



NOPB
NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT

Rail 101- New Orleans Public Belt Corporation



Belt Railroad Ordinance

“The industrial progress of the city and port of New Orleans renders it a matter of great and even vital importance, that a system of terminal deliveries should be devised, whereby all railroads, all industries and all water craft be enabled to transfer goods without restriction, discrimination or delay.”

-New Orleans City Council
October 8, 1904

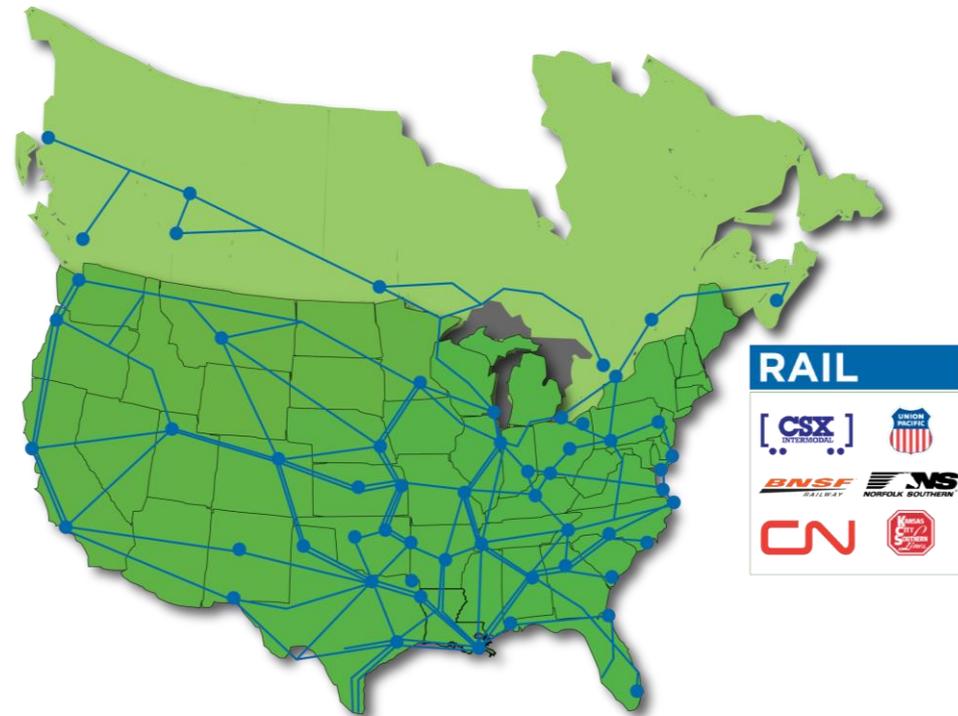


U.S. Rail Network

7 Class I Railroads = 160,000 miles

Annual Revenue Thresholds

- Class I- Greater than \$448M
 - Class II- From \$36M to \$448M
 - Class III- <\$36 M
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- New Orleans has 6 Class I railroads, 2 Class III railroads and Amtrak.



Railroad Regulatory Agencies

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

- Part of U.S. DOT
- Primary Regulator of Railroad Safety
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Locomotives
 - Operating Practices
 - Signal and Train Control
 - Track & Bridge

