In 2015 Florida moved 83M tons of freight by rail and 2,818 freight track miles.

Source: Florida Rail System Plan, 2018 Update
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Freight and Multimodal Operations (FMO) Office is charged with developing and implementing a statewide rail program designed to ensure the maintenance, safety, revitalization, and expansion of the rail system.

FDOT’s rail vision is to provide “a safe, secure, reliable, efficient and well-maintained passenger and freight rail system enhancing quality of life, environmental stewardship, mobility, and economic competitiveness for Floridians through sustainable investments.” The FMO Office works with partners within the rail industry, customers, and government agencies, to ensure that Florida’s freight and passenger rail system is responsive to statewide mobility needs.

Freight rail provides a critical link to business markets across the state, nation, and ultimately the world. Class I, Class II and Class III railroads in Florida transport many of the goods consumers and businesses use every day. Class I carrier CSX Transportation (CSX) and Class II carrier Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) together own 68% of the statewide total rail miles. Florida’s two publicly managed commuter rail lines (SunRail and Tri-Rail), move over 4 million riders through central and south Florida annually. More than 900,000 people rely on intercity rail service within Florida’s borders. With stations from Miami to Orlando and Tampa to Jacksonville, the Amtrak system connects passengers to over 500 destinations in the U.S. and Canada and offers an alternative to driving or flying.

The Statewide Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety (HRGCS) Improvement Program is the FMO Office’s statewide program for rail grade crossing hazard elimination.

- A total of 587 improvements implemented over the past 10 years
- An average of 82.7% reduction in fatal incidents at the crossings evaluated which adds up to 32 lives saved over the past 10 years

www.fdot.gov/rail/plans/rail-system-plan

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