



FHWA Freight Intermodal Connectors Study



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Agenda

- Overview of Study
- Key Findings from Literature Review
- Description of Case Study Process and Findings
- Analysis of Connector Characteristics, Use, Conditions and Performance
- Costs to Improve and Operate on Connectors
- Supply Chain Implications
- Next Steps/Future Research



Overview of Study

- Background
 - List of National Highway System intermodal connectors developed in 1998
- Purpose
 - Develop information on use, condition, and performance of freight intermodal connectors
 - Suggest options for initiatives to improve connector program
- Key Elements of Study
 - Review literature and data on connectors
 - Conduct 18 case studies
 - Analyze use, condition, and performance of large sample of connectors
 - Conduct local and national stakeholder outreach

