Multimodal Enhancement Scenario

What would the future look like if freight transportation on the peninsula was enhanced or expanded by key multimodal elements or opportunities?

For example, WHAT IF…

1. … a completed Chesapeake Connector expanded freight rail access along/across the NEC?
2. … coal freight losses to the Indian River power plant were offset by other/new rail demand?
3. … the NS Indian River Secondary became a shortline railroad (from Harrington to Frankford)?
4. … the peninsula’s rail network was enhanced (e.g., removal of speed/weight restrictions or bottlenecks)?
5. … the Seaford Rail Bridge was reconstructed?
6. … a new intermodal facility was strategically located (e.g. near Newark, Seaford, Delmar, or Salisbury)?
7. … BCRR car float operations were stabilized or expanded?
8. … Post-Panamax shipping trends directly impacted the region (e.g., via Baltimore or Norfolk)?
9. … short sea shipping opportunities or the marine highway concept flourished?
10. … the Port of Wilmington developed a new container facility?
11. … oil and gas imports(exports) had more transport options?
12. … higher freight volumes increased conflicts with other users (e.g., barges versus recreational water or waterfront property access; or trucks versus seasonal tourism)?

Enhancement Scenario w/ Trendline Growth:

What would this future look like in 2040 with trendline economic or demographic changes?

Enhancement Scenario w/ Accelerated Employment:

What would this future look like in 2040 with accelerated employment growth in certain industries?