

Iowa DOT Freight Activities
Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition
Indianapolis Meeting

- Developed a DOT Freight Issues Group
 - Representatives:
 - Office of Policy and Legislative Services
 - Office of Aviation
 - Office of Rail Transportation
 - Office of Systems Planning
 - Office of Program Management
 - Office of Location and Environment
 - Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement
 - Purpose: Share information and discuss actions to address freight

- Preparing a Series of Iowa Freight Case Studies
 - Purpose --Gain a better understanding of how freight moves into, out of, and within our state.
 - Completed –Ethanol, coal, intermodal, foreign trade

- Participate in a Number of Multi-State Regional Partnerships
 - NASCO
 - ✓ Increase economic development activity while supporting multi-modal infrastructure improvements, technology / security innovations and environmental initiatives along the NASCO Corridor
 - ✓ Includes cities, counties, states, provinces and private sector representatives along the Corridor in Canada, the United States and Mexico
 - ✓ Shadows U.S. Interstate Highways 35, 29 and 94, and the connecting transportation infrastructure in Canada and Mexico critical to national and international trade
 - ✓ 2008 conference is June 4-6 in Guanajuato, Mexico focused on efforts to find solutions to North America's vital transportation and security needs

 - Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition (MVFC)
 - ✓ Regional organization that cooperates in the planning, operation, preservation, and improvement of transportation infrastructure in the Mississippi Valley region
 - ✓ Includes ten states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin)

 - Northern Great Plains
 - ✓ Serves Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, N Dakota, S Dakota, and Manitoba
 - ✓ Develop and implement regional solutions to issues, concerns and opportunities that can best be addressed through regionally focused actions

- Trans-Iowa/Illinois Freight Corridor Study
 - ✓ Includes the U.S. 34, U.S. 63 and Iowa 163 highway corridor stretching from Galesburg, Illinois, northwestward to Pleasant Hill, Iowa
 - ✓ Study team consisted of the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC), the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission (Area 15), the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA), and the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO) with the Iowa DOT providing financial support
 - ✓ Goal: To increase the awareness of the Trans-Iowa/Illinois Freight Corridor as a viable transportation corridor for moving goods in Central and Southeast Iowa and West Central Illinois.

- Updating Iowa's Long Range Transportation Plan and Modal Plans
 - Update builds on past efforts and includes a chapter on the movement of goods and people
 - Waiting on transportation funding outcomes from this year's Legislature to incorporate into the final draft plan
 - Several modal plans (Aviation, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Highway, Public Transit, and Rail) are being updated to complement the LRTP

- Seeking Funds for TIME-21
 - Legislature overwhelmingly passed policy language in 2007 establishing TIME-21 (Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the 21st Century) and an interim committee to review funding mechanisms
 - Both the House and Senate are considering bills that would generate about \$120 million to \$130 million by FY 2012
 - Both bills would increase registration fees, title fees, and driver license fees.

- Conducting a Study of I-80 Across Iowa
 - Develop construction needs to address increasing traffic volumes on the corridor
 - Phase I consists of creating a GIS database for the corridor, an existing conditions report, and a problem statement that identifies the issues and deficiencies of the data in the corridor and presents a proposal to address them
 - Next phase will consist of a Tier One Environmental Impact Statement

- Hosting the 2008 Midwest Transportation Planning Conference
 - Held June 4-6, 2009 in Iowa City
 - Brings together transportation planning professionals from across Midwest to examine important transportation issues
 - More information and registration can be found at www.iowadot.gov/2008TransConf