## Sustainability Approach at BNSF Railway

# **New Partners for Smart Growth Conference Session: Freight Rail – On the Right Track** to Sustainability

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## Agenda Sustainability Approach at BNSF Railway

- BNSF is a Leading Freight Railroad
- Freight Rail is a Sustainable Business Solution
- Rail's Environmental Benefits
- BNSF's Sustainable Investments and R&D
- Sustainable Intermodal Transport and Partnerships
- Summary



# **BNSF is a Leading U.S. Railroad**

- A Berkshire Hathaway company
- Moves one-fourth of the nation's rail freight
- 40,000 employees
- 6,000 locomotives
- 32,000 route miles in 28 states and two Canadian provinces
- Operates over 1,400 freight trains per day
- Serves over 40 ports
- 13,100 bridges and 87 tunnels
- Unlike other forms of transportation, BNSF trains operate on an infrastructure financed almost entirely by the railroad





## Freight Rail is a Sustainable Business Solution

•Global supply and demand challenge

- Increasing resource demands as population increases from 7B to 9B people by 2050 (per U.N.)
- More costly resource production on a planet with finite resources – energy, water, commodities

 Sustainable business solutions required including efficient use of resources and reduced emissions

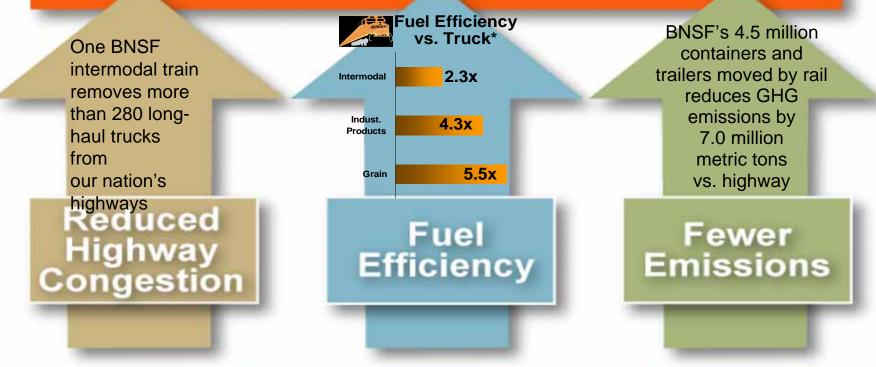
Rail is a part of the sustainable business solution

- Most sustainable form of land freight transport
- Product footprints can be significantly reduced by switching to rail for land transport



# **Rail's Environmental Benefits**

# **Rail's Environmental Value**



From an environmental, economic, congestion and safety perspective, rail is the best way to move goods – today and in the future

Based on a 1,500 mile truck haul

# **BNSF Sustainable Investments**

- BNSF invests in more sustainable technologies & operations that improve:
  - Business infrastructure investments, operational efficiencies and access to markets
  - Communities improve communities we serve through jobs, cleaner air and less traffic
  - Environment through reduced environmental footprint and cleaner air





## **Sustainable Business**

- BNSF Investments \$4.1B capital budget in 2013
- •BNSF Jobs Union (35,000) & veterans (over 7,000)
- Per Dept of Commerce, every \$1 invested in rail returns \$3 to US economy – jobs, business efficiency and expansion opportunities





## **Community Investments and Participation**

 "Friends of BNSF" on web – share rail heritage and operations information with public

- •Green teams for grassroots greening of operations
- Community safety outreach
- •Volunteer in communities we serve





# **Green Equipment Investments**

#### Equipment

- Locomotives
  - Aggressive purchasing (over 1,000 in last 4 years) of locomotives that are 15% more fuel efficient with lower emissions than the locomotives they replace
- Idle Control Technology Installed on 90% of locomotives

#### Intermodal Yards

- Automated Gate Technology Installed at 9 facilities through 2012
- Electric Wide-Span Cranes Installed at Memphis and Seattle, planned for future intermodal yards



Wide-span Cranes in Memphis



# **Green Operations Investments**

#### Fuel Efficient Operations

- Driver Assist Technology throttle control software systems for optimum acceleration & deceleration
- Training/Fuel MVP

