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# RAIL REFORM STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

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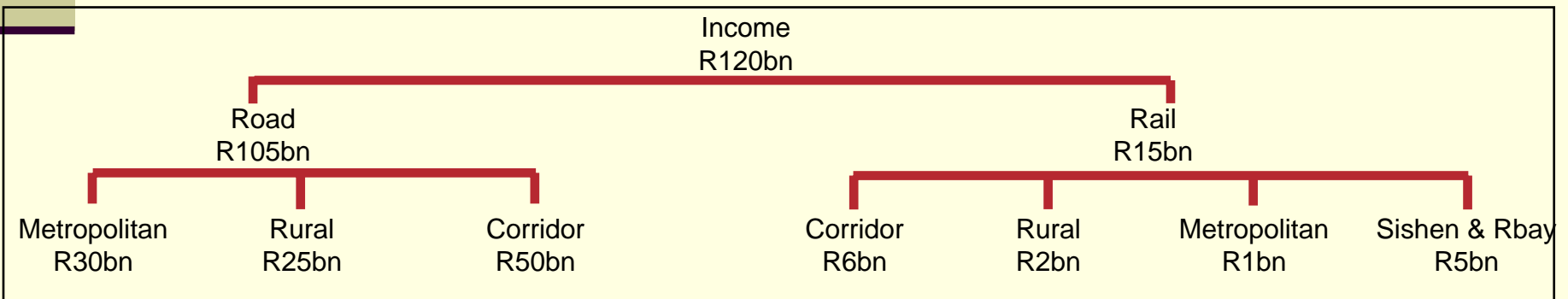
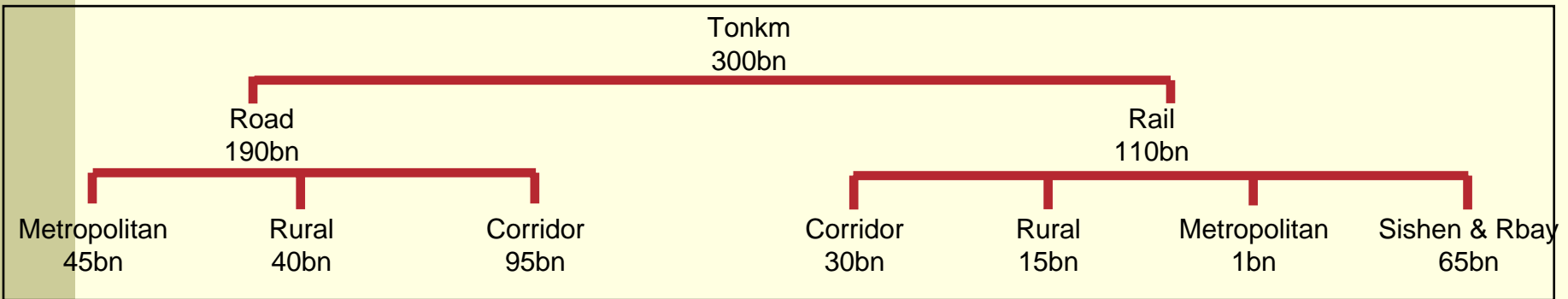
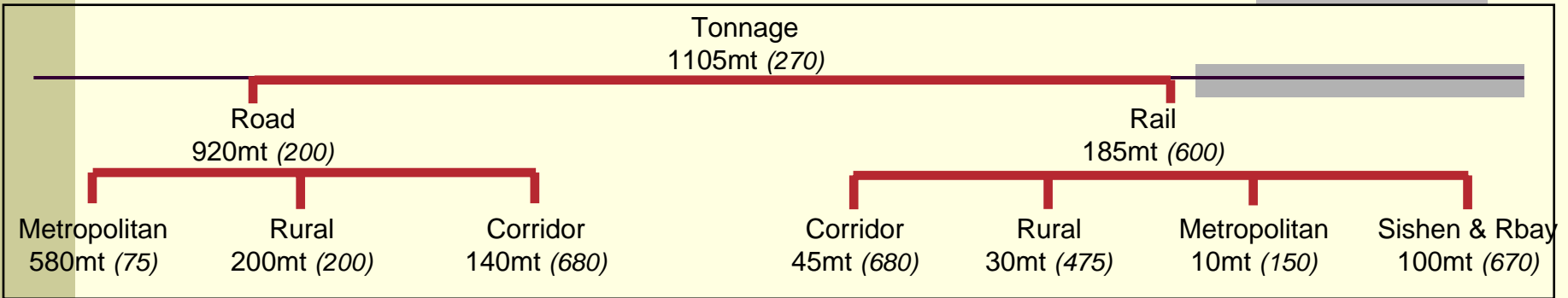
# CURRENT SITUATION



