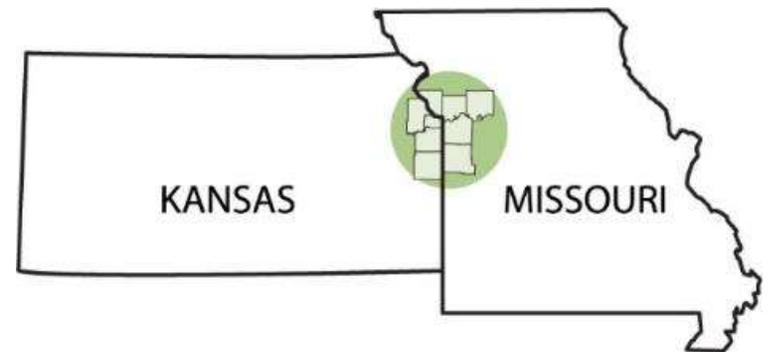


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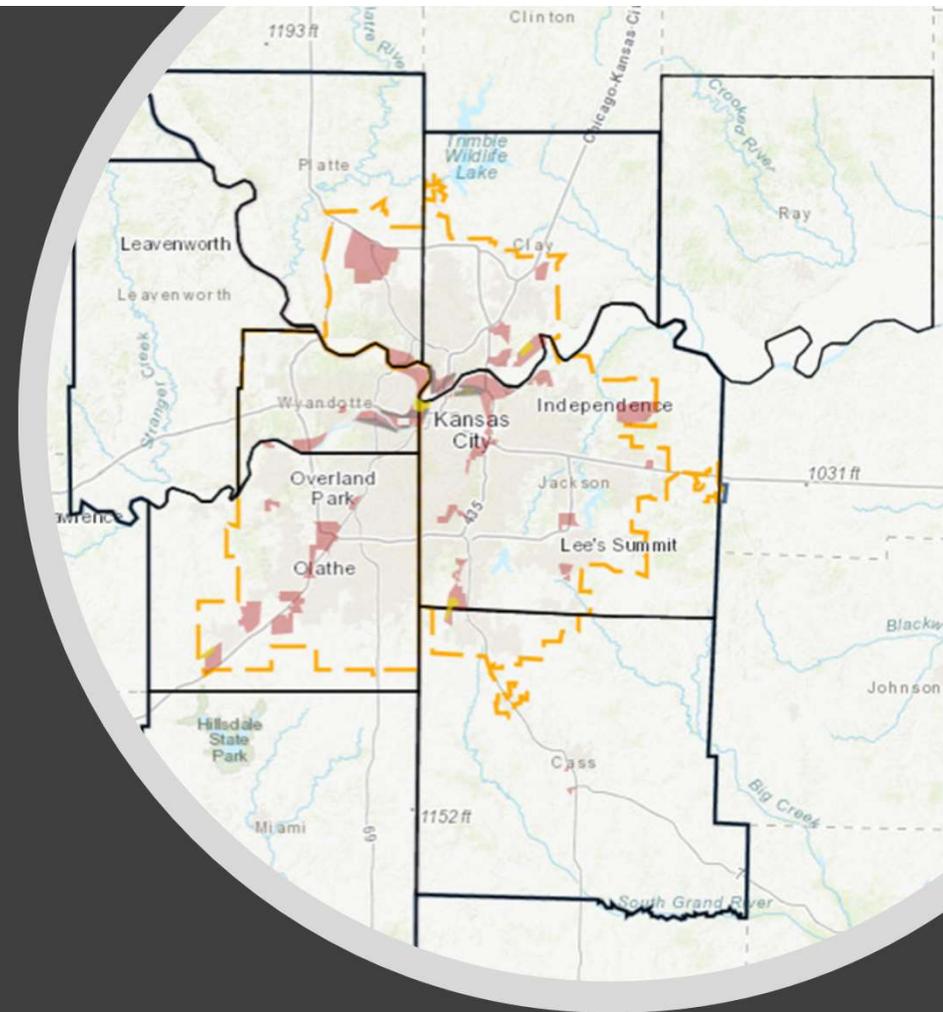
# MPO PERSPECTIVE

Working with multiple state  
DOTs on freight planning  
and coordination



# Kansas City region

- Two states
- Two FHWA divisions
- 8 counties in the MPO area
  - (4 in Kansas and 4 in Missouri)
- 119 cities
- 1.9+ million people
- 4,400 square miles
- More than 100 BBQ restaurants



# Freight movement

- Serviced by 5 of the 7 Class 1 Railroads
- 4 intermodal hubs
- Largest U.S. rail center by tonnage
- Connected by 4 major national interstates
- Located on the largest navigable inland waterway
- Airport that moves more air cargo than any air center in a 6 state region



