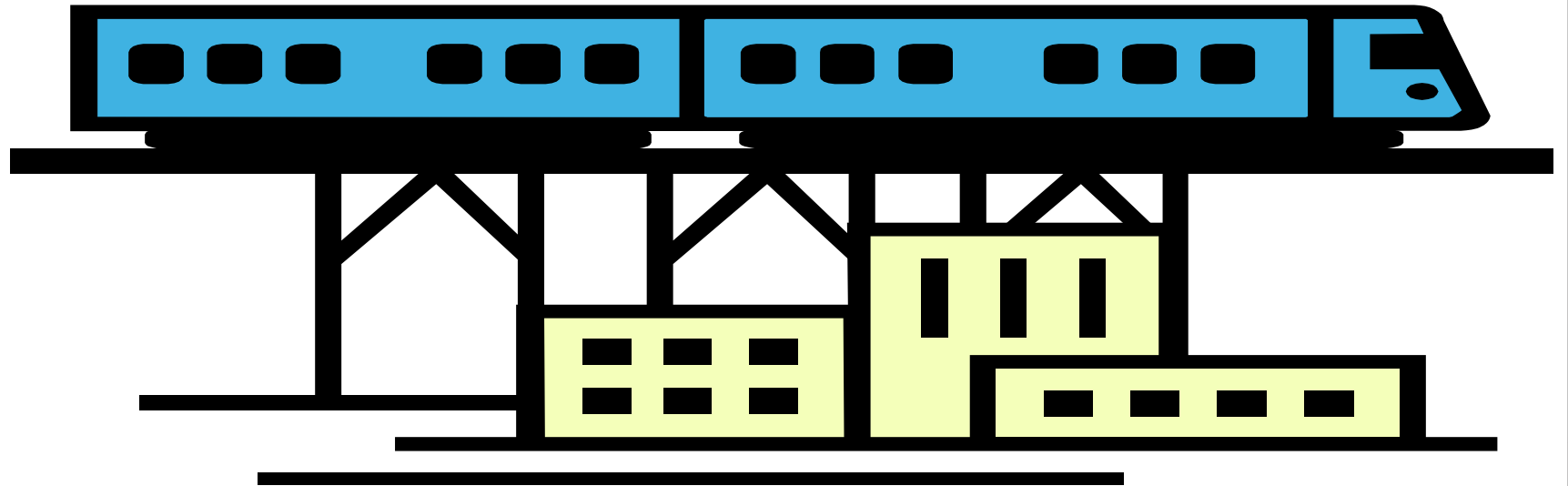


Alabama Rail Program



Alabama Rail Inventory

- 3,750 miles of track with 27 railroad companies
- Class I, II & III types of railways

New Legislation

State legislation was passed to create the Alabama Capital Stimulus for Rail Projects Act of 2009 to require the Alabama Department of Economics & Community Affairs (ADECA) with the assistance of the Southern High Speed Rail Commission to establish and operate a program to promote passenger rail travel and service

New Legislation cont.

To develop the state rail plan, describe the plan, and require that the plan contain both freight and passenger rail service components and to provide funding

Passenger Rail

The Crescent is the only passenger rail available with three stations in Alabama

- Anniston
- Birmingham
- Tuscaloosa

Passenger Rail

- A high speed rail application Track III was submitted by the State and a local MPO to study the possibility of an Intercity Passenger Rail for the Birmingham to Mobile route, previously the Old Gulf Breeze
- The State of Alabama is currently a member of the Southern High Speed Rail Commission and coordinating with them to enhance the Crescent on the Gulf Coast Corridor

Future Activities

- Coordinate with FRA to revise the current statewide rail plan that closely meets with the PRIIA requirements
- Update the current rail plan to include visions, goals, objectives and strategies for the future of intercity passenger rail and freight rail.
- Enhance the existing passenger rail segments within the state and constructing additional segments

Future Activity cont.

- Establish committees to assist with the development of a statewide rail plan with local MPO's, RPC's, local railroad affiliates, local governments, ALDOT, Rail Passenger Stakeholders and other state agencies interested in the future of rail in the state
- Seek funding for all rail projects

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