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Michigan's Freight Rail Network: Providing Safe, Efficient, Environmentally Friendly Transportation Service.

Statewide, Nationwide, Worldwide.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jon Cool
President

The Michigan Railroads Association (MRA) would like to provide you with updated rail marketing contacts for each railroad in your area. The purpose of this brochure is to connect existing businesses – and potentially new business prospects – with the railroad that services your area or region.

Why Rail?
Affordable and efficient transportation is critical to Michigan's economy. Freight rail is the engine to keep our economy strong, hauling just about everything that keeps our state, and America, moving.

From the food on our tables to the cars we drive to the shoes on our feet, railroads provide 40 percent of the nation's intercity freight transportation, more than any other transportation mode.

Most people don't stop to think about it, but freight trains provide a vital link for millions of American jobs, connecting farmers, miners, auto workers and manufacturers to markets across Michigan, the country and around the world.

Freight rail's efficiency means savings for shippers and consumers every day. Average rail rates have dropped 45 percent since 1981, when an outdated regulatory system was replaced by a smart, common-sense approach. That is why communities all across America are looking to rail to help boost local businesses and facilitate economic development.

Freight transportation demand is forecast to rise 45 percent by 2040. More of this freight moving by rail will mean better opportunities for American economic growth. When you consider that every freight rail job supports 4.5 additional jobs across the broader economy, it is easy to see that American economic prosperity is riding on freight rail.

Call the marketing experts contained in this brochure to get access to property acquisition, zoning assistance and other answers on how to "put rail to work" to grow your existing business – and potentially new businesses.

We hope that you will find the information contained in this brochure useful. On behalf of our members, thank you for your interest in the freight railroad companies serving businesses across Michigan.

"Help connect expanding businesses, or potentially new business prospects, with the rail marketing contacts contained in this brochure. Ask how freight rail can service your needs."

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE FREIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

Through its Freight Economic Development Program (FEDP), MDOT provides low interest loans to businesses locating or expanding in Michigan which require rail service, or to entities interested in assisting these businesses. These loans, which may be for as much as 50 percent of the cost of the rail infrastructure, are made at a minimum interest rate of two percent below the prime rate in effect.

Loans are set to be repaid over a five-year period, but can be totally or partially forgiven provided the facility is properly maintained and annual shipping commitments (built into the contract) are met. If the shipping commitments are met for each of the five years, the loan is effectively converted to a grant.

Call your rail marketing contact to discuss the benefits of the Freight Economic Development Program.

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