

# Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update



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# Louisiana Rail System Needs

- Short term needs
  - New Orleans Rail Gateway: \$49.7 million (10% of total)
    - Funding: TIGER, CMAC, Rail Line Relocation, PNRS programs; state and local sources; railroad contributions.
  - 286K upgrade for short line: \$41.0 million (20% of total)
    - Funding: TIGER; railroad contributions. No state funds.
  - NOGC rail relocation: \$40.5 million (15% of total)
    - TIGER, PNRS, Rail Line Relocation programs.
  - Amtrak station needs: \$9.5 million
    - Intercity Passenger Rail Service Corridor and TIGER programs; local sources.
  - Total: \$140.7 million in first five years

# Louisiana Rail System Needs

- Long term needs
  - New Orleans Rail Gateway: \$447.1 million (90% of total)
  - 286K upgrade for short lines: \$164.0 million (80% of total)
  - NOGC rail relocation: \$229.5 million (85% of total)
  - Other short line needs: \$51.5 million
  - Baton Rouge-New Orleans commuter rail: \$522.0 million
  - Total: \$1,414 million in years 6 through 20
    - Funding: sources not determined.

# DOTD Rail Needs

- Additional staff for Rail Group
  - Two program managers to assist short lines in acquiring federal and other funding
- Enhancement of Rail Group Mission
  - To assist short lines in acquiring federal and other funding for improvements