REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – MPO’S ROLE

Memphis Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
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What is the Memphis MPO?

Shelby County, TN
- Entire county

DeSoto County, MS
- Northern 10 miles

Fayette County, TN
- Western 4 miles

* Federal Law requires a **regional outlook** for transportation planning. As such, planning needs have to reflect the **region’s shared vision for its future.**
The Role of the MPO

Federal Funding for Transportation: MAP-21

Funding Allocated to Each State
TN, MS

Memphis Urban Area MPO
*Note: freight facilities are generally privately managed and operated, but their impact on local roads and highways requires investments from state and local jurisdictions.
How Does MPO Address Freight Planning?

- **Freight Advisory Committee (FAC)**
  - Public Private Participation – **Chair** Mayor Mark Luttrell, Shelby County and **Vice Chair** Mr. Don Colvin, FedEx
    - **Private Sector:** Rail, Truck, Logistics, Real Estate, Intermodal
    - **Public Sector:** Airport, Port Authority, Economic Development, University of Memphis, Federal/State/Local Government (Tri State Region)

- **MPO Plans and Studies**
  - Identifying Regional Needs through stakeholder input
    - Over $900 million in planned transportation investment over the next four years (Fiscal Years 2014-2017) i.e. 60 out of 146 projects with improvements to goods movement
  - For Example – Third Bridge, Lamar Ave, Holmes Road, I-269
Next Steps

• Leveraging an increased federal focus on freight
  • Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)
    • National Freight Policy- increased infrastructure investment
    • National Freight Network- targeted corridors for investment
    • National Freight Strategic Plan- implement best practices for improving goods movement efficiency now and into the future
  • Freight Stakeholder Survey – identify critical issues
    • Regional Freight Profile – inventory regional assets
    • Truck Route Master Plan – define current and future corridors
    • Regional Freight Plan – coordinate future investment with future needs
    • Incorporate Freight Plan into LRTP
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