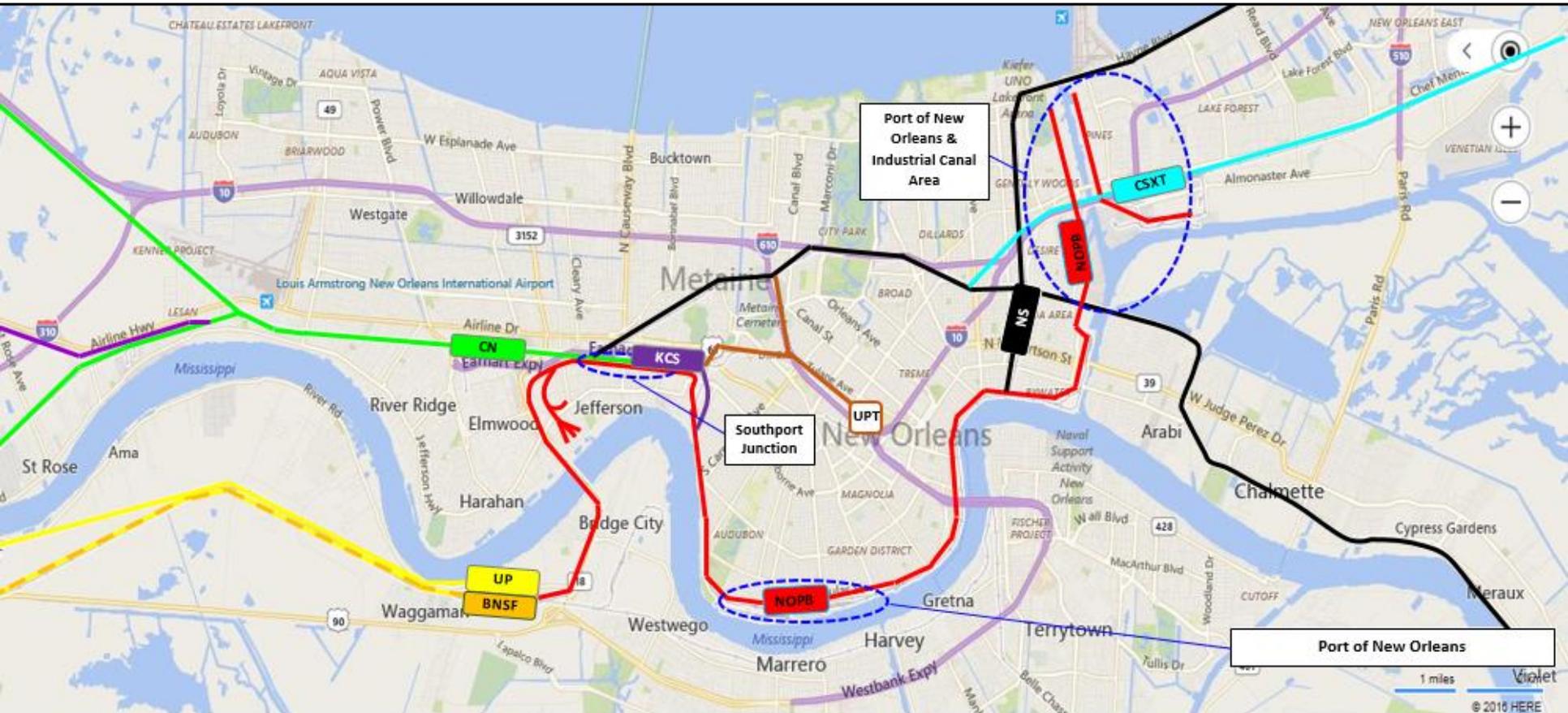
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

- Independent Board
- 5 members appointed by POTUS, confirmed by Senate
- Jurisdiction over
 - Rates
 - Service Issues
 - Rail restructuring transactions



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Greater New Orleans Rail Network



NOPB Fast Facts

- By railcar volume, **NOPB is the nation's 4th largest rail gateway**
- NOPB transitioned to Port of New Orleans control in February 2018, providing synergy within the transportation Gateway
- NOPB has 26 miles of mainline track
- NOPB connects to six larger "Class I" railroads
- NOPB handles a variety of commodities, including: natural rubber, plywood, steel products, minerals, frack sand, and much more
- NOPB also has a full-service car repair shop, track maintenance and repair division, and railcar storage capabilities.
- NOPB owns the Huey P. Long Bridge, one of the longest and highest steel railroad bridges in the US



