



# Southwest 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





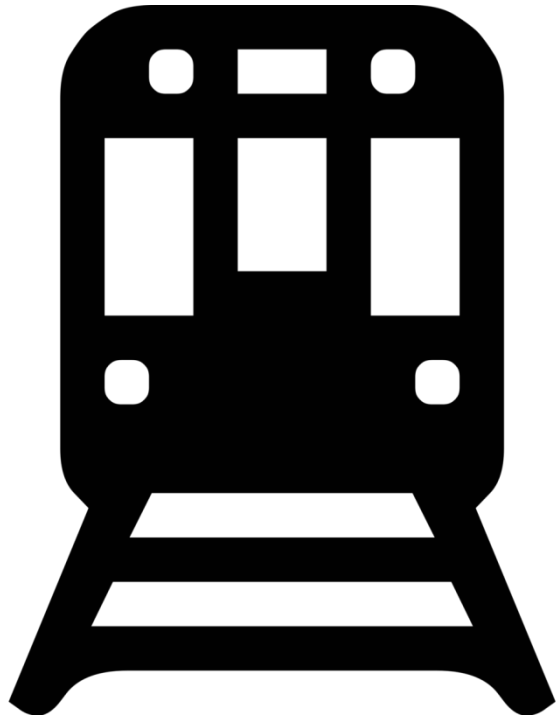


# How does freight move in Southwest Missouri?



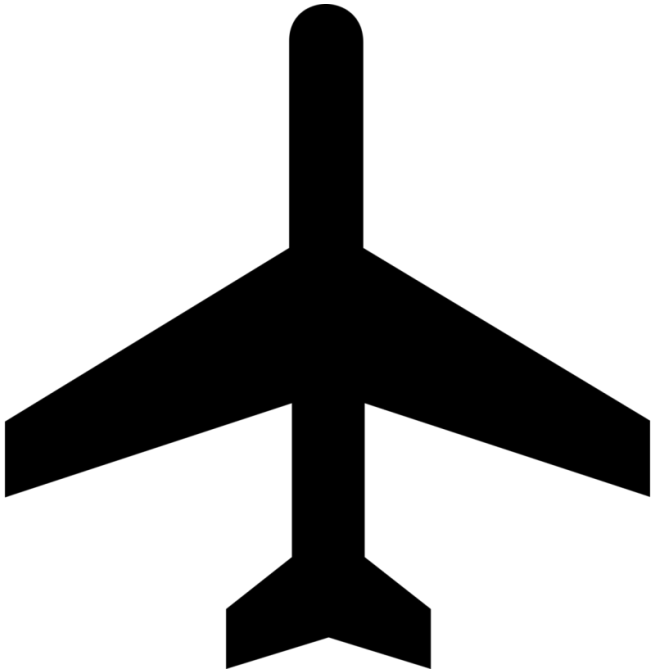
**Important  
corridors**

# How does freight move in Southwest Missouri?



**Major rail  
access**

# How does freight move in Southwest Missouri?



**National and  
regional  
airports**

# Why is freight important to Southwest Missouri?

Local manufacturers are planning to expand.

**“It’s so important to have a freight network you can count on.”**

-- Stakeholder interviewee (industry)

**“Missouri has always been able to compete, [but] if we don’t maintain all our modes, neighboring states are going to work to take those economic drivers.”**

-- 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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