# Rail Passenger Services In Latin America

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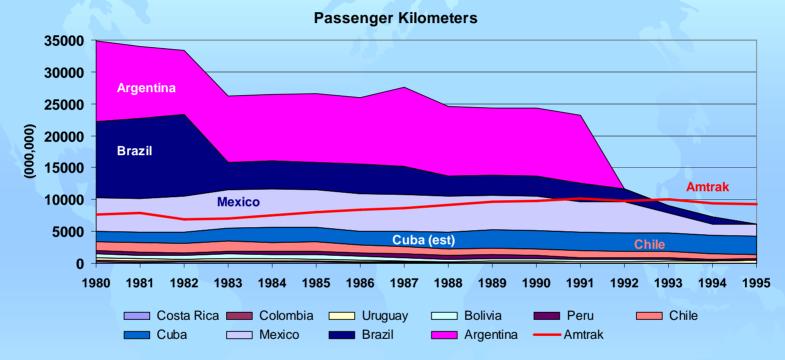


#### Rail Transport Revolution

- Latin America has seen a rail transport revolution in last 10 years
- Privatization has swept the region, reducing government and customer costs
- Passenger services have been dramatically affected by the broad sweep of privatization



# Passenger Rail Changing Fast



 In ten years long distance passenger travel in Latin America has virtually disappeared

Other passenger transport exploded

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# Too Costly To Continue

Rail reform focused on freight operations
Greater impact on economic development
Largest portion of rail operations
Reduce cost to government
Injection of private capital and talent to revitalize moribund rail systems



# Argentina Is Example

#### **Restructuring Goals**

- Increase freight transport
- Improve Argentine competitiveness
- Retain ownership of infrastructure
- Reduce cost to government (1 % of GDP)
- Eliminate subsidies to freight and inter-city passenger services
- Lower cost of commuter services continue where traffic congestion and air pollution justify
- Infusion of private capital and know-how

#### **Restructuring Option Criteria**

- Create self-supporting railroad industry
- A financially viable opportunity
- Privatize by segments and geography
- Eliminate unprofitable freight and inter-city passenger services
- Attract qualified bidders



# Included All Rail Services





# Provinces Responsible



Passenger service access part of concession agreement Fees specified in concession Range from \$8-\$16/train-km Mar del Plata tried private but stopped, run by Province Provinces pay subsidy Few services offered Tucuman-Cordoba Rosario-Buenos Aires



# Brazil More Complex



Passenger service access rights preserved Private freight operators receive access and operating fees with arbitration National, State or local governments can organize service-none have Premium overnight train (Rio Sao Paulo) suspended



#### Extensive Commuter Service



Commuter and Metro services offered

- Sao Paulo
- Rio de Janeiro
- Recife
- Salvador
- Belo Horizonte
- Porto Alegre
- Vitoria
- Commuter being privatized



### Chile Operates Services



 Freight services concessioned Multiple geographic concessions Government owns infrastructure Operates passenger services over privately controlled lines at it's cost Intense commuter services between Valparaiso and Santiago Some plan to concession passenger



## Peru To Privatize

access



 Privatizing freight and some passenger services in January Passenger services from Cusco to Machupichu (tourist operation) to be private State intends to hire services for Puno to Cusco service Concession to protect passenger



### Mixed Private & State







- Freight concessioned
- State subsidizes passenger

- State operated
- Suburban commuter services only
- State operated
- Asuncion service
- From another time



#### Mexico Privatization



Like Argentina National government subsidizes 10-15 trains Operated by concessionaires (fees settled by arbitration) Mexico City commuter services to be bid January FerroMex, other private operators.



# Even Small Systems



- Passenger services ceased years ago
- Concessioning soon

- State operated
- Light freight systems
- Concessioning soon
- Freight service concessioned to RDC
  - No passenger now