- NO SINGLE INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
  - CONFUSION BETWEEN POLICY AND SHAREHOLDER ROLES
    - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
    - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
    - TRANSNET
    - TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL (FORMERLY SPOORNET)
    - TRANSNET RAIL ENGINEERING (FORMERLY TRANSWERK)
    - PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA (PRASA)
- ABSENCE OF SINGLE STATE DRIVEN REGULATION
  - RAIL ECONOMIC REGULATOR (RER)
  - RAIL SAFETY REGULATOR (RSR)
- LACK OF TRANSPARENCY
  - PRICE AND TARIFF SETTING
- OPERATIONAL INEFFICIENCIES
- LACK OF INVESTMENTS IN THE NETWORK AND OPERATIONS
- SAFETY & SECURITY FOR PASSENGERS & FREIGHT
- GAP IN SUPPLY OF SPECIALISED TECHNICAL SKILLS
- ABSENCE OF POLICY
  - RAIL POLICY & ACT

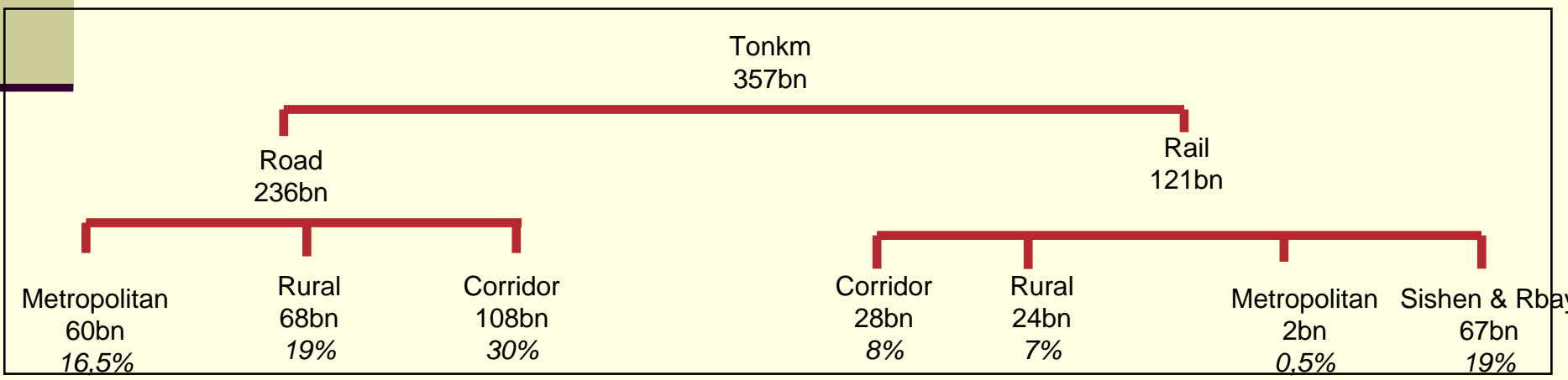
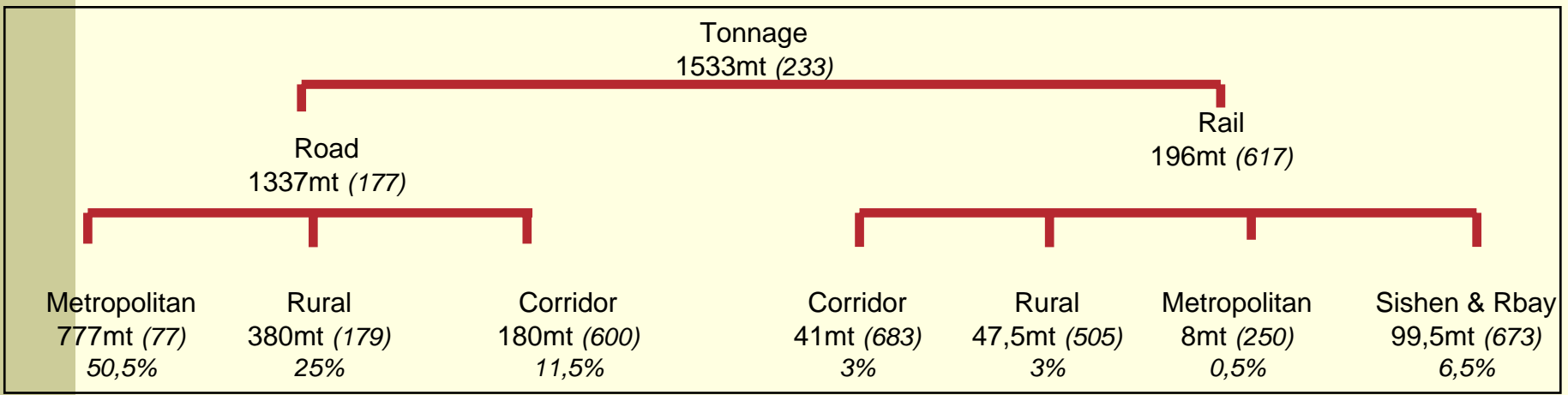
# Freight Transport 2004

