

## Site Location Criteria

Several variables are considered in selecting a preferred site for a Transload Facility. A region of the state that provides rail access, geographical balance, an available workforce, and community support are among the first measures used in determining an appropriate location for such a facility. Environmental compatibility and land use compatibility are also key to the site selection process. The following is a summary of important factors in the Transload Facility site selection process.

Criteria	Questions to Consider	What Ranks High?
<b>Rail Access</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Can the site be reached without extensive rail construction costs (grade crossings, main line signaling, acceleration/deceleration tracks, etc.)?</li> <li>2) Is the site served by two or more Class 1s, or on a short line with two or more Class I connections, or open to reciprocal switching?</li> <li>3) Is the railroad(s) interested in serving the site?</li> <li>4) Is the frequency of service at least tri-weekly?</li> <li>5) Can the site be switched without blocking other rail traffic?</li> <li>6) Can the site be made flat without extensive grading cost?</li> </ol>	<p>Access without high rail construction costs</p> <p>Multiple rail carrier connections</p> <p>3X or greater service frequency</p> <p>Low grading costs</p>
<b>Available Property</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What is size of the property?</li> <li>2) What is current zoning?</li> <li>3) Are there any environmental constraints? e.g., wetlands, streams, structures, cemeteries.</li> <li>4) Are utilities present?</li> <li>5) Is there room for expansion?</li> <li>6) If there is an existing building or green field site, can rail be designed to reach the building or site (i.e. build-in)?</li> </ol>	<p>At least 40-50 contiguous acres.</p> <p>Adjacent land is rural or undeveloped.</p> <p>Access to sewer, water, and power.</p>
<b>Road and Highway Access</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Does the site have highway access that meets full truckload weight.</li> <li>2) Can the highway accommodate overweight loads?</li> </ol>	<p>Highway access that meets full truckload weight.</p>
<b>Relationship to/with nearby facilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Is there an existing transload facility nearby?</li> <li>2) Will nearby transload facility compete for market share?</li> </ol>	<p>No other existing Transload Facilities nearby.</p>
<b>Anchor Commodity or Customer</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Are there any local or regional companies or commodities that can be converted from road to rail?</li> </ol>	<p>Presence of local or regional companies that can be converted.</p>
<b>Local Trucking Partners</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Identify local or regional truck companies as potential partners.</li> </ol>	<p>Truck companies nearby.</p>
<b>Community Involvement</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What will the local community contribute to a new or existing transload facility to attract new companies?</li> <li>2) Are there any existing companies in a community that want rail service but cannot afford the cost of building in a spur based on their proposed rail volumes?</li> <li>3) Is there an available workforce?</li> <li>4) Would the local community support a Transload Facility?</li> </ol>	<p>Desire for a Transload Facility by both the business community and residential community.</p>

If you have a site for consideration, please send a letter or email noting the merits of the potential site, along with a site location map to:

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