

North Carolina Short Line Railroads

Presentation to the NC Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee

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US SHORT LINE RAILROAD QUICK FACTS

- 603 SHORT LINES
- 47,500 ROUTE MILES (29% OF TOTAL RAIL NETWORK)
- PRIMARILY PROVIDE "FIRST MILE / LAST MILE" SERVICE
- HANDLE 1 OF OUT 5 RAILCARS SHIPPED IN THE US
- SERVE NEARLY 10,000 CUSTOMERS

Short Line or Class III Railroad: Has a length of less than 350 miles and earns less than \$35 million revenue annually.

Source: ASLRRA



NC SHORT LINE RAILROAD SERVICES PROVIDED

- HAUL FREIGHT □ 99,438 CARLOADS
- PASSENGER SERVICE □ 200,000 PASSENGERS
- SPECIAL EVENT TRAINS
- TRANSLOAD FACILITIES
- TRACK MAINTENANCE
- SIGNAL MAINTENANCE
- RAILCAR REPAIR



RAIL FREIGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA

☐CHEMICALS

☐DRY WALL

☐PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

☐STEEL

☐PLASTICS/RESINS

☐LUMBER

☐RUBBER

☐PAPER PRODUCTS

☐BUILDING PRODUCTS

☐MACHINERY

☐CEMENT

☐COAL/FLY ASH

☐GRAIN

☐AUTOMOBILES

☐AGGREGATES

☐FERTILIZER

☐WOODCHIPS

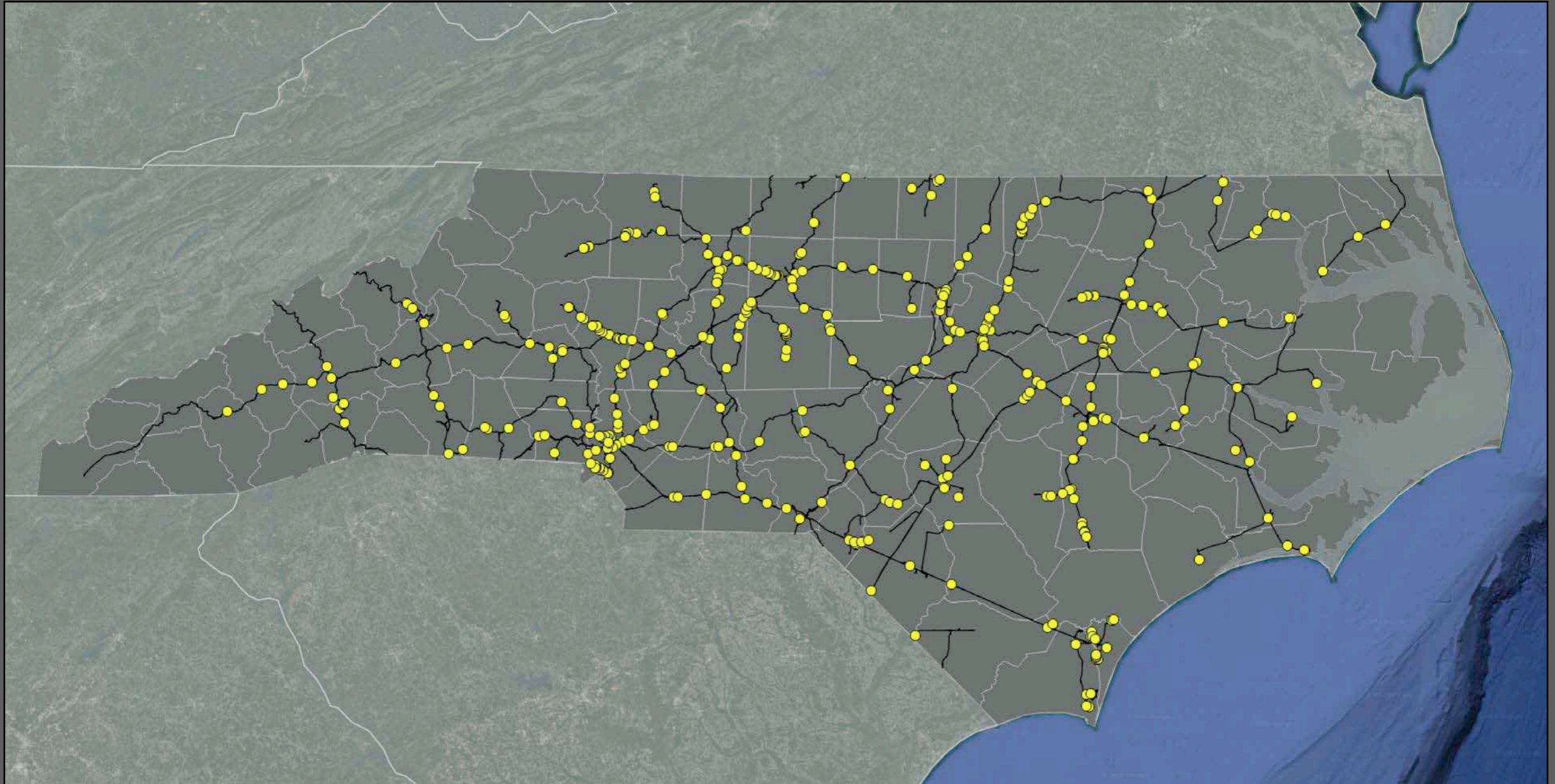
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☐WOOD CHIPS

