Several of the metropolitan areas in the Southeast are among the fastest growing in the nation, and the states have recognized the need to invest in a diverse network of transportation options that will accommodate this population growth.

**Connecting the District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina:** FRA has awarded approximately $75 million in High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) program funds to improve service quality and reliability for the six corridor and four long-distance trains that operate daily between Washington, DC and Richmond, VA, and to points south. Also, FRA has awarded approximately $48 million in HSIPR program funds to complete preliminary engineering and environmental review for the development of the Southeast High Speed Rail (SEHSR) corridor between Washington, DC and Raleigh, NC via Richmond, VA.

**Enhancing the Piedmont Corridor:** FRA has awarded approximately $570 million in HSIPR program funds to increase capacity and improve service quality and reliability for the three corridor trains that operate daily between Raleigh and Charlotte, and support the addition of a fourth corridor train. This program includes the rehabilitation of 12 rail cars and five locomotives for use in the third and fourth corridor train frequencies, and the enhancement of stations and maintenance facilities. Construction is currently underway on new roadway grade separations between Raleigh and Charlotte.

**Reducing congestion between Virginia and North Carolina:** A HSIPR grant of $26.6 million will improve reliability and service quality between Petersburg, VA and Raleigh, NC (via Selma), strengthening connections between the Northeast Corridor and long-distance passenger routes serving the southeast.

**Connecting Atlanta to Charlotte:** In 2011, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) received a $4.1 million grant to complete a service development plan and environmental study for the 250 mile passenger rail corridor between Atlanta and Charlotte. GDOT is contributing $1.125 million for this phase of the project. This study will build upon a 2008 feasibility study of high-speed rail on this corridor.
Southeast Region

Region Characteristics

Population
- 68M (25% of U.S.)
- 52.8 Trillion (19% of U.S.)
- 386,000 sq. mi. (11% of U.S.)

Global Rank (comparable to)
- Egypt (30) (Russia)
- 6

Economy
- 20 (Thailand)

Land Area
- 30 (Egypt)

Ridership Growth

Population Served
- 59% Served

Corridor Details

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Service Improvements
- More Trains/New Service
- Faster Travel
- Better Reliability
- Improved Stations/Equipment