

**IL DOT - Brief for Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition
Indianapolis meeting
March 31 – April 2**

Southland Freight Study

- Includes 42 southern Chicago suburbs
- Strengthen their position as a regional freight hub
- Identifying existing freight assets, determining the impact of proposed capital improvement projects, analyzing constrictions to the current hub, find solutions, look for economic development incentives and opportunities
- To date they have identified existing freight assets, determined the impact of proposed capital improvement projects, and analyzed constrictions to the current hub
- Currently looking for solutions, incentives, and opportunities

Moline-Rock Island Metropolitan Rail Study

- Studying how to best relocate the storage of rail cars containing ethanol along Moline and Rock Island's urban riverfront
- Poses a homeland security problem as well as a lost opportunity for economic development
- Looking at potential Amtrak service and a potential light rail line along the rail corridor
- Currently developing site guidelines for each of these uses

Truck Parking Initiative Grant Proposal (\$400,000 requested)

- Submitted to Federal Highway Administration in February 2008
- Cooperative effort between Illinois and Indiana DOT
- In cooperation with the Illinois Institute of Technology
- The goals of the proposed project include:
 - Improving legal truck parking availability along the National Highway System (NHS)
 - Improving safety at public truck parking locations
 - Reducing congestion, improving safety, and enhancing air quality on the NHS by intelligently avoiding congestion "hot spots"

Illinois Center for Transportation

- Studying warehouse distribution in the region, particularly in the Joliet area
- Will Co has become home of many warehousing facilities
 - Joliet Arsenal Redevelopment Project
 - BNSF Logistics Park & CenterPoint Intermodal Center
 - 625 acres (BNSF)
 - 6.8 M sq ft under roof (CenterPoint)
- Studying sites for new intermodal facility (Including a site near proposed 3rd Airport south of Chicago)

Mississippi River Bridge at St. Louis

Missouri & Illinois Governors have signed an agreement to proceed with the construction of the new river crossing.

- \$640 M project (\$239 M - Federal, \$313 M - Illinois, \$88 M - Missouri)
- Much of Illinois funding contingent upon General Assembly passing a Capital Bill
- No Tolls

Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance (LMIGA)

(former Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) Coalition)

Bob Frey of HNTB to give presentation

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(Audrey Wennink of Cambridge Systematics to give presentation)

I-70 Freight Corridor Study

(Multi state project to look at truck only lanes)