Economic Development

Logistics/Transportation Cluster Development
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It’s Not Star Wars

- Health Care
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Business Climate
Freight Volume

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1998: 972,000,000 tons

2020: 1,703,000,000 tons

Source: http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/publications/state_profiles/Louisiana/Louisiana.html
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LA Rail System

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Infrastructure
Statewide Transportation Plan

• Goals
  – Support the wealth building industries and employment we already have.
  – Strengthen our foundation for economic growth
  – Take advantage of international trade opportunities
  – Enhance the quality of life for Louisiana Citizens
Can we build our way out?

- Current sources cover ~$3 billion of $15 billion for infrastructure.
  - Design - Build Contracts
    - Lower Costs, Advanced Materials

- How are we going to pay for it.
  - Current thinking
    - LDOTD seeking $250 million per year through 2030
    - Index taxes to inflation
    - Fuel, Vehicle Registration, Sales Tax, Cigarette, Alcohol, Car Rental, Drivers License
Louisiana Transportation Authority

• To pursue alternative and innovative funding sources, including but not limited to public/private partnerships and tolls
• To supplement public revenue sources
• To improve Louisiana’s transportation system
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• Project Nominations
  – Leeville Bridge
    • 17 mi. Golden Meadow to Port Fourchon
  – Baton Rouge Bypass
  – Earhart Corridor
  – I-49 North
Innovative Finance

• Weight X Mileage taxes for trucks
• Peak period pricing
  • Variable Toll Interstate Express Lanes
  • I-15 San Diego
    • I-15 FasTrak Online
      http://argo.sandag.org/fastrak
• SR 91 California
  http://www.innovativefinance.org/projects/highways/91.asp
Results of Infrastructure Investment (in year 2032)

- 358,900 net increase in population
- 78,900 net increase in employment
- $568 billion net increase in Gross Regional Product
- $5.63 billion net increase in Real Disposable Personal Income
- $192 million net increase in State income & sales tax revenues
- $164 million net increase in local sales & property tax revenues