

NOPB Comments

1. Comment on DPW comments: Update on 11.4—Regarding rail, state instead “New Orleans is one of four rail gateways, where six Class I railroads interchange.” Delete reference to tons of cargo. NOPB does not have data on cargo moved by rail in New Orleans. Delete reference to 25 miles of main track and 97 miles of yard track, which reflects NOPB track only in both Orleans and Jefferson, not total track in Orleans.
2. Comment on 6.B: Given that the Rail Gateway Plan is no longer being actively pursued, we recommend deleting the reference to it altogether in 6B and recommend this language instead:

6.B Implement rail improvements to increase railroad safety, operating efficiency and fluidity.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. *Implement centralized traffic control (CTC) across the rail network to consolidate and standardize train routing decisions, alleviate congestion, and promote fluidity.*
Who: *New Orleans Public Belt; Class 1 Railroads*
When: *2017-2020*
Resources: *Local and private (Class I) funds*
2. *Pursue adequate funding, including federal funding, for the implementation of rail improvement projects to increase safety, operating efficiency and fluidity.*
Who: *RPC; New Orleans Public Belt; Class 1 Railroads; CPC*
When: *2017-2027*
Resources: *Federal funds*