REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – MPO’S ROLE

Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
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What is the Memphis MPO?

Shelby County, TN
- Entire county

DeSoto County, MS
- Northern 10 miles

Fayette County, TN
- Western 4 miles

* Federal Law requires a regional outlook for transportation planning. As such, planning needs have to reflect the region’s shared vision for its future.
The Role of the MPO

Federal Funding for Transportation: MAP-21

Funding Allocated to Each State

TN, MS

Memphis Urban Area MPO
MPO Planning Process

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – 20 Years
Automobile, Transit, Bicycle, Pedestrian, Freight, Rail, Airport, Port

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Every 4 Years

*Note: freight facilities are generally privately managed and operated, but their impact on local roads and highways requires investments from state and local jurisdictions.*
MPO Freight Planning Process

• Freight Advisory Committee (FAC)
  • Public Private Participation – Chair Mayor Mark Luttrell, Shelby County and Vice Chair Mr. Don Colvin, FedEx
    • Private Sector: Rail, Truck, Logistics, Real Estate, Intermodal
    • Public Sector: Airport, Port Authority, Economic Development, University of Memphis, Federal/State/Local Government (Tri State Region)

• MPO Plans and Studies
  • Identifying Regional Needs through stakeholder input
    • Over $900 million in planned transportation investment over the next four years (Fiscal Years 2014-2017) i.e. 60 out of 146 projects with improvements to goods movement
    • For Example – Third Bridge, Lamar Ave, Holmes Road, I-269
    • Data Collection- Freight Survey- Memphis MSA
Next Steps

- Leveraging an increased federal focus on freight
  - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)
    - National Freight Policy- increased infrastructure investment
    - National Freight Network- targeted corridors for investment
    - National Freight Strategic Plan- implement best practices for improving goods movement efficiency now and into the future
- Freight Stakeholder Survey – identify critical issues
  - Regional Freight Profile – inventory regional assets
  - Truck Route Master Plan – define current and future corridors
  - Regional Freight Plan – coordinate future investment with future needs
  - Incorporate Freight Plan into LRTP
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