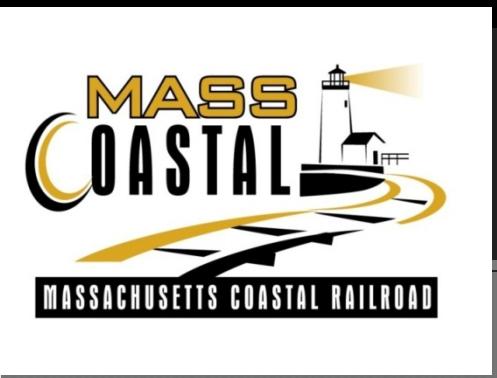
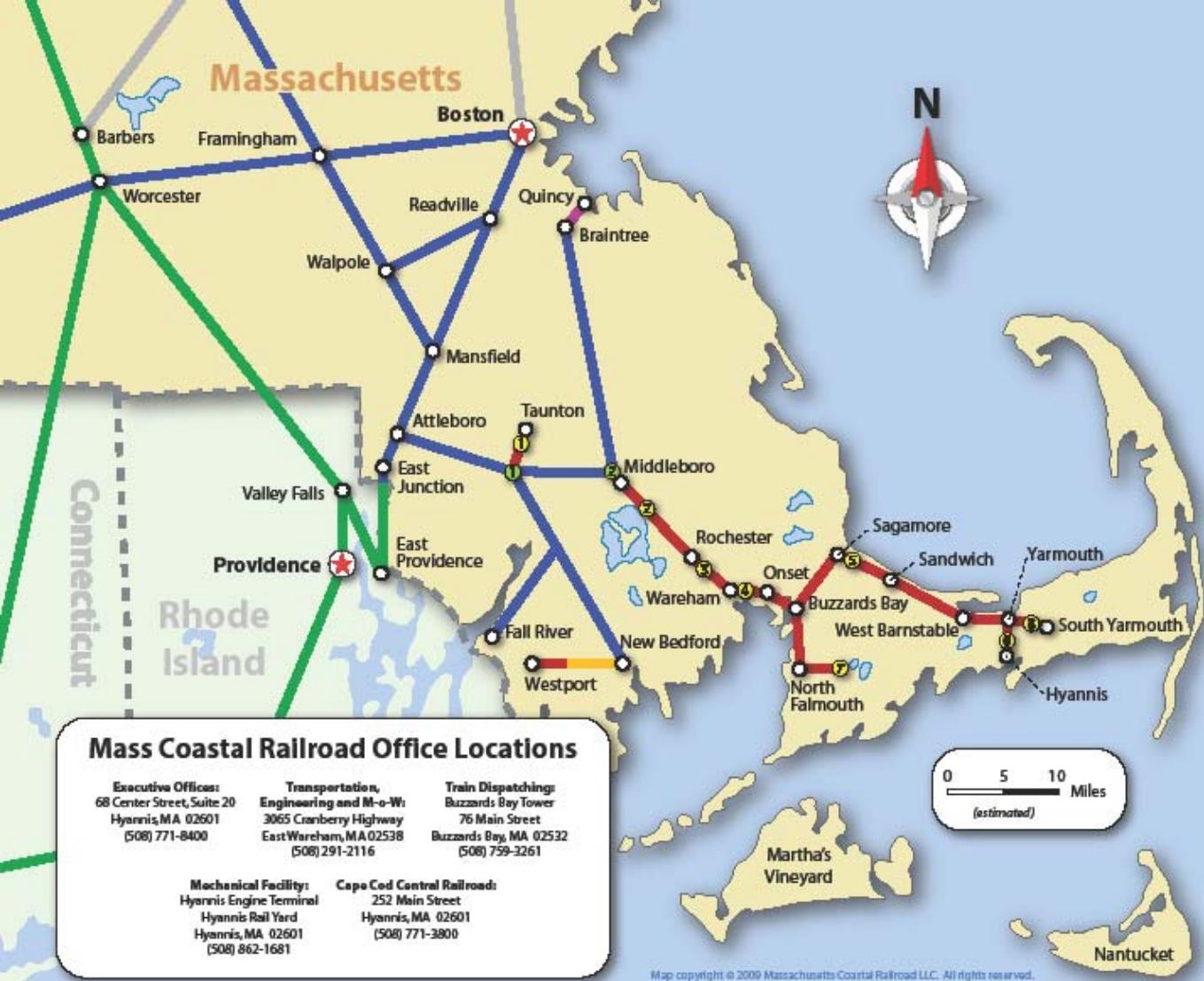


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## System Map

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### Legend

- Mass Coastal Railroad
- CSX Transportation (Our Class 1 Partner)
- Fore River Transportation
- Bay Colony Railroad
- Providence & Worcester Railroad
- Pan Am Railways
- Station

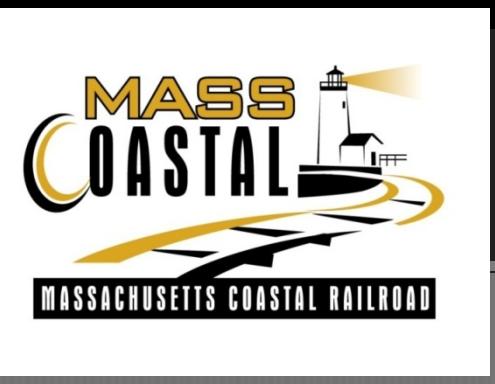
#### Interchanges:

