



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

# CAREC Railways 2030

## -Making Rail a Mode of Choice-

Roundtable Session III

Group 1

*Border Crossing Procedures*

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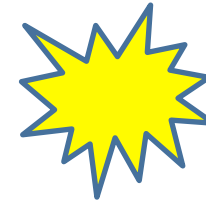
There are 17 pairs of BCPs in the CAREC region (34 border crossing points)

Long delays to rail cargo

What measures can  
reduce these delays?

However

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No compromise on  
valid security  
concerns

How do we want our BCPs to look?

Like this?



Or this?





Like this?



Or like this?





Perhaps this looks  
better



# Causes of BCP delays:

Train  
inspections

Delayed  
document flow

Engine crew  
change

Gauge change

Lack of  
Common  
standards

Cargo  
transshipment



# Possible Solutions:

## Inspection

- Joint inspection
- Single point

## Crew change

- Run-through agreement

## Common standards

- Criteria for setting out defective wagons

## Document flow

- Send advance train docs before train arrival

## Gauge change

- Technology to speed process

## Cargo transshipment

- Handling equipment & warehousing

# One more possible solution:

Absence of “transit management”

- High priority transit trains need special priority
- These trains need active management from headquarters
- Border crossing officials may not be aware
- Arrival/Departure times of these trains need to be established and subject to strong enforcement from HQ

## St Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad

Operates between  
Quebec (Canada)  
and North East USA

Fast acceptance of  
shipment by US Customs

Results....

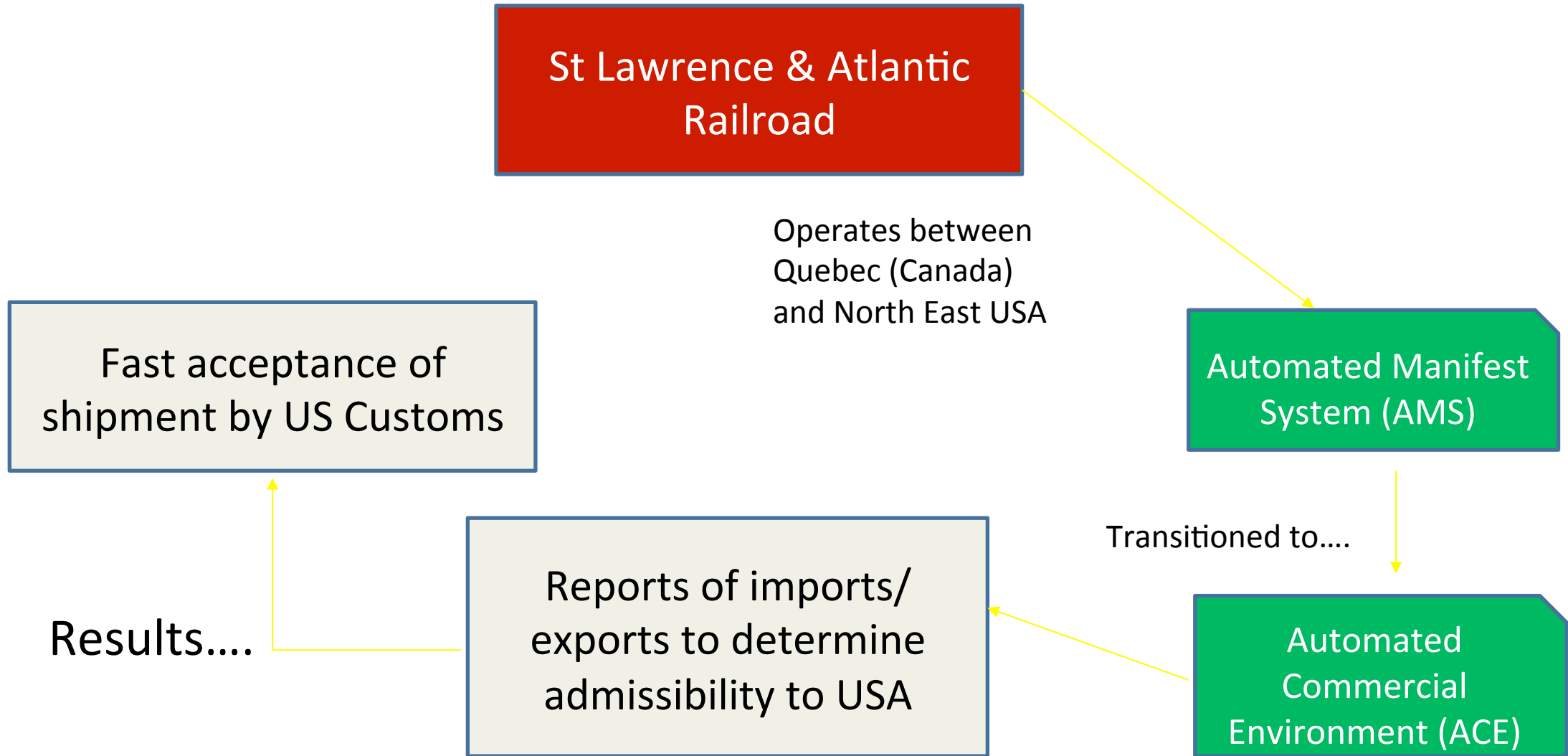
Reports of imports/  
exports to determine  
admissibility to USA

Automated Manifest  
System (AMS)

Transitioned to....

Automated  
Commercial  
Environment (ACE)

## Case Study 1:





# Case Study 2:

Thailand / Malaysia Border Crossing Railway Agreement

Purpose: to speed up cross border services

One station in Thailand; other in Malaysia

Joint stations identified

Staff of both railways at joint stations

Staff at each joint station performs all tasks for both railways



# We want to hear from you.....

What do you  
consider  
workable  
solutions?

How have you  
addressed these  
problems?



Remember...we want this...



Not this.....