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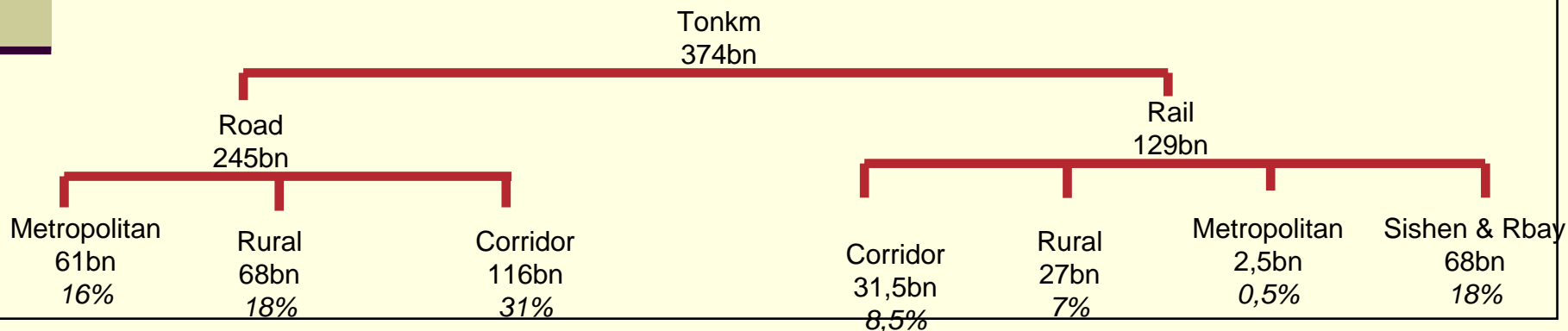
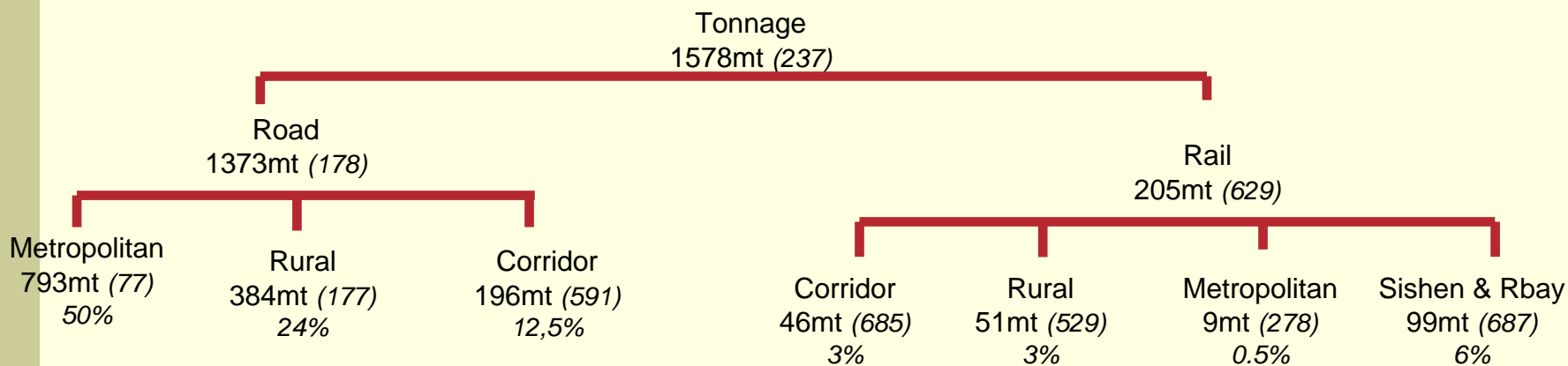
# Freight Transport 2006

