

# ***THE OHIO HUB***



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**Anticipated Ohio Hub Economic Impacts**

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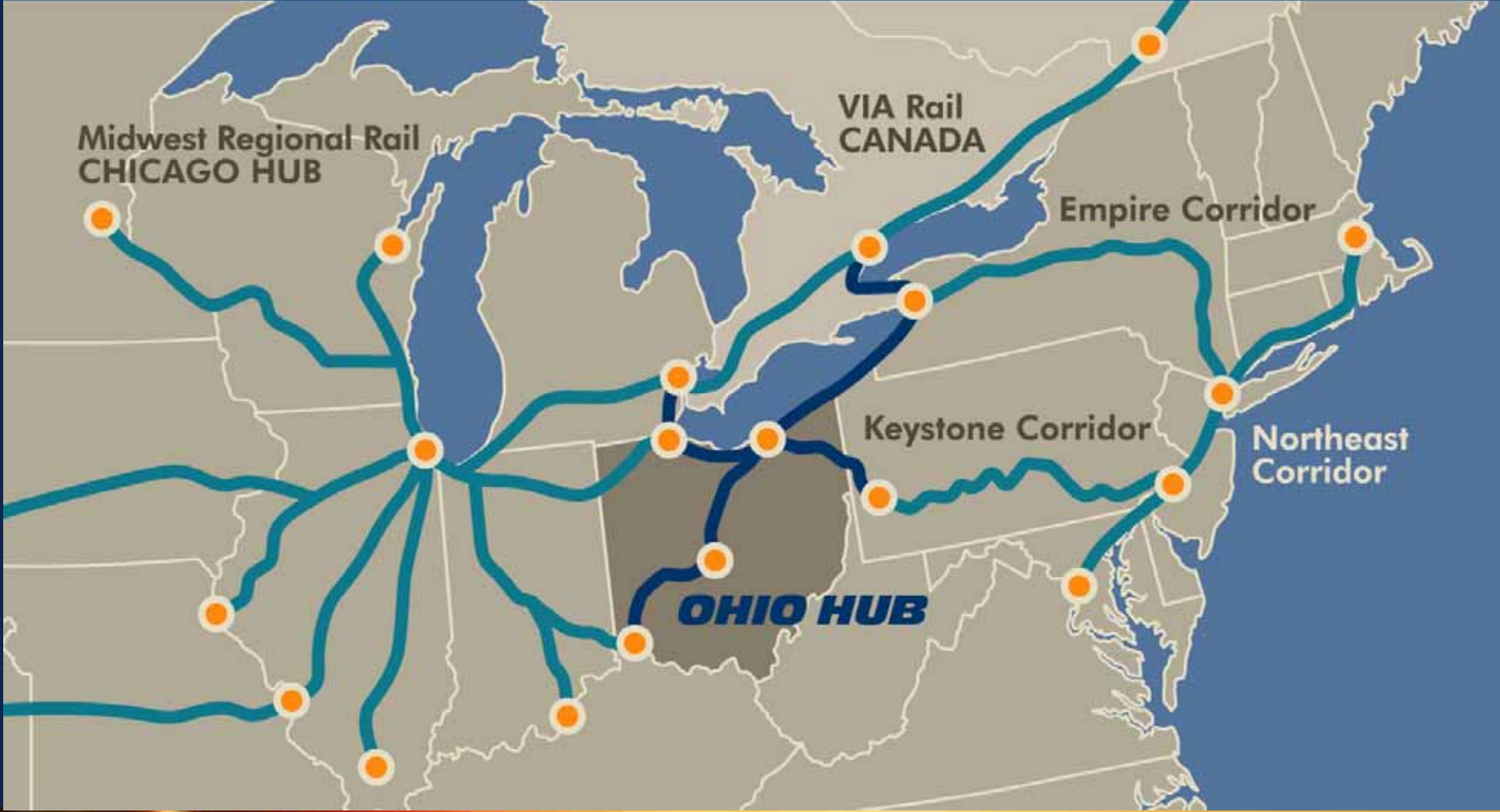
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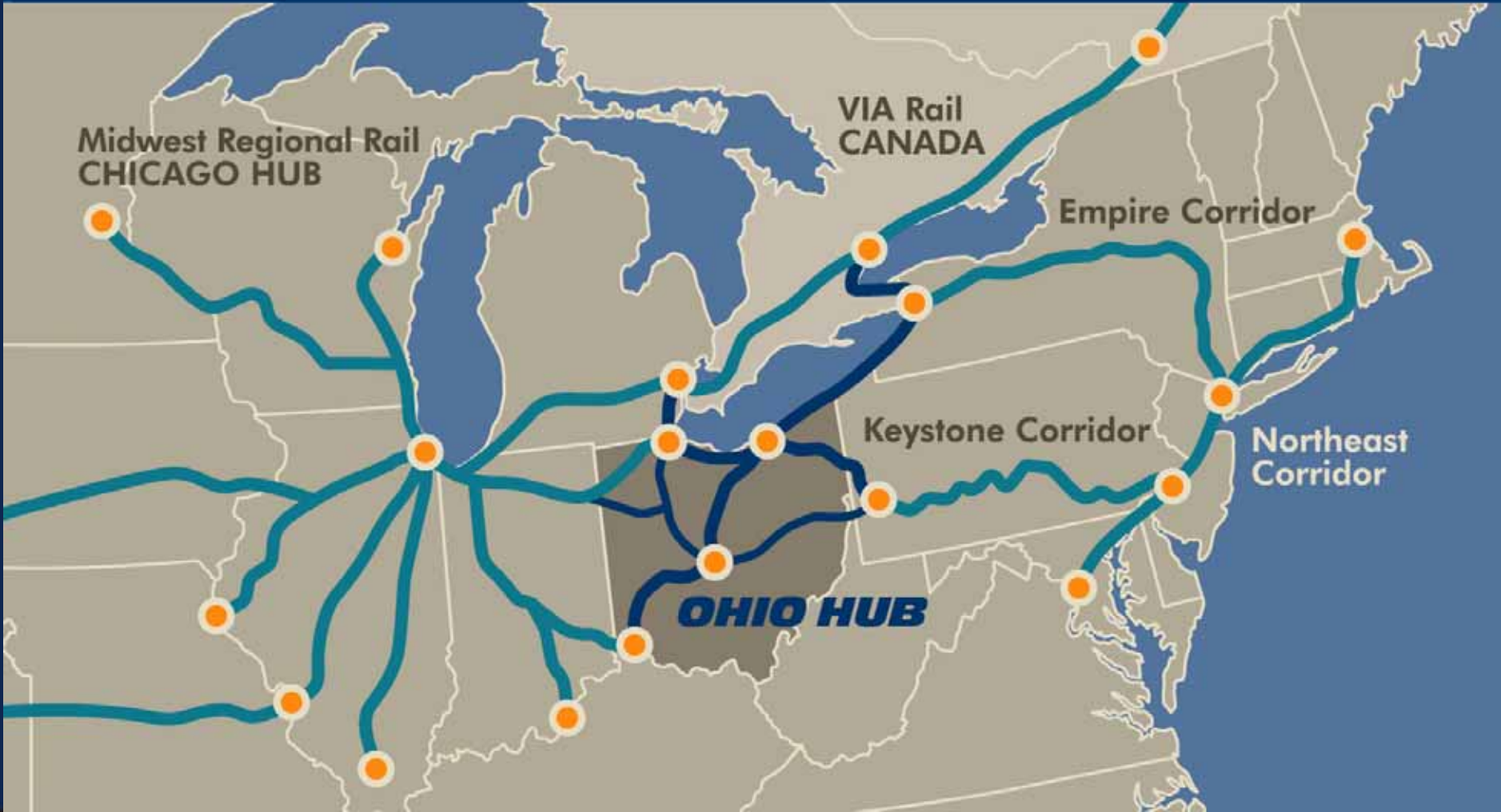


