

Project Description: The Port and City of New Haven will be applying for a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant this June. This grant application will be for rail infrastructure improvements to take place at the Port of New Haven, within the Gateway Terminal leased property. These rail improvements will include over 5000' of additional track put in place to accommodate a full unit train. It is evidenced that every successful port within the United States has significant rail infrastructure. These infrastructure improvements will provide a great deal of social, economic, environmental, and operational benefit to the region which include:

- Directly linking the Port of New Haven's newly designated Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) to rail
- The ability to move existing operations from heavily concentrated population areas with multiple crossings to a fully industrialized region
 - Further reducing the number of switches required for this region by increasing car capacity from 20 to nearly 100
- The ability to provide rail tank car loading ability; thereby transferring liquid carriage from truck to rail.
- Marketability of the port for ship-to-rail that has not been available in the past. This increases New Haven's cargo diversity for rail to include:
 - Lumber
 - Steel
 - Bulk cargos
 - Machinery
 - Windmill components
 - Automobiles
- Every ton of cargo we move across our docks creates additional jobs throughout the community. This would include longshoremen positions, truck drivers, warehousemen, and construction positions. The addition of rail to the area will without doubt enable these tons to increase exponentially.