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# Freight Transport 2007

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT



- INAPPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL & REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR RAIL
  - UNIFIED OVERSIGHT FOR PASSENGER & FREIGHT OPERATIONS
    - MONITOR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS, INVESTMENTS & SUBSIDIES
    - IMPORTANCE OF AGREEING ON ECONOMIC REGULATION VS SAFETY REGULATION
- ABSENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE UTILITY
  - OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT BY PRASA ON PASSENGER INFRASTRUCTURE
  - TRANSNET CUSTODIAN OF FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE
  - SELF-REGULATED INFRASTRUCTURE ENTITIES EXCEPT SAFETY REGULATOR
  - VERTICAL INTEGRATION VS SEPARATION
- ROLE OF GOVERNMENT
  - IMBALANCED SUBSIDISATION & CROSS FUNDING FOR BOTH PASSENGER & FREIGHT
    - PHASED APPROACH FOR BRANCH LINES
- FUNDING & INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS
  - CURRENTLY LOW INVESTMENTS
  - AGEING ROLLING STOCK (30 YRS VS 15YRS INTERNATIONAL AVERAGE)
  - SIGNALLING TECHNOLOGY BECOMING MORE OBSOLETE
    - R6 BLN REQUIRED FOR SIGNALLING & RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE OVER 5 YRS
  - 5000 TRAIN SETS REQUIRED BY PRASA AGAINST 2500 CONSTRAINT TO CURRENT BUDGET (R30 BLN)

# VISION FOR RAILWAYS



- SINGLE RAIL ECONOMIC REGULATOR FOR PASSENGER & FREIGHT
- VERTICAL SEPERATION FOR PASSENGER & FREIGHT
  - INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY
  - ROLLING STOCK LEASING AGENCY
  - TRANSITIONAL MEASURE
  - MULTIPLE OPERATORS
  - ENGINEERING SERVICES
    - OUTSOURCING VS INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY
  - COACH, WAGON AND LOCO MANUFACTURES
- APPROPRIATE INVESTMENTS
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
  - OPERATIONS
- FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE
  - DEMAND SIDE
  - SUPPLY SIDE
- PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AND PARTICIPATION
- NEW TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT
  - HIGH SPEED RAIL
  - LIGHT RAIL WERE APPROPRIATE
- ACCESS TO NETWORK
  - NEGOTIATED ACCESS
  - MANDATED ACCESS
  - OPEN ACCESS
  - HYBRID MODEL

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# INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (FUNDING OPTIONS)



- ENGLAND:
  - RAIL OPERATOR RAISES DEBT THROUGH CAPITAL MARKETS & GOVT PROVIDES FINANCIAL INDEMNITY, ISSUE BONDS
- BRAZIL:
  - GOVT PUMPS 1,2 BLN DOLLARS FOR RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & KEEN TO ATTRACT FUNDING FROM PPP
- SWITZERLAND:
  - NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES FINANCE COMMUTER RAIL SERVICES
- INDIA:
  - RAILWAYS MAINLY FUNDED BY GOVT & PRIVATE SECTOR INVITED FOR FOR CONVERSION OF NARROW TO STANDARD GAUGE
- CHINA:
  - MAJOR RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDED BY STATE OR USING STATE GUARANTEES

# RATIONALISATION OF LOW DENSITY RAIL LINES



- RAIL FREIGHT LINES:
  - COMPRISES 50% OF RAIL NETWORK & FINANCIALLY UNSUSTAINABLE
  - IMPACT ADVERSELY ON RURAL TOWNS THROUGH REDUCED RAIL SERVICES
  - TFR CHALLENGE TO BALANCE PROFITABLE NATIONAL RAIL OPERATOR VS SOCIAL OBLIGATION
- COMMUTER RAIL SERVICES:
  - FACES HUGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT BACKLOGS
  - CUTBACKS IN OFF-PEAK SERVICES IN PARTICULAR REGIONS TO MEET FUNDING SHORTFALLS
- PHASED APPROACH TO DEAL WITH ROAD-RAIL MARKET SHARE FOR BOTH PASSENGER & FREIGHT