☐ROAD SALT



NC RAIL USER NETWORK



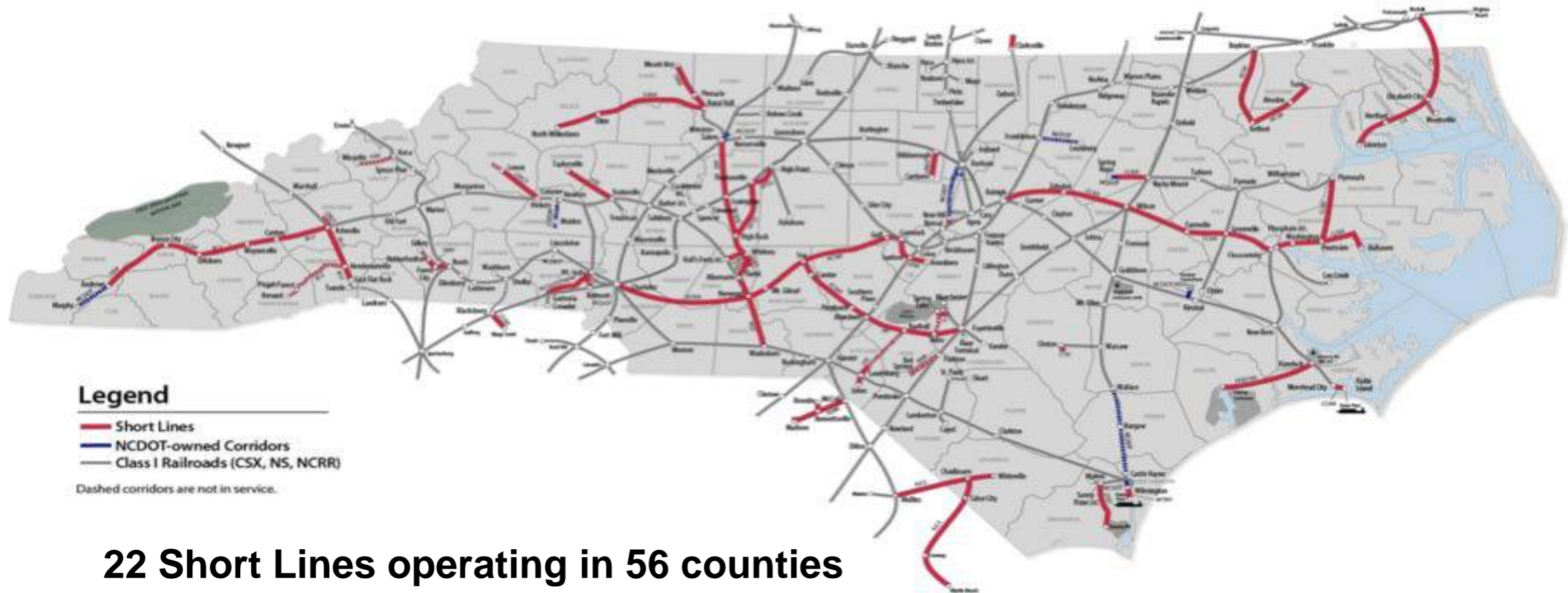
MAJOR RAIL USERS



RAIL FREIGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA



NC SHORT LINE NETWORK





BENEFITS TO THE ECONOMY

RAILWAY ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA^{66-1203/531} 1303
PO BOX 141
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DATE 12/31/17 PMP

PAY TO NC Local Economy \$ 143,000,000.00
THE ORDER OF
One hundred & forty-three million — ~~4~~/100 DOLLARS

  Heat Reactive Ink

BANK of NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO NC Economic Future Uncheckered No Fear MP

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LOOK FOR FRAUD-DETERRING FEATURES INCLUDING THE SECURITY SQUARE AND HEAT-REACTIVE INK. DETAILS ON BACK.



SOURCES OF FUNDING

- **PRIVATE**
- **FRA**
- **NCDOT**
- **RAIL INDUSTRIAL ACCESS**



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

- MANY LIGHTER DENSITY, RURAL ROUTES LACK THE INDUSTRY STANDARD 286,000 LB CARRYING CAPACITY
- **MAJOR COST:** OLDER BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS UPGRADING/REBUILT
- OLDER WORKFORCE / TRAINING FOR YOUNGER GENERATION & EMPLOYEES TO GENERATE SPECIFIC SKILLS (ENGINEER, CONDUCTOR, SIGNALMAN, MECHANICAL, DISPATCHER, ELECTRICAL)
- INDUSTRIAL TURNOVER IN RURAL AREAS
- TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT THREAT



PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

WHAT CAN YOU DO???

- SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT □ NEW INDUSTRY, EXPANSIONS, AND RETENTION
- RECURRING FUNDING FOR FRRCSI FUNDS
- INCREASE FUNDING / INCREASE STATE'S PORTION OF THE 50/50 GRANT MATCH
- EXPANDED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NCDOT RAIL DIVISION, EDPNC, AND THE SHORT LINE'S
- TRANSLOAD FACILITY DEVELOPMENT
- EXPAND APPLICATION OF FUNDING TO INCLUDE: INVESTMENTS IN STRUCTURES, TECHNOLOGY, PTC COMPLIANCE



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