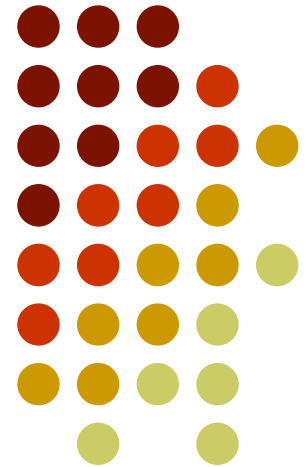


Synthesis of Practice

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Synthesis Task

- Clearinghouse
- Best Practices
 - Overview of regional cooperation
 - Case studies



Overview

- Motivations
 - Regional element in freight transportation, crosses boundaries
 - New funding opportunities
- Benefits
 - Efficiency
 - Larger pool of resources
 - Competitive advantage for our region

Case Studies

- North American International Trade Corridor
- CREATE Program
- International Trade and Mobility Corridor
- Latin American Trade and Transportation Study
- I-95 Corridor Coalition

North American International Trade Corridor



- Designation as High Priority Corridor #23
- North America's Superhighway Coalition, Inc. (NASCO)
 - Lobbying efforts
- I-35 Trade Corridor Study
- ITS Studies
 - Phase 1: Inventory, recommendations ('99-'01)
 - Phase 2: Implementation plan ('02-present)

CREATE Program

- Top-level management involvement in the Chicago Rail Task Force
 - The role of political offices, the Surface Transportation Board, and the railroads
- Two year timeline
 - About one year for railroads to submit plan to government agencies
 - Less than one year in negotiations
- Costs absorbed by organizations involved

International Trade and Mobility Corridor

- Identifies and promotes improvements to the four border crossings in northwest Washington/southwest British Columbia
- Funding component from CORBOR (FHWA)
 - National Corridor Planning and Development Program (Sec. 1118) and the Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program (Sec. 1119)
- Bi-national funding element

Latin American Trade and Transportation Study

- LATTTS I: Similarities to our freight study
 - Pooled fund
 - Infrastructure inventory
- LATTTS II
 - Commenced in July 2002
 - Two new states, Oklahoma and Missouri
- Mission: To positively position the southeastern region to capture the growing Latin American markets

I-95 Corridor Coalition

- Over 12 years of cooperative work, now includes all states along east coast
- Freight is one of many subcommittees
- FY '04 earmark of \$4.2 million
 - \$1.9 million available for projects
- \$66 million set aside in Senate re-authorization version to support transportation system management and operations along corridor

Recommendation- Communication

- CREATE program brought together different organizations with different cultures
 - Overcame this challenge by educating each other on what is critical for the parties involved
 - Communication and commitment is critical
- Continue meetings, utilize distance capabilities
 - Set dates several months ahead

Recommendation-Coalition

- NAITC, I-95 and ITMC have already utilized and will continue to benefit from the CORBOR programs
 - Increased federal involvement and resources in freight
- Regional cooperation and corridor designation is needed to tap these expanding sources

Recommendation-Structure

- Suggestion for a policy committee and technical committee
- Subcommittee example
 - ITS supporting commercial vehicle operations
 - Work with existing groups, expertise
 - Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee
 - Northwest Passage

Recommendation- Coordination

- North American International Trade Corridor
- ITS for commercial vehicle operations
- FHWA-Freight Office
 - Clearinghouse
 - Data modeling
- SmartWay Transport Partnership (EPA)

Recommendation-Overall

- Move beyond studies
 - Pilot projects
- Small steps
- Involvement from Michigan
- Stakeholders' ideas and suggestions