# RAIL REFORM OPTIONS



## ■ **VERTICALLY INTEGRATED STRUCTURE:**

- SINGLE ENTITY PROVIDING ONGOING MAINTENANCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
- PROVIDES FOR A LOWER COST STRUCTURE (ENTITY PROVISION FOR BOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT SERVICES)
- COMPLEXITY OF THIS MODEL OCCUR IN **OWNERSHIP**
- IN MOST CASES RAIL COMPANY IS PROTECTED FROM COMPETITION BY REGULATION
- GENERALLY RAILWAYS DO NOT OPERATE ON OTHER'S LINES, BUT MAY VOLUNTARILY GRANT EACH OTHER PERMISSION TO OPERATE

## ■ **VERTICALLY SEPARATED STRUCTURE:**

- ONE ENTITY OWNS INFRASTRUCTURE & OTHER COMPETING ENTITIES PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
- INDEPENDENT ENTITY IS USUALLY BUT NOT NECESSARILY A GOVT AGENCY OR DEPT
- ACCESS CHARGES ARE REGULATED TO AVOID ABUSE OF MONOPOLY POWER
- ENABLE LOWER RATES & IMPROVED SERVICE

# RAIL REFORM OPTIONS (CONT)



- **VERTICALLY INTEGRATION WITH ACCESS REGULATION:**
  - REGULATOR INTERVENES TO FIX TERMS & CONDITIONS BTWN COMPETING OPERATORS
  - RAIL OPERATOR ALLOWED TO REMAIN VERTICALLY INTEGRATED & TO ACCESS TRACK OF ANOTHER OPERATOR UNDER REGULATED TERMS & CONDITIONS
  - COMPETITION IS ALLOWED IN ALL PARTS OF THE RAIL NETWORK FOR BOTH PASSENGER & FREIGHT
  - ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CAN BE ALLOWED ON NON-INTEGRATED BASIS WHERE SERVICES DO NOT COMPETE E.G. BLUE TRAIN, ROVOS RAIL
- **JOINT OR COMMON OWNERSHIP:**
  - NATURAL MONOPOLY INFRASTRUCTURE JOINTLY OWNED BY RAIL OPERATORS
  - ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AMONGST RIVALS
  - REDUCES NEED FOR REGULATORY OVERSIGHT & INTERVENTION
  - CAN HOWEVER RESTRICT NEW ENTRANTS INTO THE MARKET
- **VERTICALLY INTEGRATED WITH HORIZONTAL SEPARATION:**
  - INTEGRATED RAIL OPERATORS ARE SEPARATED INTO VARIOUS ROUTE BASED NETWORKS

# RAIL REFORM IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



## ■ VERTICAL SEPERATION OPTIONS:

### ■ *LATIN AMERICAN COUTRIES:*

#### ■ *COLOMBIA:*

- 1989 BEGAN PRIVATISATION (SEPARATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FROM OPERATIONS)
- PRIVATISATION MODEL FAILED BECAUSE THE INFRASTRUCTURE ENTITY FAILED TO REFURBISH & MAINTAIN THE TRACK ADEQUATELY
- SUBSEQUENTLY COLOMBIA REVIEWED RAILWAY PRIVATISATION (VERTICAL INTEGRATION)

#### ■ *PERU:*

- INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT CONSORTIUM OPERATED IN THE DIFFERENT RAILWAY LINES
- SCARCITY OF TRAFFIC IN THE RAIL NETWORK & INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE TRUCKING SECTOR KILLED THE MODEL
- THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONSORTIUM OFFERED TO PAY THE STATE 33,3% OF ITS INCOME FROM TRACK USE

