



Northwest District Freight Forum

MoDOT Statewide Freight Plan

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A Vision for Missouri's Transportation Future



Invest in projects that
spur economic
growth and create
jobs

MissouriOnTheMove.org



Why a Freight Plan?

Building on *On the Move* and through **collaboration with freight partners**, we will **identify opportunities and actions** in the Freight Plan to **increase economic development and jobs**.

Focus Resources

For today and tomorrow



What's in a Freight Plan?

- Existing data
- Inventory of freight strengths and weaknesses
- Freight goals and performance measures development
- Scenario planning
- Strategic policy improvements
- Project priorities

 **State Freight Plan**



Why freight is important

- Exports – global market competitiveness
- Freight volumes continue to grow
- Freight movement is the foundation for economic development

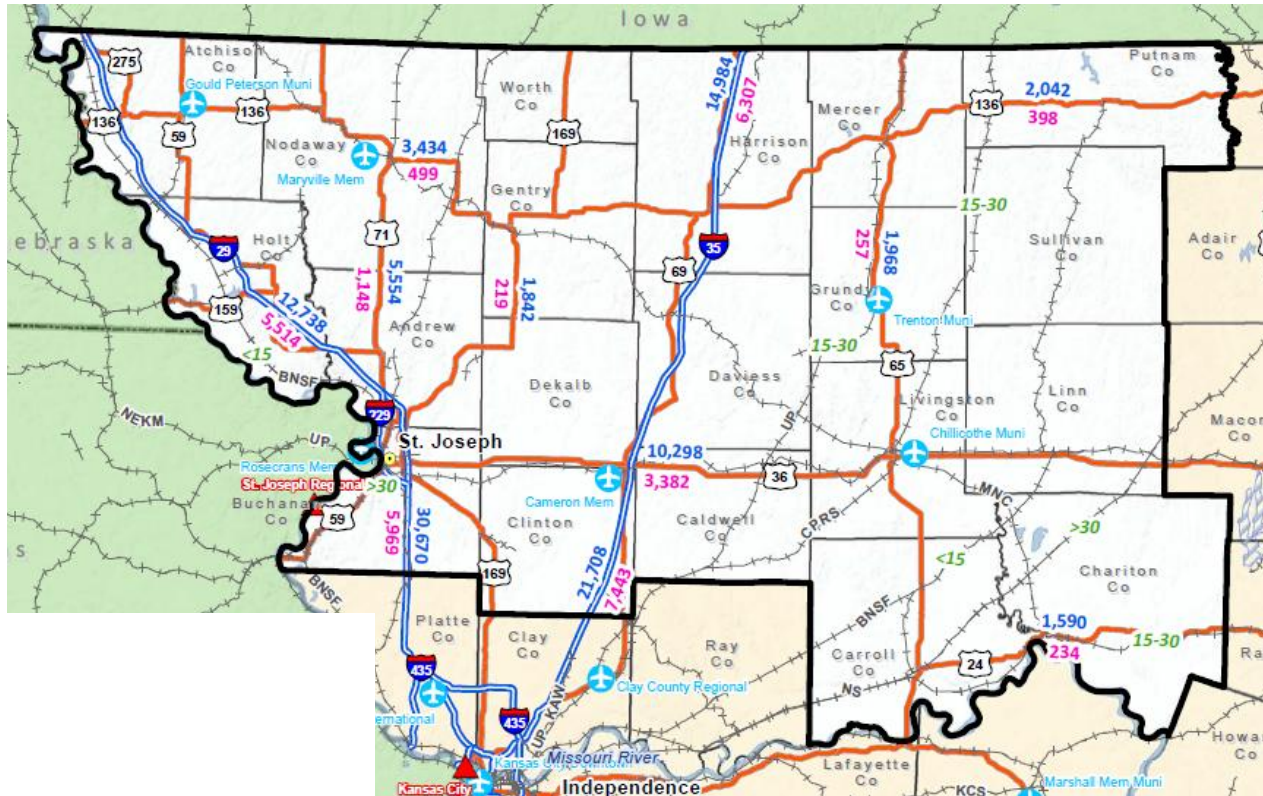


Your Input is Critical

- YOU are the connection between freight, Missourians, and the local/statewide economy
- YOU operate on the freight system
- YOU best understand the areas that work and those that need improvement
- YOUR observations are IMPORTANT



