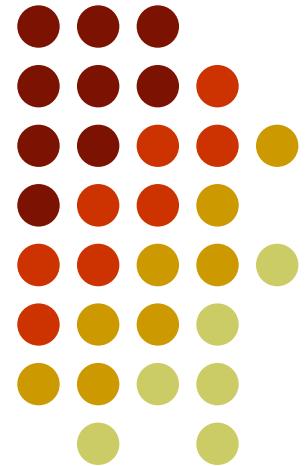


Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study Review and Comments

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How We Got to this Point

- 1990s, regional freight study efforts
 - Latin American Trade and Transportation Study
 - I-35 Trade Corridor Study
- April 2002, MRUTC regional stakeholders meeting
- July 2002, AASHTO Mississippi, research team organized and initial proposal developed
- January 2003, TRB, initial agreement between research team and university partners
- June 2003, kickoff meeting in Toledo
- August 2003, pooled fund study officially starts

Presentation to State DOT Executives

- Invitation extended by Gordon Proctor from Ohio DOT
- Purpose: Update DOT executives on the progress of the study and to consider next steps
- Attendance:
 - Dick Smith (Illinois DOT)
 - Bryan Nicol (Commissioner, Indiana DOT)
 - Neil Volmer (Iowa DOT)
 - Cecil Selness (Minnesota DOT)
 - Gordon Proctor (Director, Ohio DOT), Matt Selhorst
 - Ruben Anthony (Deputy Secretary, Wisconsin DOT), Beth Nachreiner, and Kevin Chesnik

Summary of Presentation

- A Changing Environment for Freight
 - Global, growing, modality, freight linked to GDP
- Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study
 - Current and pending infrastructure limitations in highway, rail, and water
- Why a Regional Approach
 - Upper Midwest is its best trading partner
 - Performance in one state depends on the others
- Future Efforts
 - Develop regional goals, objectives and metrics
 - Examine commodity flows into and out of the region
 - Define regional public policy issues
 - Create a regional planning
 - Identify issues on the ground

Summary of Discussion

- DOT executives asked for an update at the September AASHTO meeting in Philadelphia
- Develop a regional transportation model
- Create a regional coalition that can impact national transportation policy
- Build strong private sector support – part of coalition
- Importance of freight for regional competitiveness: link economic development and transportation
- Create a policy-level steering committee in addition to the current steering committee
- Importance of public education (general public and legislator) on the importance of freight
- What happens if we do nothing

Agenda for September Meeting

- Tentative items for consideration
 - Continuation of study into Phases 2 and 3
 - Specific actions and outcomes in these Phases
 - Coalition building
 - Regional planning
 - Continue GIS based data reporting site
 - Refine capacity and flow data
 - CVISN activities
 - Investigate ways to cope with system constraints
 - Funding possibilities

3:05-3:30 Agenda

- What does this information mean to me?
- What actions might be taken in light of this information?