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Rail

Issue: Long and Short Haul Rail

Background: Promoting heavy rail as a way to move both goods and passengers will continue to be a priority for NARC's multi-modal transportation program.

We will also continue to work with Class I, II, and III railroads as a means to ease cross country and intercity container congestion. Utilizing our massive rail infrastructure and infusing new capital into maintenance and new track is a needed component of a national freight policy.

Legislative Recommendations:

- NARC will continue to work with Congress on attempts to create a "Rail-21" authorization to assist in the funding of a National rail system.
- NARC will continue to pursue legislation establishing high speed rail and Maglev corridors.

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