## **Railroad Industry Capacity & Service Review** Bob Lease VP Service Design-BNSF Railway

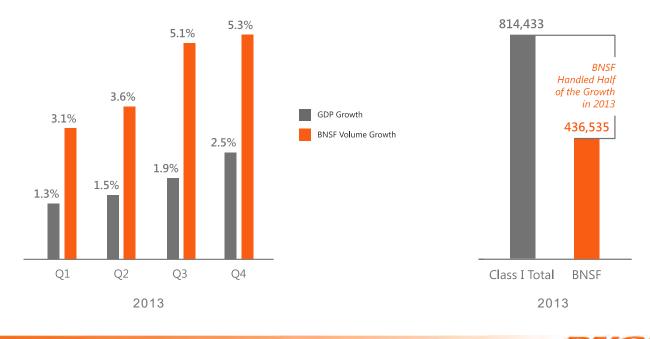
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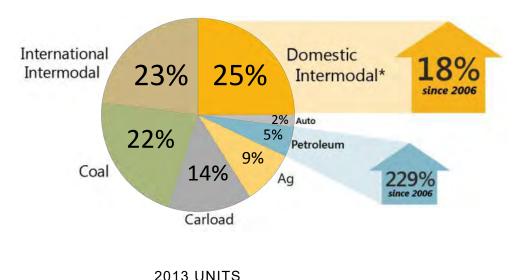


#### BNSF VOLUME GROWTH VS. GDP GROWTH

INCREMENTAL UNIT GROWTH







\*Domestic Intermodal has experienced the largest absolute unit growth since 2006

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## **Agricultural Products Surged**





# 44%

increase in Ag shuttle sets between September & October 2013





## **Crude-by-Rail Products Surged**





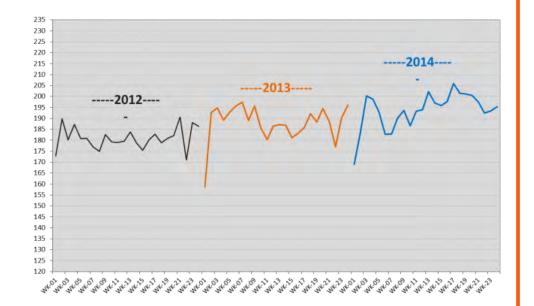
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#### Crude spreads widened, bringing more traffic.



## **BNSF Weekly Volume Continues to Grow**





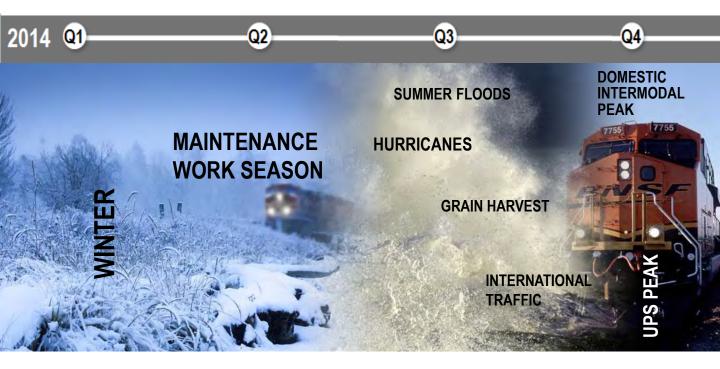
Despite operational challenges, our growth continues

Three times in 2Q, BNSF handled 205K-210K units/week, highest since 2007



## **Headwinds: Sources of Variability**









## BNSF begins to reroute trains around Chicago, increasing miles traveled but often decreasing transit time.







The Planning tool helps us to determine when there will be open windows on our network, then schedule maintenance accordingly.



#### Weekly Maintenance Schedule

Day of week options:

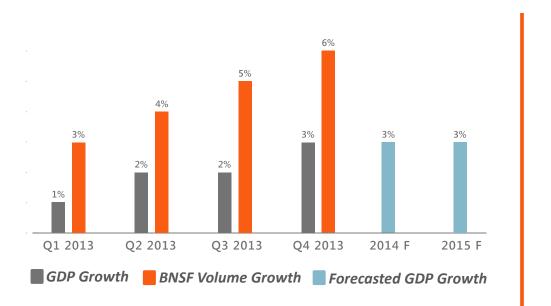
Time of Day options:

Alternate gateways for traffic



## **Future Growth**





Source: IHS Global Insight, April 2014 and Blue Chip Economic Indicators

As economy continues to grow, BNSF is here to help support that growth



#### It takes 4 critical resources to operate a railroad:

- Locomotives
- Employees
- Track & Terminal Capacity
- Rolling Stock

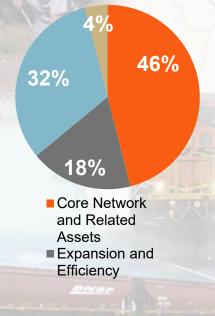
To operate with consistency and to meet growth requires substantial investments in all 4 resources.

BNSF is investing to meet those commitments with record amounts of capital.



#### **Record Capital Investment** Ensures Capability and Reliability

### **BNSF's 2014 Capital Investment \$5 Billion**





\$2.3 billion

Core Network and Related Assets



\$1.6 billion

Loco, Freight Car & Other Equip



\$900 million Expansion & Efficiency



\$200 million



## **Capacity Expansion Goal**



#### CONCEPTUAL TRAIN VOLUME OVERLAID WITH CAPACITY VIEW (TRAINS/DAY)



#### Goal

Invest in capacity to enable growth and meet customer demands

