APPENDIX E: List of Required Elements for State Freight Plans

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Section 70202(b) of Title 49, United States Code (U.S.C.) lists 10 required elements that all State Freight Plans must address for each of the transportation modes:

1. An identification of significant freight system trends, needs, and issues with respect to the State;
2. A description of the freight policies, strategies, and performance measures that will guide the freight-related transportation investment decisions of the State;
3. When applicable, a listing of
   a. Multimodal critical rural freight facilities and corridors designated within the State under 49 U.S.C. § 70103 (National Multimodal Freight Network);
   b. Critical rural and urban freight corridors designated within the State under 23 U.S.C. § 167 (National Highway Freight Program);
4. A description of how the plan will improve the ability of the State to meet the national multimodal freight policy goals described in 49 U.S.C. § 70101(b) and the national highway freight program goals described in 23 U.S.C. § 167;
5. A description of how innovative technologies and operational strategies, including freight intelligent transportation systems, that improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement were considered;
6. In the case of roadways on which travel by heavy vehicles (including mining, agricultural, energy cargo or equipment, and timber vehicles) is projected to substantially deteriorate the condition of the roadways, a description of improvements that may be required to reduce or impede the deterioration;
7. An inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such as bottlenecks, within the State, and for those facilities that are State owned or operated, a description of the strategies the State is employing to address those freight mobility issues;
8. Consideration of any significant congestion or delay caused by freight movements and any strategies to mitigate that congestion or delay;
9. A freight investment plan that, subject to 49 U.S.C. § 70202(c)(2), includes a list of priority projects and describes how funds made available to carry out 23 U.S.C. § 167 would be invested and matched; and
10. Consultation with the State Freight Advisory Committee, if applicable.