### Locomotive Power

- Proper Horsepower Per Trailing Ton
- Distributed Power
- Aerodynamics
- Top of Rail Lubrication





# **Alternative Fuels R&D and Partnerships**

- Biodiesel Partner w/ EPA in MT testing biodiesel blends up to 20%
- Ethanol injection Partner w/ Southwest Research on stationary testing as alternative fuel supplement
- Hydrogen fuel cell Partner with Dept of Defense on Balkan fuel cell. Niche application where locomotives only emit water vapor.
- LNG Yard hostler trucks at intermodal yard in Commerce, CA







# **Customer Carbon Foot-printing**

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 Web-based tool calculates shipper rail transportation carbon footprint

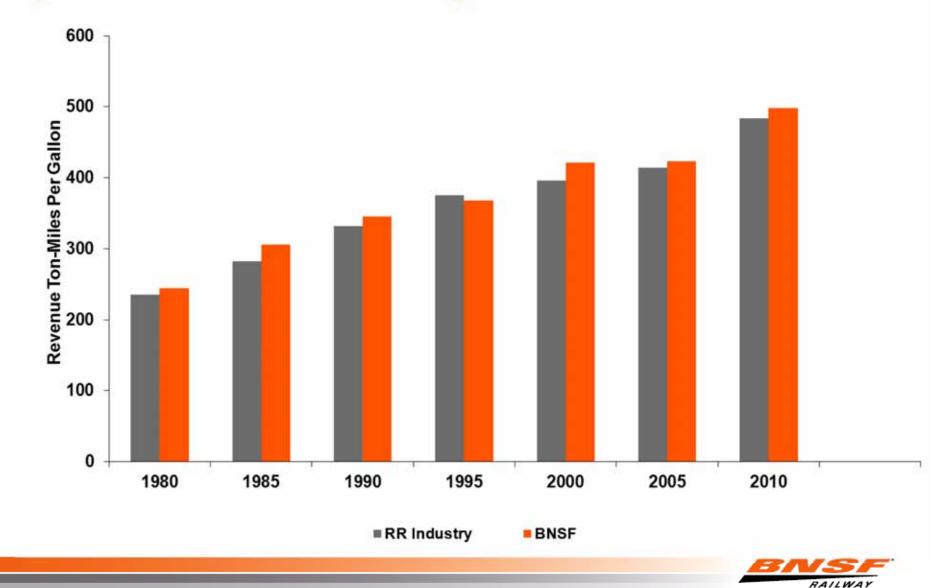
 Annual customer letters document carbon footprint reduction shipping by rail over versus road

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Your Carbon Footprint and Comparison			
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Estmated Long Haul Truck Carbon Footprint (Metric Tons CO2 equivalent):	2,185.8		
Using a carlead or intermodal rail solution instead of truck only would reduce this shipment's estimated Carbon Footprint by	49%		

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## **Results – Roughly 100% Improvement in System Fuel Efficiency from 1980 to 2010**



# **Intermodal Transport**

•Definition: Intermodal shipping -movement of goods in containers and trailers across multiple transportation modes including ships, trains, trucks and barges

#### •Optimum mode mix:

- Ocean transport Ships
- Long-distance land transport Rail
  - Lower cost, less fuel, fewer emissions, less traffic congestion
- Short-haul land transport Trucks
  - Transport to diverse locations from intermodal hubs
- River transport Barges





# **BNSF Intermodal Partnerships**

•Historic transportation mode competitors often partnering to reduce cost, improve sustainability, and maintain strong service.

#### BNSF Railway/Major Shipping Line

 Date certain shipping from Asia to Chicago and Memphis

#### BNSF Railway/Major Trucking Company

- BNSF for lower cost and higher sustainability long-haul
- Trucking company for shorthaul distribution





# Summary

- Rail is most environmentally preferred means of freight transport
- BNSF is investing in more sustainable technology and operations to improve:
  - Fuel efficiency and reduce air emissions
  - Community sustainability
- BNSF partners w/ other modes of transportation for lower customer shipping costs, improved sustainability, and optimum service and reliability





