STAGE 2 PROJECT: KENWOOD INTERMODAL YARD EXPANSION

PROJECT GOAL
The project goal is to support continued growth in the intermodal freight market by improving the capacity and productivity of existing intermodal facilities in the Capital District, focusing on the District’s largest intermodal freight rail terminal – CP Rail’s Kenwood Yard just north of the Port of Albany.

EXISTING PROGRAMS
The ongoing clearance improvement project on the Canadian Mainline will promote additional growth in intermodal freight traffic in the I-87 corridor. Other improvements to tracks and signal systems in that corridor will also improve rail freight reliability. Market studies performed by the I-87 Corridor Study Team indicate that the intermodal market in the Capital District, while somewhat limited, at this time warrants maintaining and improving existing intermodal facilities to enable them to respond to projected future increases in rail-based container freight traffic.

PROPOSED PROJECT COMPONENTS
The following improvements are recommended for the Kenwood Yards to enhance its efficiency and capacity:

- Create longer and paved unloading tracks.
- Relocate unused fuel tracks to create room for freight operations.
- Expand paved parking/storage areas for trucks and containers.
- Relocate yard maintenance and repair facilities.
- Improve access from adjacent roadways, yard security and lighting.
- Rehabilitate container loading/unloading equipment.

RELATION TO SHORT-/LONG-TERM PLAN
Support for greater use of more efficient intermodal freight is consistent with Smart Freight initiatives, including efforts to reduce dependence on trucks in the corridor and within the often-congested Capital District.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, AGENCY COORDINATION
It is anticipated that this project would be subject to some environmental SEQRA and NEPA environmental review process prior to implementation. Coordination among CP Rail, NYSDOT, FRA, Albany Port District Commission and City of Albany would be required.

ESTIMATED COST
Program would cost approximately $6 to $8 million.