NOPB's Urban Rail Initiative

LAUNCHED: SUMMER 2018

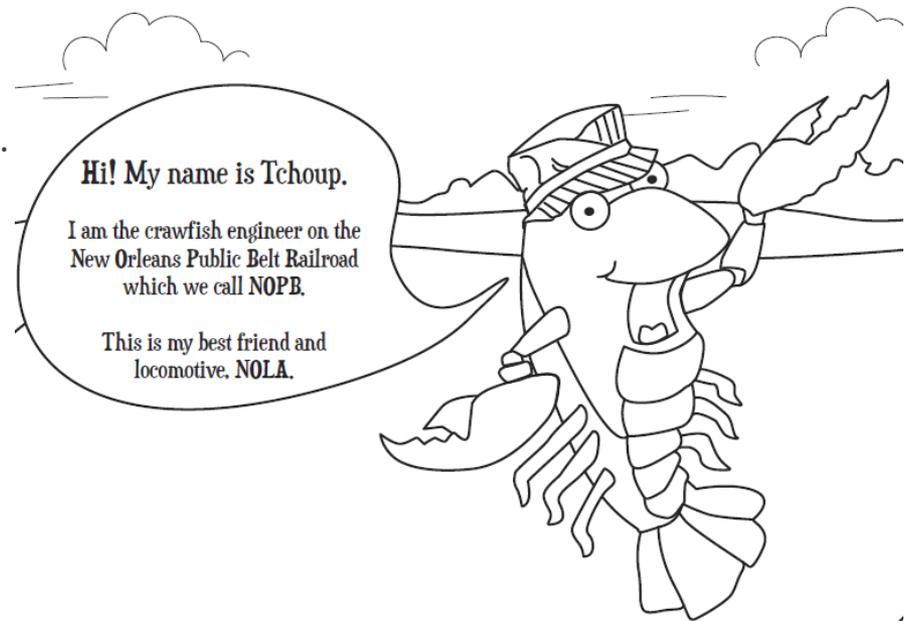
Mission: This plan targets key areas of concern through a series of **Infrastructure and Equipment Improvement, Updated Operations Practices, and Internal and External Outreach**. The Urban Rail Initiative is designed to be an adaptable assessment of community needs and strategies and can be amended as feedback trends shift. Ultimately, the success of the plan is measured by NOPB's ability to build credibility with the community by delivering on promises made.



Urban Rail Initiative Programs

LAUNCHED/IN PROCESS

- First annual Community Open House hosted
- “Tchoup” – Children’s safety mascot selected. Rail safety coloring book and education program launching October 2018
- “Better Neighbor” internal training
- New website with community resources to launch October 4th
- Fluidity improved: automated switches installed and air hoses at key crossings
- Grant Applications:
 - EPA “eco-locomotive” application
 - Bywater Neighborhood Rail Safety and Congestion Project (Press St.)



Quiet Zone Information

THE USE OF THE HORN IS A VITAL PART OF OUR SAFETY MISSION. TO MINIMIZE HORN NOISE, A PUBLIC AUTHORITY MAY APPLY TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

What is a Quiet Zone?

- Least one-half length of track that contains one or more consecutive public highway-rail grade crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded when trains are approaching the crossing (up to engineer's discretion).

How do we request a Quiet Zone?

- Only a public authority is permitted to create a quiet zone
- Railroads cannot create or establish quiet zones

Public authority must:

- Install additional active warning tools (flashing lights, gates, etc)
- Pay cost and maintenance (normally between \$30,000-200,000 per crossing)
- Indemnify the railroad against all liability at the crossing

Careers at NOPB

We are a team of **175 strong** and require a variety of skillsets.

What skills do you need to apply?

- A high school diploma (college degree for some management positions)
- Passion for teamwork
- Self-starter

Average union jobs pay:

- Range from \$22 - \$38 per hour, or \$45,000 - \$79,000 annually
- Health benefits and Railroad retirement are also part of the package





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