# Freight movement

Cargo can reach 85% of the U.S. population within 2 days or less



## So what?

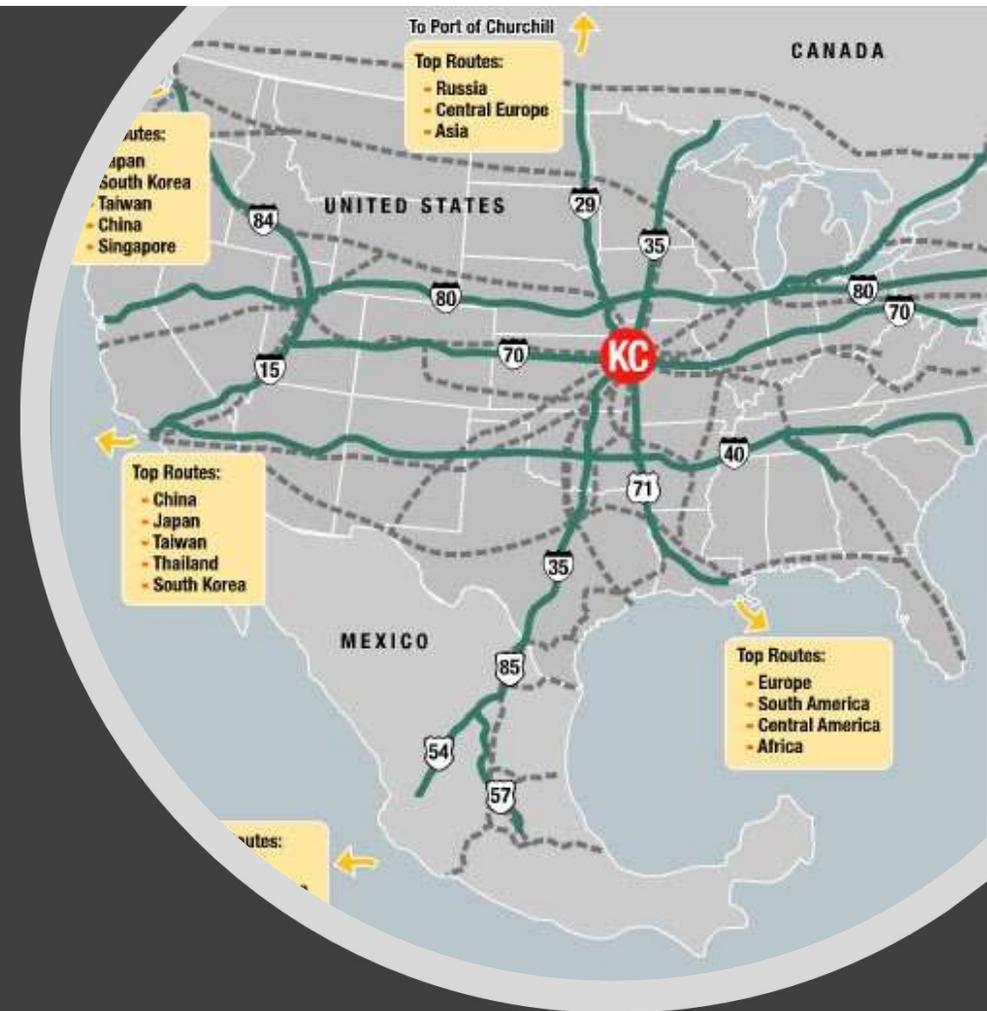
- How does it impact
- What does it impact
- When does it impact
- Who does it impact
- Where does it impact



# Examining impacts ( the “so what”)

Freight knows no boundaries:

- Urban
- Rural
- Local
- State
- Region
- National
- International



# Can't see the forest for the trees

- The way we've always done it
- Relationships
- The right thing to do
- Luck



# Transportation planning

- Kansas
  - 6 MPOs
  - 2 TMAs
  - 1 bistate TMA
- Missouri
  - 9 MPOs
  - 3 TMAs
  - 2 bistate TMAs

YOU ARE  
NEVER  
WRONG  
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# Bistate planning

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- Coordination
- Cooperation





## Transportation goal

- Drive economies
- Improve quality of life

# Freight planning initiatives

- Successful coordinated planning activities over the years

1995



1999



2001

2009



# Successful strategies

- Fixing Major Bottlenecks:
  - Sheffield Flyover Rail Crossing
  - New Chouteau Bridge
  - I-435/I-470/US-71 Interchange Reconstruction
  - Argentine Flyover Rail Crossing



# Successful Strategies (Continued)

- Creation of KC SmartPort, Inc.
  - Industry Outreach
- Technology Investments:
  - Trade Data Exchange
  - C-TIP (FHWA's Cross Town Improvement Project)
  - Kansas City Scout
  - Operation Green Light



# New freight planning initiatives

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- Central Plains Heartland Freight Technology Plan
  - Heartland Civic Council
  - 5 States (IA, IL, KS, MO, NE)
  - 6 TMAs (Des Moines IA, St. Louis MO/IL, Wichita KS, Springfield MO, Omaha NE, and Kansas City)
- Regional Freight Study
  - 15 counties
  - 3 Class 1 railroads
  - Rural and Urban
  - 2 DOTs

# Relationships

- Professional relationships



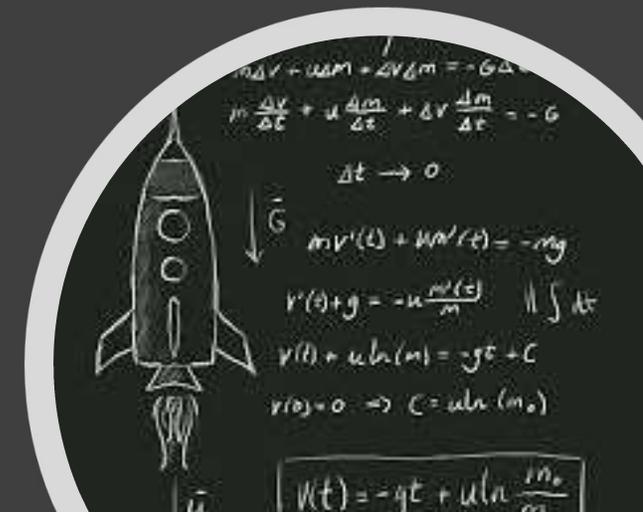
# Lucky

- Success or failure apparently brought by chance rather than through one's own actions



# That's it folks

- It's not rocket science
- There are no magic bullets



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