

Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal Project

Purpose

To support the economic competitiveness of Southeast Michigan and the State by improving intermodal freight transportation opportunities and efficiencies to benefit business, industry and residents.

Goal

To develop a regional intermodal facility with sufficient capacity to provide for existing and future demand and that supports the residential neighborhoods and businesses of Southwest Detroit/East Dearborn consistent with the following objectives.

Terminal Development Objectives

To stimulate economic development and redevelopment throughout Southeast Michigan through job creation, increasing the tax base and lowering the price of consumer goods.

To reduce truck "vehicle miles traveled" which saves lives, reduces pollution and conserves highway capacity.

To provide the necessary infrastructure to support current and future distribution needs of auto manufacturing, the state's largest industry, and other Southeast Michigan businesses.

To focus federal, state, local and private (i.e., railroad and other private entities) investments and resources at a single world-class intermodal freight terminal district.

Community Development Objectives

To strengthen the Southwest Detroit/East Dearborn community by reducing the impact of intermodal terminal expansion on residents and businesses.

To help stimulate economic redevelopment of Southwest Detroit/East Dearborn with an associated increase in jobs for local residents.

To invest in the Southwest Detroit/East Dearborn community by building/rebuilding infrastructure that improves safety by eliminating rail crossings and correcting drainage problems at a number of streets passing under rail lines.

To remove intermodal terminal-related truck traffic from the streets of the nearby neighborhoods so that quality of life issues, such as air pollution and safety, are addressed.

To buffer the intermodal facility from nearby neighborhoods through improvements that reduce noise and use trees, vegetation and other enhancements to improve the terminal's exterior appearance.