to a playing card manufacturing facility in the Southeast.



Layers of paper are glued together to create opaque card stock. Designs are printed onto the card stock and the sheets are coated, cut into cards, and packaged.



Final Destination: United Kingdom



Containers of playing cards travel by SHIP to arrive in the hands of card players in the United Kingdom.



**Play your cards right:
Don't fold on
freight investment!**

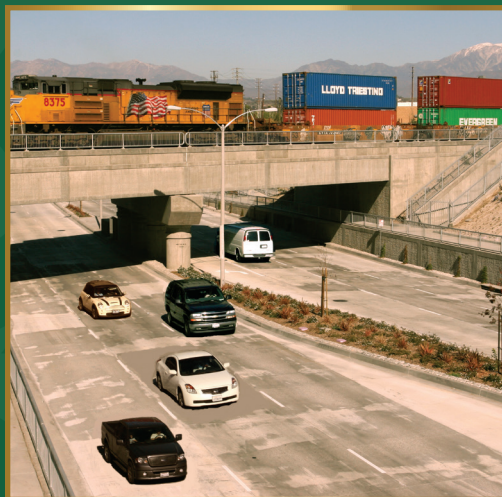
Robust federal investment is necessary to meet growing freight infrastructure needs. Dedicated, consistent freight funding advances supply chain efficiency, economic growth, and global competitiveness.



FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ARE MULTIMODAL

Aging and insufficient infrastructure in our metropolitan and rural areas hinders the efficient movement of goods and people resulting in reduced air quality and increased transportation costs. Many urban and rural areas require infrastructure improvements and capacity enhancements to ensure goods reach their intended destination efficiently and with minimal negative impacts on communities.

Freight moves across the country, and often local inefficiencies become national problems. Grade separations alleviate congestion, allowing efficient road freight movement and reducing costly delays to consumers and businesses as well as negative health and safety impacts felt by communities traversed by freight traffic.



On-dock rail allows goods to transfer directly from ship to a train for direct connection with a distribution network, avoiding extra costly, inefficient movements.

ITS technology maximizes efficient freight movement by enhancing the reliability and security of goods movement.

First and last mile connectors serve significant freight facilities throughout the nation, including highways, seaports, airports, and intermodal terminals. They often link modes and, when sufficiently maintained, provide a smooth transition that results in significant cost and time savings for transportation users.



FEDERAL PRIORITIES

We ask Congress and the Administration to take the following steps:

- Authorize at least \$12 billion annually in dedicated, sustainable, and flexible funding for multimodal freight projects, through INFRA or a similar competitive grant program with merit-based criteria focused on project outcomes;
- Establish a national strategy to guide long-term freight planning and ensure focus and coordination at the Federal level;
- Expedite the development and delivery of projects and activities that improve and facilitate the safe and efficient movement of goods;
- Strengthen freight planning and project development through a partnership with the private sector; and,
- Commit to exploring sustainable sources of revenue across all modes.



COALITION MEMBERS INCLUDE:



Key members of the railroad and trucking industries



Major ports, airports, border communities and trade corridors



Leading transportation trade associations



State and local agencies and individual companies



The **Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors**

(CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America's multimodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC's main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth.



For more information on the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org