




St. Louis 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



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

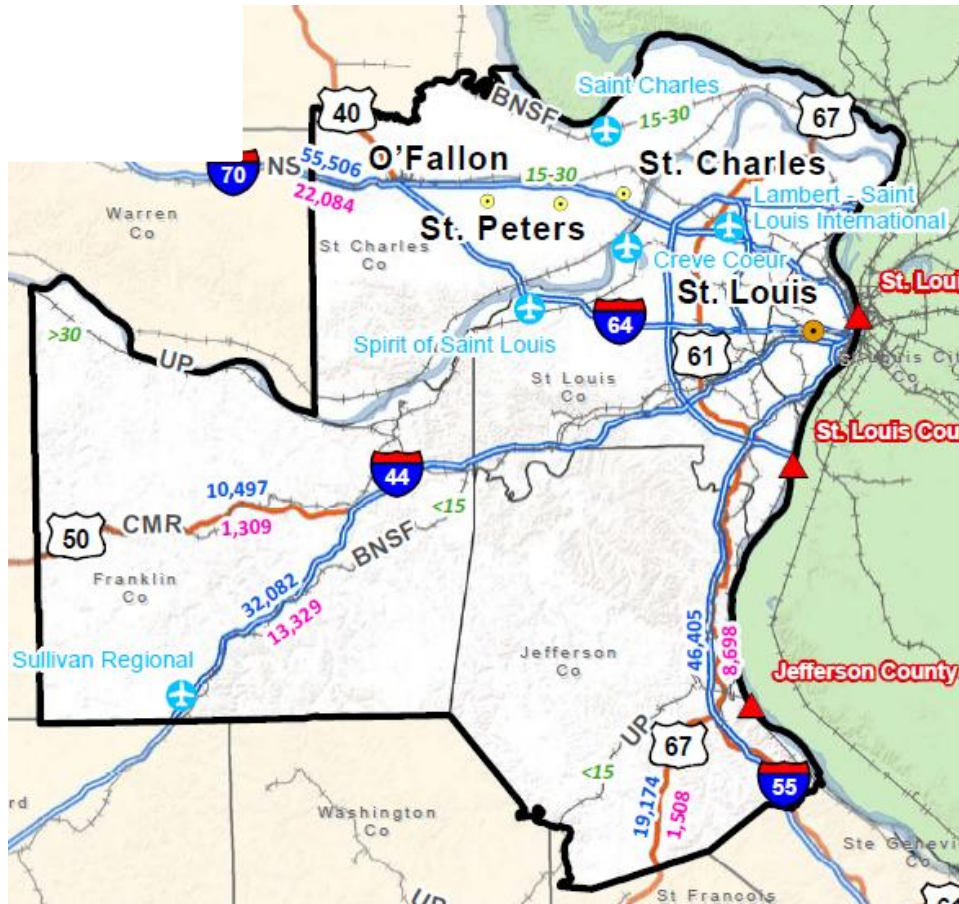


Your Input is Critical

- 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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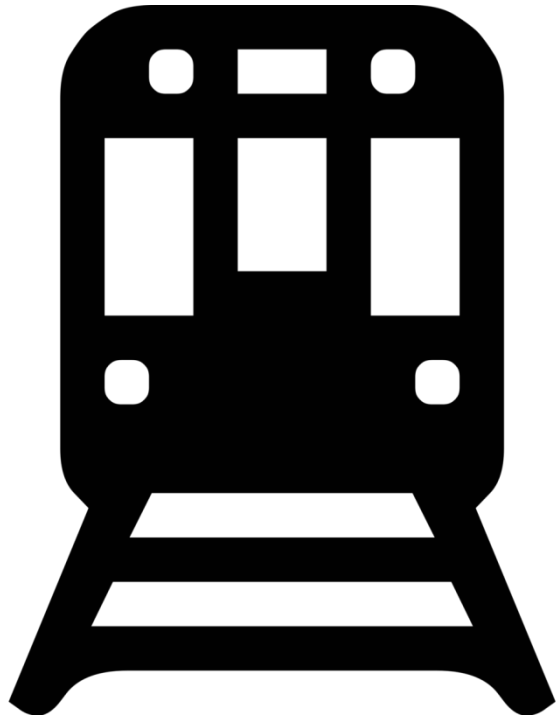


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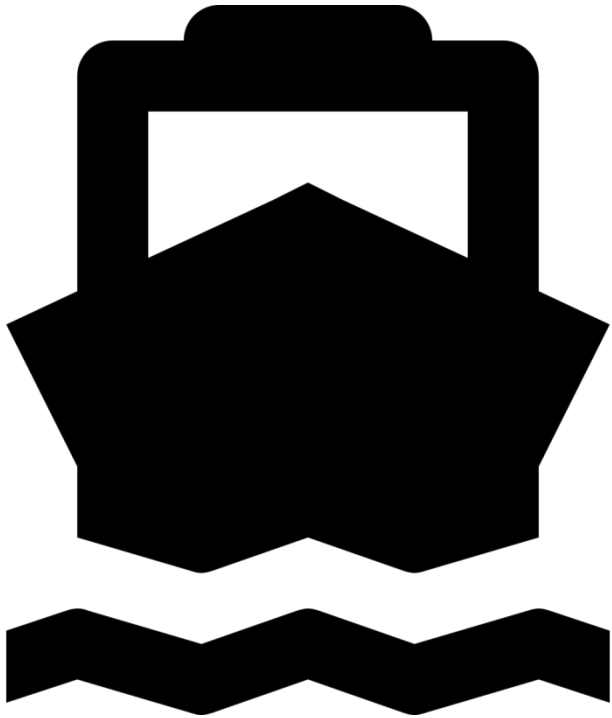
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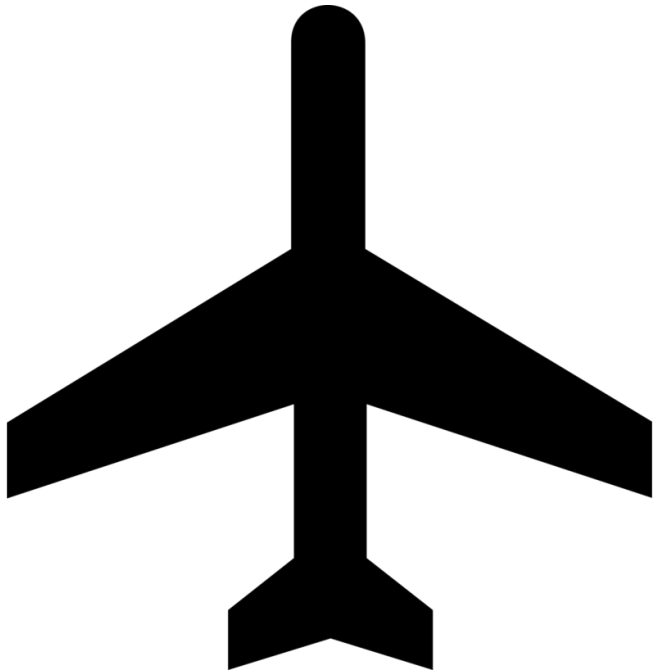
**Top rail hub
in nation**

How does freight move in greater St. Louis?



**St. Louis one of
busiest inland
ports in US**

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**STL one of two
international
airports in MO**

Why is freight important to greater St. Louis?

Local manufacturers are planning to expand.

“I dream of a facility capable of high volume truck, river, and rail traffic so we can show the world St. Louis can move freight.”

--Stakeholder interviewee (economic development)

“The economic development aspect of highway upgrades makes improvements extremely important. I-70 is one of the busiest roads in the country.”

--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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