## 2. AN INTERCONNECTED RAIL NETWORK





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**Goal:  
Link people, jobs and freight with key  
destinations...**





## ...on convenient, desirable trains

- 110 mph
  - 5 to 8 trains daily on multiple corridors
  - 860 miles serving 22 million people
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- Cleveland to Columbus: 1:38
  - Cleveland to Chicago: 4:22
  - Cincinnati to Cleveland: 3:30
  - Cincinnati to Chicago: 4:08
  - Columbus to Chicago: 4:20
  - Columbus to Pittsburgh: 2:10

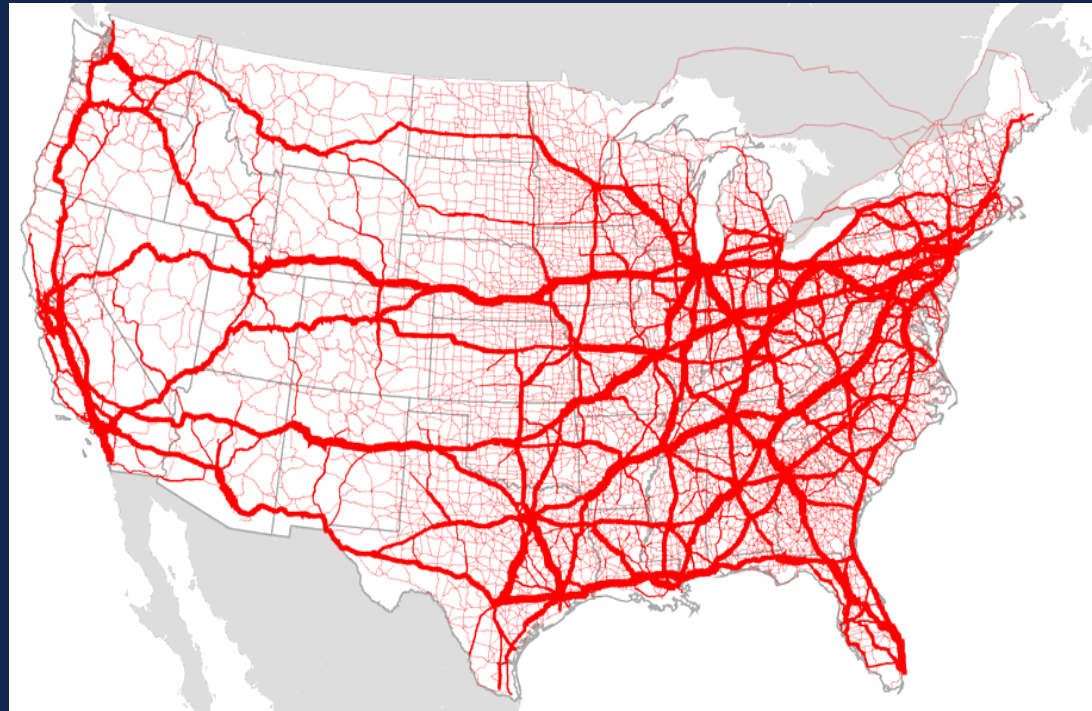




## Highways alone can't do it all

\$1.3 trillion in business is shipped to and from Ohio by truck each year

Significant rail investments are needed to maintain current market share as freight traffic doubles or triples, as predicted





**Ohio's global competitive edge is its distribution network – which we must preserve and enhance**





## Early indicators show high economic return on \$3 billion system

- 6,600 construction jobs
- 6,000 indirect jobs
- 1,500 permanent rail operating jobs
- \$1 billion increase in property values
- Household income increased by \$120-\$610
- Annual tax revenues increased by \$28 million







## More detailed economic analysis underway

- As you listen to Alex Metcalf, think about:
  - Whether your community is ready to act on the economic potential
  - What pre-conditions must be in place – and how to capitalize on opportunities
- Routes and station locations won't be finalized until during the next study phase: the environmental impact analysis (NEPA)
  - To be underway in late 2007 if funding secured

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# Current forecasts based on this map

(See handout)

