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BNSF Logistics Park - Chicago Overview

- **BNSF Logistics Park – Chicago is a unique opportunity for shipper growth and service improvements.**
 - BNSF Logistics Park - Chicago is located next to BNSF’s premier rail routes between Chicago and Southern California, and between Chicago and the Pacific Northwest.
 - BNSF is the rail industry’s leading intermodal carrier (3.4 million loads in ’01).
 - BNSF Logistics Park – Chicago will enable customers to take advantage of the synergies associated with the widening of I-55 and the projected distribution center and warehouse growth opportunities in the Southwest Chicago metropolitan area.
- **BNSF Logistics Park – Chicago is a multi-modal facility.**
 - The BNSF development includes an intermodal facility, an automotive facility, and room for a multi-user carload and transload facility.
 - BNSF Logistics Park – Chicago has its own switching yard, which enables BNSF to build trains faster and to easily combine intermodal and automotive trains to western markets.
 - Phase I of BNSF Logistics Park - Chicago includes a 124-acre intermodal facility, a 151-acre automotive facility, and a 105-acre switching and storage yard.
 - Phase II, which is already under lease, will add another 245 acres to BNSF Logistics Park - Chicago.
 - BNSF also has the ability to develop more than 200 additional acres.
- **Logistics Park offers consolidated Intermodal distribution for the Chicago market.**
 - The intermodal facility will enable BNSF to consolidate Chicago international distribution at a single location regardless of its West Coast port origination (Pacific Southwest or Pacific Northwest).
 - The intermodal facility will provide an extremely efficient, full-service international container operation for BNSF’s customers.
 - The intermodal facility will initially increase BNSF’s Chicago intermodal lift capacity by 400,000 lifts to nearly 3 million annual lifts, with expansion room for another 800,000 annual lifts.
- **BNSF Logistics Park introduces “Gateway Hub” Automotive facility**
 - The automotive facility at BNSF’s Logistics Park - Chicago will be the first of its kind “Gateway Hub” dedicated to building auto trains to all western markets.
 - This “Gateway Hub” at BNSF’s Logistics Park will enable automakers to successfully employ fast to market strategies.

- **Rail and Highway Capacity Improvements**
 - Chicago infrastructure capacity is constrained for both rail and highway.
 - The expedited rail and highway traffic flows from BNSF's Logistics Park – Chicago and the adjacent CenterPoint Intermodal Center development will help address both the region's and the nation's freight congestion issues.
 - The BNSF intermodal facility will significantly reduce the number of local highway moves now required to reposition container chassis and service multiple international intermodal locations in the Chicago area.
 - According to the Chicago Area Transportation (CAT) study, the number of trains per day in the Chicago area is expected to grow more than 1/3 over next the 20 years from 1800 per day to 2400 per day.
 - Demand for Chicago-area intermodal lifts is expected to increase by 150 percent from nearly 5 million annual lifts to 12 million over the next two decades.

- **Customer Benefits**
 - BNSF will provide premier service to the warehousing and distribution needs of customers locating near Logistics Park.
 - BNSF Logistics Park will help streamline shipper traffic flow through the Chicago market by eliminating the need for multiple stops.
 - The integration of multiple modes of transportation and related distribution services at one development will increase shipper flexibility.
 - BNSF customers locating near Logistics Park can reduce costs through increased use of rail transportation that can be as much as 25 percent cheaper than truck.

- **Community Benefits**
 - Strategically located Logistics Park facilities help reduce overall traffic congestion throughout the metropolitan area by eliminating trips between transportation facilities and distribution centers and warehouses.
 - Multi-modal industrial centers such as BNSF Logistics Park enable city planners to better manage area development around one strategically located site.
 - Concentrating logistics development allows for more focused management of environmental issues.
 - Multi-modal industrial developments create jobs for communities by attracting companies interested in expanding or relocating transportation, distribution and warehousing facilities to one central site.

- **The Synergies of Multi-modal Industrial Development**
 - BNSF Logistics Park is an integral part of the 1,100 acre industrial park being developed adjacent to the intermodal and automotive facilities.
 - The development is called CenterPoint Intermodal Center, and is suitable for a wide variety of distribution, warehousing and light manufacturing uses.
 - Build-to-suit services are available through CenterPoint Properties. When completed, the industrial park is expected to contain up to 17 million square feet of buildings ranging in size from 50,000 square feet to more than 1.5 million square feet.
 - Zoning ordinances within the park are flexible and permit a wide variety of industrial and manufacturing activities. This will allow for the construction of special facilities,

including high-throughput, cross-dock buildings, manufacturing plants, and large-scale distribution and warehousing complexes.

- The entire facility has easy access to Interstate 55 and Illinois route 53, and is only minutes from Interstate 80 and the Chicago Expressway system.