# RAIL REFORM IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES (CONT)



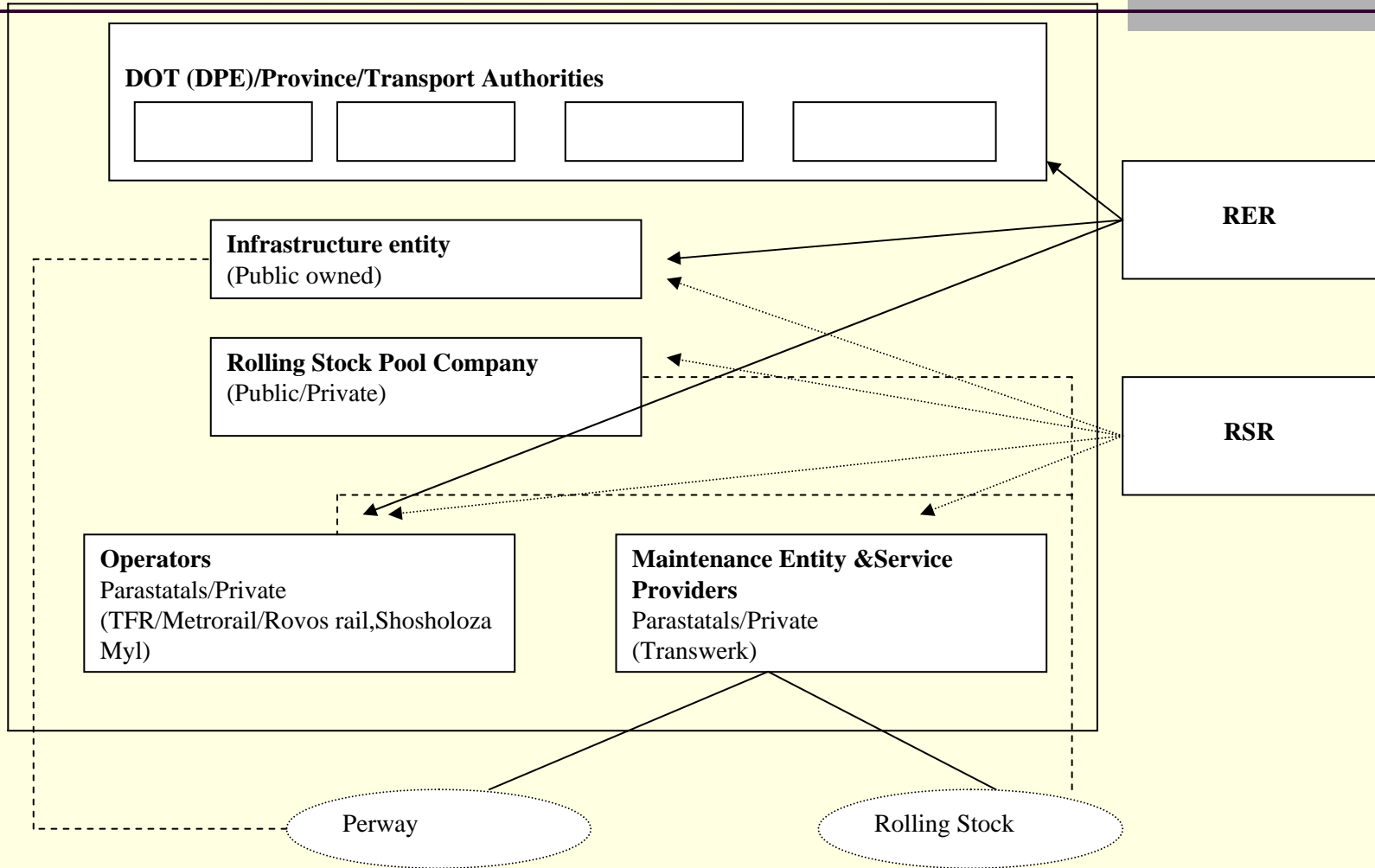
- **MAXICO:**
  - GAVE ATTENTION TO CONCESSIONS TO PROTECT COMPETITION
  - COMPETITION COMMISSION PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN PRIVATISATION PROCESS & DEVELOPMENT OF A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
- **CHILE:**
  - COMBINED CONCESSIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN FOR BOTH BRANCH LINES & MAIN LINES
  - OPERATING COMPANY ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING INFRASTRUCTURE
  - GOVT PAYS AN ALLOWANCE FOR EVERY TON-KM TRANSPORTED BY RAIL IN ORDER TO OFFSET SUBSIDY BY TRUCKING SECTOR
- **EUROPEAN COUNTRIES:**
  - **SWEDEN:**
    - BOTH TRACK & VAST MAJORITY OF SERVICES REMAINS IN THE HANDS OF DIFFERENT STATE-OWNED COMPANIES
  - **GREAT BRITAIN:**
    - CONCESSION HOLDING COMPANIES RECEIVE SUBSIDIES FROM GOVT IN THE INITIAL YEARS