- Taunton, MA (TAUNT) - CSXT
- Middleboro, MA (MIDBO) - CSXT

#### Transload Facilities and Public Tracks:

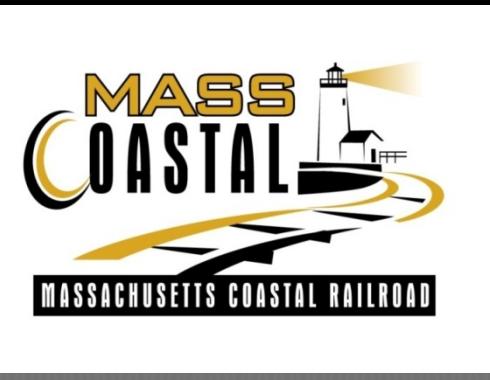
- Gallo Construction Co. - Taunton
- Capeway Rail Terminal - Middleboro
- Rochester Public Track
- Wareham Public Track
- Sagamore Truck & Rail Co. - Sagamore
- Hyannis Public Track
- Upper Cape Regional Transfer Station - North Falmouth (MSW)
- Yarmouth Transfer Station - South Yarmouth (MSW)

# Opportunities.....



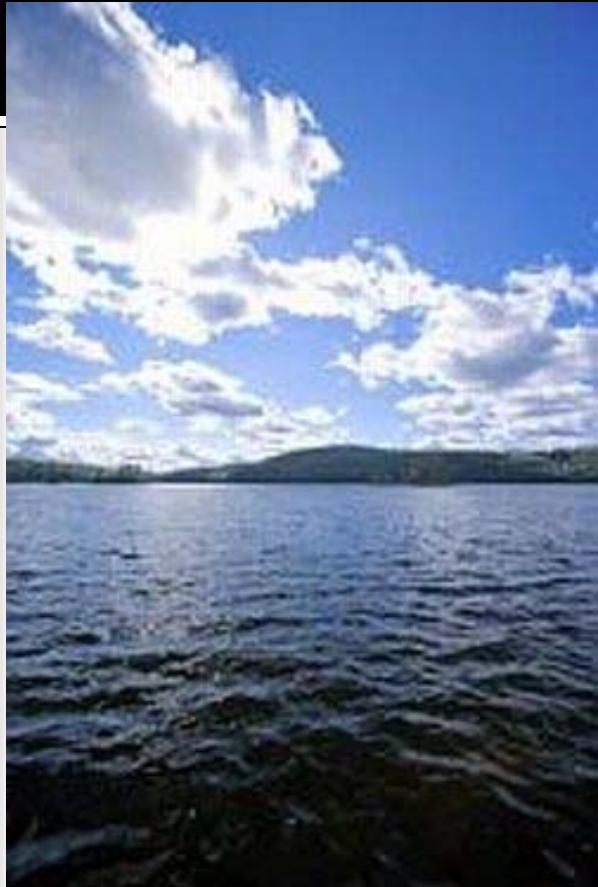
- Large, “consuming” market which has not yet received a significant sales/marketing focus by the Class 1 railroads.
- CSX (and predecessors) want to “pull back.”
- For transportation customers, short line operation of Class 1 lines means opportunity for:
  - ❖ better service
  - ❖ intense focus on price competitiveness

# Challenges.....



- Large, “consuming” market!
  - ❖ limited manufacturing and natural resources
- Commonwealth does NOT currently recognize the value of its rail freight system.
- 286 is required!
- Living with passenger operations:
  - ❖ can be done safely!
  - ❖ liability a key issue

# **Economic *and* Environmental Competitiveness Needs to be Marketed and Sold**



# How railroads compete environmentally

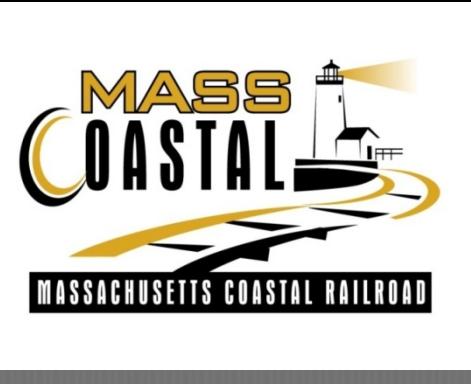


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## 1. Energy Efficiency

- ✓ A freight train can move close to ***four times as much*** cargo as a truck per gallon of fuel.
  
- ✓ According to a study by researchers at the Argonne National Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Energy, “Economic and institutional solutions that encourage ***rail use offer the greatest potential*** for reducing energy and environmental impacts from freight transport.”

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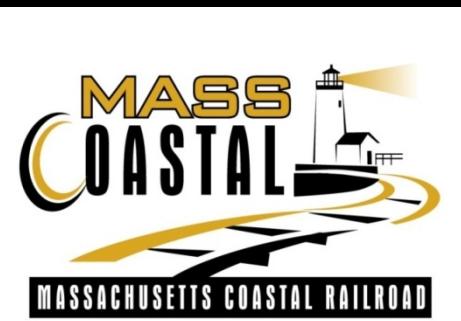


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## 2. Emissions and Pollution Reduction

- ✓ The EPA estimates that for every ton-mile, a typical **truck emits roughly three times more** nitrogen oxides and particulates than a locomotive.
- ✓ Every ton of freight moved by rail instead of highway reduces greenhouse gas emissions by **two thirds**.

# How railroads compete environmentally



## 3. Highway Congestion Relief

- ✓ One railcar can carry the same amount of freight as ***two to five trucks***.

***The Mass Coastal Energy Train removes over 12,000 truck trips per year from the Cape's roads and the two Cape Cod Canal (highway!) bridges.***



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