

## OUTLINE

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## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

- 10-state Mississippi Valley (MV)region has about 20% of nation's metro regions and metro population
- 11 metro areas in MV region with population greater than 1 million
- Chicago and Detroit Bigger than the average size of 50 largest metro areas in the US





## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

- Metro areas serve as freight hubs connecting MV region to rest of the country
- This region is at the crossroads of the continental US and bridges E-W and N-S cross-country freight routes
- Freight mobility in MV region has been facing several critical issues. One of theses issues is related to:
  - Lack of adequate truck parking facilities
  - Image: Mismatch between available facilities and truckers need with regard to location, amenities and functional characteristics



## **RESEARCH OBJECTIVE**

- Engage transportation stakeholders in improving truck parking planning and operations by the use of web-based GIS
  - Identifying spatial locations where current truck parking problems occur
  - Identifying the attendant circumstances driving the need for additional parking
  - Proposing low-cost solutions to address the truck parking issue



## **RESEARCH SCOPE**

- Area under consideration: 10-state Mississippi Valley region
- Truck parking facilities along interstate highways in the region
- Truck parking facilities along state highways in Wisconsin





## **DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEY RESPONSES**

Respondents Group	No. of Responses	No. of Locations Marked	No. of Valid Markers	No. of Invalid Markers
Highway Patrol	25	31	30	1
Freight Planners	34	83	80	3
Truck Drivers	258	283	250	33
Total	317	397	360	37



#### **Invalid Markers**

**Survey Data** 

## SURVEY DATA VISUALIZATION TOOL



## **CLUSTERS OF PARKING FACILITIES**



### LOCATIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT PARKING





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**Results Analysis** 

## POSSIBLE REASONS FOR PARKING PROBLEMS







## CONCLUSIONS

- Web-based technologies and open source GIS make it possible to enhance the stakeholders participation in transportation research
- Web-based GIS developed in this research offers a platform
  - To collect freight related geo-spatial data
  - To visualize the problem truck parking locations
  - To enhance public and private stakeholders communication

#### Most common parking problem is related to capacity

#### Major causes for truck parking

- Parking areas being used for staging purposes
- Break to conform to the hours of service regulation
- Not enough parking spaces to meet the peak demand
- Lack of communication systems informing truckers about available parking spaces nearby

# Solutions should be considered in the context of freight logistics and operations

## **FUTURE APPLICATIONS**

- Establishment of a national or regional registering system for truck drivers to log their experienced problems regarding parking or congestions
- Correlation analysis of density of parking spaces and density of highway freight traffic
- Additional customized tools to facilitate users drawing lines and polygons on the map to show a corridor and region

Implementation of other search methods such as intersection of highways and interchanges

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