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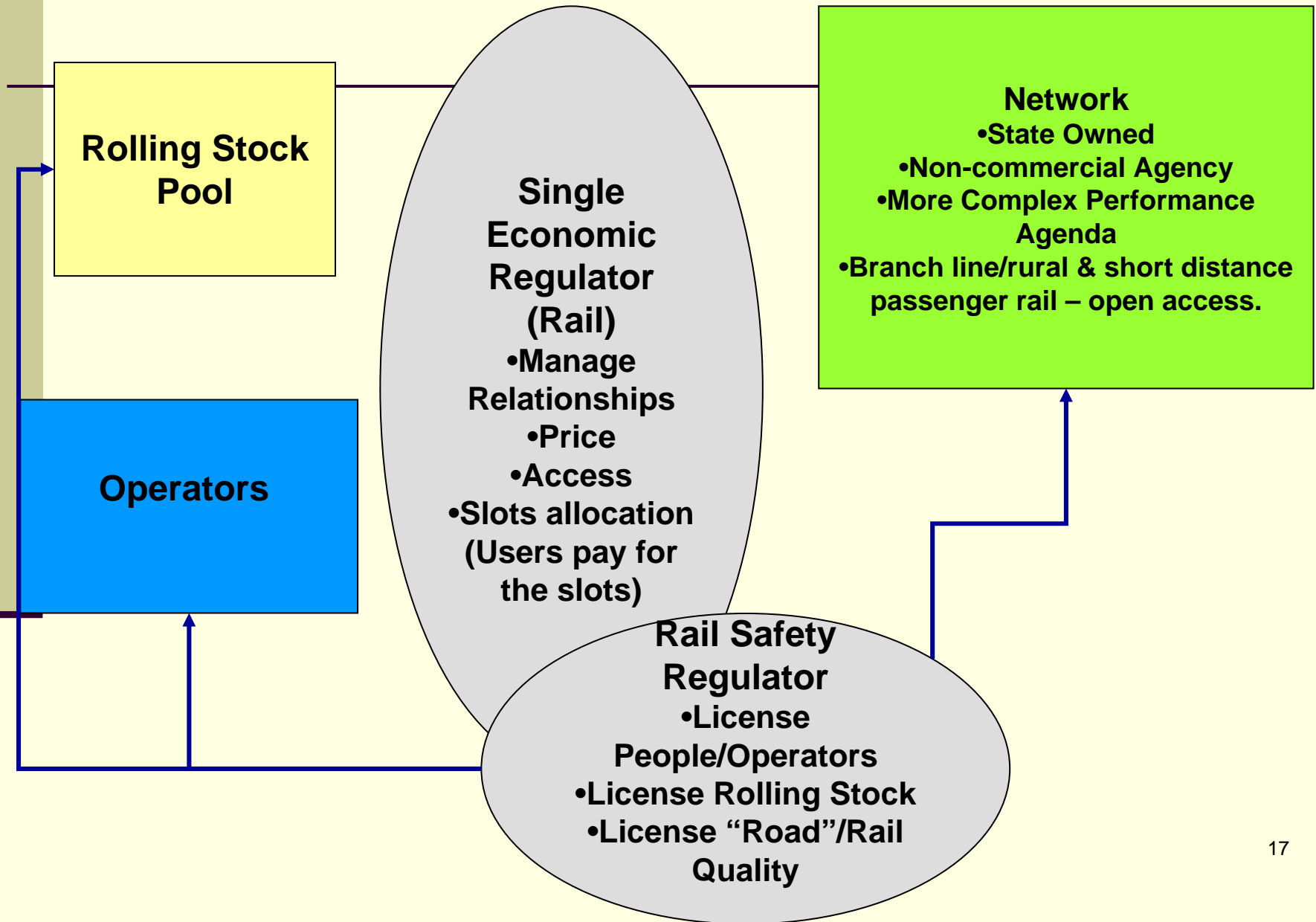