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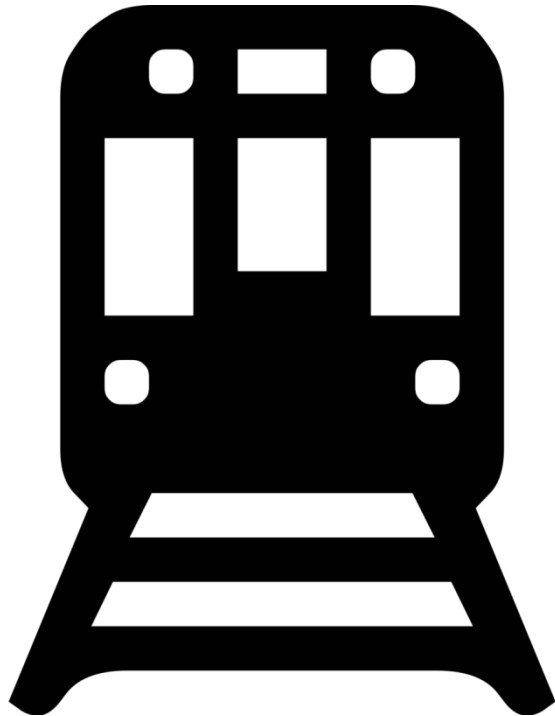


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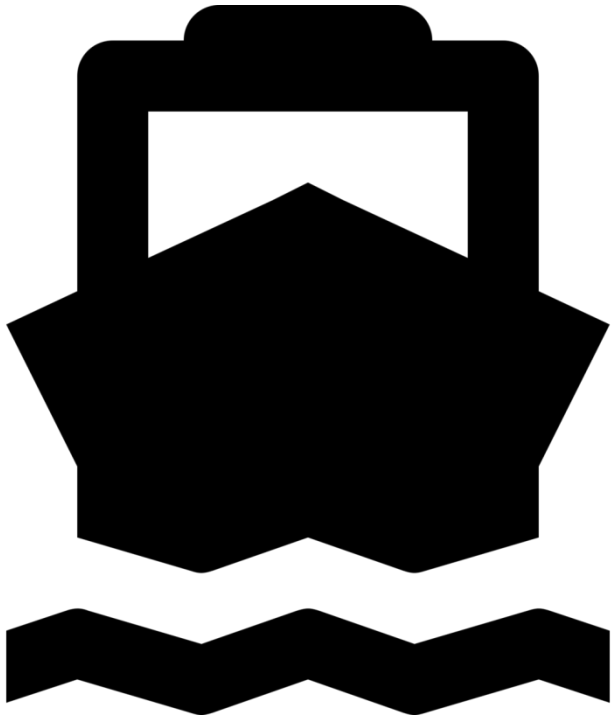
**Important
corridors**

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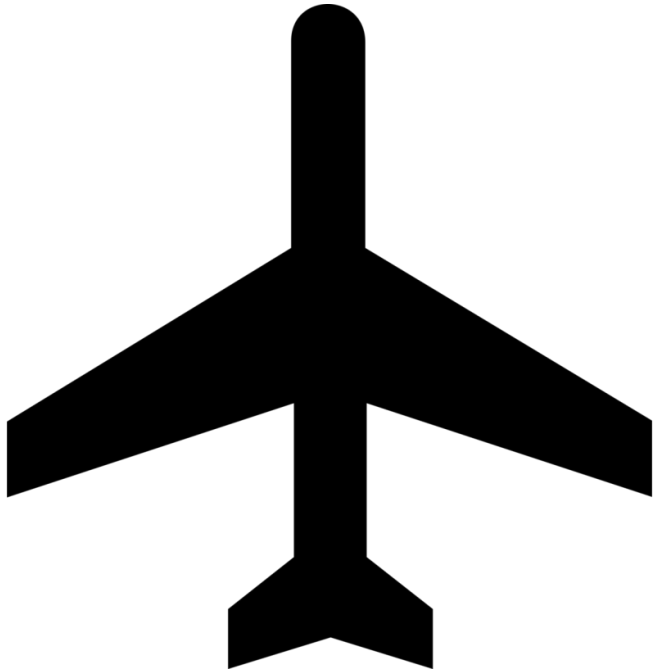
**Major rail
access**

How does freight move in Northwest Missouri?



St. Joseph

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**Regional
airports**

Why is freight important to Northwest Missouri?

Local manufacturers are planning to expand.

“Farm to market routes are essential to region.”

-- Stakeholder interviewee (economic development)



“Priorities should be more responsive to economic development opportunities and move freight more efficiently.”

-- 2013 On the Move listening session participant

Keeping you involved

Stakeholder
Interviews

Freight Forums

Steering Committee

Business
Forums

Draft
Plan

Steering Committee

Today

We want to listen to your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions for Missouri's freight network.



Investing in freight

Today

- Road improvements: from addressing congestion and bottlenecks to turn lanes
- District based, not network based

In the future

- All modes
- District AND network needs to help MO be more competitive

We need your thoughts on how to make the best investments possible for freight in Missouri!



How can MoDOT help keep your business competitive AND attract new businesses and jobs to Missouri?

- What works now? *Top 3*
- What doesn't work well? *Top 3*
- What improvements or changes would most benefit Missouri?
- What improvements or changes would most benefit the district?
- How will the transportation needs of your business change over the next 5 years?

Report Out



Next Steps

Please complete survey:

MoFreightPlan.org

- April-May: Business Forums
- June-September: Preview Draft Plan



Thank You!

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