



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

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Why an Environmental Impact Statement?

- Proposed project has the potential for significant environmental impacts
- Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis determined an Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate



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What Agencies are Involved?

Lead Agency

- Surface Transportation Board

Cooperating Agencies

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



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Purpose and Need

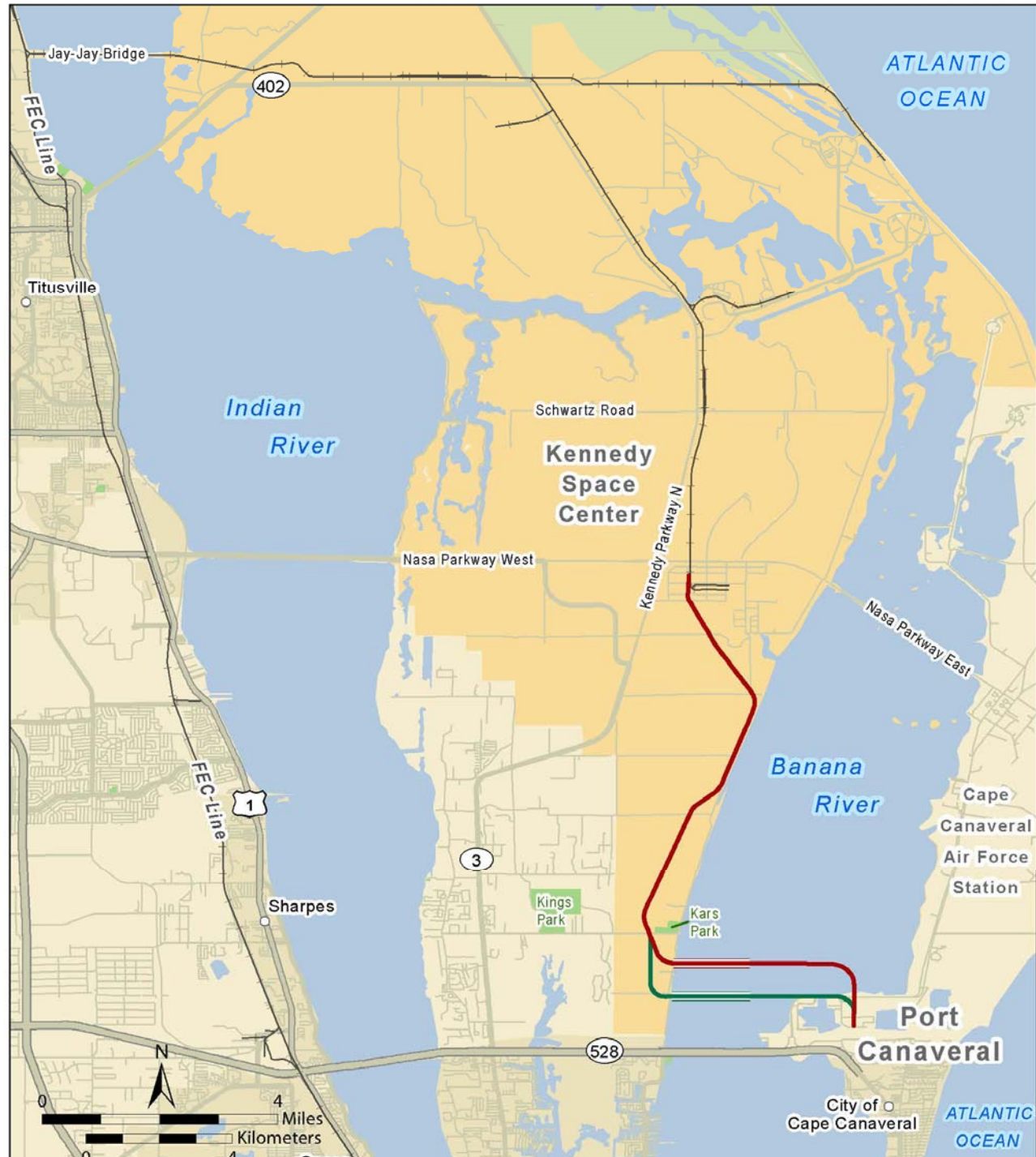
- Provide Canaveral Port Authority with the capability to transport primarily bulk, break-bulk, and containerized goods to and from Port Canaveral by rail
- Construct a rail line, satisfying the need for an additional mode of transportation to move bulk, break-bulk, and containerized freight to and from Port Canaveral
- Facilitate future cargo growth at Port Canaveral



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Project Description

- Construct and operate approximately 11 miles of new rail line to Port Canaveral in Brevard County
- Use approximately 17 miles of existing rail line at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's John F. Kennedy Space Center
- Connect with a Florida East Coast Railway main line





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Construction

➤ Track Construction

- Single track
- Continuous welded rail
- Concrete ties
- Right-of-way of up to 100 feet in width
- Crossings of local roads, utility corridors, and waterways



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Train Operations

- Approximately three to four trains per week with trains moving approximately 10 miles per hour
 - Approximately 170 roundtrip hopper and box cars per week
 - Additional 50 roundtrip double-stacked container cars per week within in 2.5 years



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Categories of Potential Impacts

- Transportation Systems
- Safety
- Land Use
- Recreation
- Biological Resources
- Water Resources
- Navigation
- Geology and Soils
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Energy Resources
- Socioeconomics
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Aesthetics
- Environmental Justice



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Next Steps

➤ Scoping Process

- Compile scoping comments
- Develop range of alternatives including “No Action” Alternative
- Identify topics to analyze in Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Issue a Final Scope of Study

➤ Draft Environmental Impact Statement

- Analyze potential environmental effects of alternatives
- Develop preliminary mitigation
- Prepare and issue Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Establish public comment period
- Hold public meetings



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Next Steps (cont.)

- Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - Respond to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Prepare and issue the Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - Office of Environmental Analysis identifies its Preferred Alternative and recommends mitigation
- Final Decision
 - Final Decision to be made by the Board - equivalent to a Record of Decision
 - Cooperating Agencies issue Records of Decision



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Public Comments

- To provide verbal comments
 - Sign up at the registration desk
 - Please limit comments to 3 minutes
- To provide written comments
 - Comments sheets are available tonight at the comment table
 - Mail written comments to the Surface Transportation Board
- To provide electronic comments
 - Submit comments on Board's website: www.stb.dot.gov
 - click on E-FILING (reference Docket No. FD 35852)

Please provide scoping comments by **December 19, 2014** ¹²



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