- **NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA:**
  - BOTH HAD 12 YRS EXPERIENCE IN PRIVATISATION BOTH FREIGHT & PASSENGER OPERATIONS
  - AUSTRALIA: PRIVATISED FREIGHT RAIL IS STRONGER TODAY THAN ANYTIME
  - NEW ZEALAND: GOVT OBLIGED TO TAKE BACK NETWORK & COMMITTED SIGNIFICANT FUNDS TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES IN THE NETWORK ASSETS
- **VERTICALLY INTEGRATED OPTIONS:**
  - **ASIAN COUNTRIES:**
    - **CHINA:**
      - RAIL INDUSTRY IS GOVT OWNED & OPERATED
      - GOVT TIGHTLY CONTROLS PRICE & INVESTMENT LEVELS
    - **SINGAPORE:**
      - TRANSPORT SYSTEM CALLED MASS RAPID TRANSIT (MRT)
      - REVENUE GENERATED FROM MRT FARES COVER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE COSTS
  - **AFRICAN COUNTRIES:**
    - RAILWAYS REMAIN LARGELY INTEGRATED

# VISION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP



# Proposed Institutional Framework



# FUNDING OPTIONS



- MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
- JOINT VENTURE
- CONCESSIONS
- BUILD, OPERATE & TRANSFER
- BUILD, OWN & OPERATE
- PRIVATISATION

# PROGRESS TO DATE



- ESTABLISHMENT OF RAIL ECONOMIC REGULATION CAPACITY
- DEVELOPMENT OF RAIL POLICY
- BRANCH LINE STRATEGY TO CABINET
- HIGH SPEED RAIL (DURBAN-GAUTENG CORRIDOR)
- FINALISATION OF NATMAP
- POA OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER PRESENTATION TO CABINET
- REVIEW OF NFLS

# PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS



- NEED FOR TRANSLATION OF FRAMEWORK INTO A POLICY DOCUMENT

- *WHITE PAPER ON NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY:*

*Rail is seen as an essential long-term component of the infrastructure network for both passenger & freight transport. The provision and maintenance of rail infrastructure for bulk and general cargo and for inter-city passenger transport, will be better determined by market needs and commercial viability.*

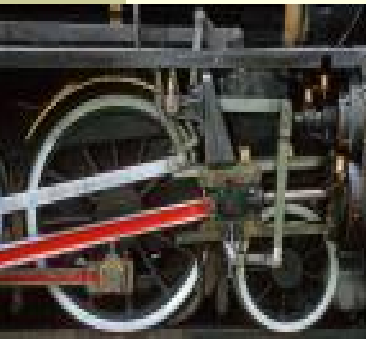
- **MOVING SOUTH AFRICA (MSA) ON RAIL APPROACH:**

- CALL MAKING STRATEGIC CHOICES AND ACTIONS, WHICH ARE:
  - INTRODUCING COMPETITION
  - APPROPRIATE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURES
  - DEGREE OF REGULATION
  - NON-CORE ROUTES
    - CONCESSIONS
    - OUTRIGHT SALE
    - TRANSPARENT CAPITAL SUBSIDIES OR CROSS-FUNDING
  - CORE-NETWORK
    - INVESTMENTS GENERATED INTERNALLY

# PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS (CONT)



- URBAN COMMUTER RAIL:
  - INVESTMENT BACKLOGS
  - HIGH FARE EVASION
  - LOW COST RECOVERY FROM FARES
  - POOR CUSTOMER SERVICE LEVELS
- TACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:
  - FOCUS ON CUSTOMER GROUPS
  - LABOUR ISSUES
  - ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TRANSPARENTLY
  - CREATION OF SELF-FUNDING BUSINESS ENTITIES
  - OPTIMISE MODAL DEPLOYMENT
  - INTEGRATE SERVICES & VALUE CHAIN
  - CREATE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS
  - ENCOURAGE COMPETITION WHERE APPROPRIATE



# Implementation

Transnet National Blueprint example

## Current State

- Vertically Integrated
- Commercial network and operations

## Transnet 3 Year Strategy

- Vertically Separated
- Commercial network and operations

## Nuanced Transitional 3 year Strategy

- Vertically Separated
- Commercial Main network
- Developmental Secondary network (public infrastructure utility)
- Open access secondary network
- Mandatory access on main network

## Vision

- Vertically separated
- Single Rail Network utility
- Multiple public and private commercial operators

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