



Freight Planning Collaboration: Why Is It Important?



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Purpose & Background

Promote cooperation and coordination across MPO and State boundaries to develop a regional approach to transportation planning

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Freight Transportation – General Overview

- Freight transportation usually crosses borders – national, state, metropolitan area, county, and/or municipal
- Freight transportation often is also intermodal or multimodal
 - Highways / Trucks
 - Railroads / Trains
 - Marine / Ships
 - Air Cargo / Airplanes
 - Pipelines



Understanding the Supply Chain



Freight Transportation – General Overview

- Freight ties directly to various important considerations for transportation agencies, economic development agencies, communities, freight carriers, manufacturers, and retailers:
 - Economic Development
 - Land Use
 - Congestion
 - Infrastructure Capacity
 - Financing and Funding
 - Environmental Issues
 - Community / Livability Issues
 - Security
 - Safety



FHWA Freight-Related Collaboration Examples

- U.S. / Canada / Mexico Joint Working Committee
- U.S. / Canada Transportation Border Working Group
- U.S. / European Union Twinning Project
 - Involves USDOT, state DOTs, EU governments; focused on exchanging information about urban freight delivery practices and initiatives
- National Coalition on Truck Parking
 - Includes USDOT, state DOTs, trucking industry, truck stop operators, commercial vehicle safety interests
- U.S. Department of Commerce Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness
 - Includes manufacturers, retailers, freight carriers, industry experts, transportation advocacy groups, federal government



Freight Transportation – Collaboration Needs

- Freight transportation:
 - Is Cross-Jurisdictional
 - Is Cross-Modal
 - Is Cross-Public/Private Organizational
 - Has Significant Economics and Jobs Impacts
- Due to these factors, it is critical that organizations involved in or impacted by freight transportation collaborate to address freight needs and challenges
- Today's webinar will focus on three different types of collaboration efforts



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Today's Speakers

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Thank You!

- **For more information on the Regional Models of Cooperation initiative, please visit:**

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/regional_models/

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