MIT Intermodal Station Panel Discussion

The Freight Perspective

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The Supply Chain

Ocean transit

Port discharge to rail

Rail line-haul

Distribution center

Highway delivery

Inland Rail Terminal
Large Efficient Networks

CSX Connects the East with the West and the Globe

- 21,000 route miles
- 1,700+ trains/day
- 5 million+ carloads
- 4,500+ locomotives
- 120,000+ freight cars
- 34,000 employees
- Serving 70 ocean, lake and river ports
A Modern Intermodal Terminal
As Much as Several Hundred Acres
Highly Specialized Equipment
Cranes Spanning over 100’
Intercity Passenger with Robust Infrastructure
Local Passenger on a Closed System
Success Will Be Tied To Services And Markets

- No network and / or no market = no success
- Wrong modes or infrastructure = failure
- One size will not fit all = programs less successful
Understand the Role of the Station
Size it Right
Let the Form Respond
Pedestrian Driven
So Why Didn’t this Fly?
Conclusions:

- Build it - they will come = bad strategy
- Location – Location - Be where the people will want to be
- Dense & reliable systems are more critical than the station
- Plan ahead - assemble rights of way now
- Preserve what already works – including the freight system