

Purpose and Need

Construct a dual Class I railroad connection:

Improve rail transport time and reliability

Current operations require additional time and distances that increase the cost of rail transport (Transit times up to 28 days)

Improve Economic Opportunities

Access to dual Class I rail service is a critical factor for economic competitiveness for existing businesses, and it is a significant factor for many companies considering sites for new or expanded business operations

Provide Flexibility/Options during emergencies and coastal storms

Currently no north/south rail connection with the rail line located in the storm surge zone allowing for significant service disruptions during storms and natural disasters