



Freight Planning Overview for the KYOVA Region

KYOVA Freight Plan

Over the last decade, the incorporation of freight issues into the policy, planning and programming activities of state department of transportation (DOTs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) has received significant focus from federal transportation agencies, business and industry leaders and the U. S. Congress. At present, KYOVA does not have an existing freight plan but does address freight and freight planning in Chapter 7 (click here) of the *KYOVA 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)*. During FY 2017 and FY 2018 KYOVA will be taking a closer look at the relationship of freight and the transportation planning process. The following are potential activities that may be integrated into the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA Freight Analysis.

- Data Collection
- Identifying freight needs and deficiencies
- Developing regional freight profile
- Identification of freight projects
- Developing freight project evaluation criteria
- Identifying innovative funding and financing techniques
- Developing freight performance measures
- Outreach and public input
- Establishment of Freight Committee

Freight Planning

The Huntington, WV-KY-OH Transportation Management Area (TMA) considers freight mobility and intermodal transportation key parts of the overall planning process as it is important to the economic vitality of the region. In addition, the importance of freight mobility has been recognized by the United States Congress, which included increased emphasis on freight planning within the last four transportation bills: the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA); the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); the SAFETEA-LU; and the most recent bill signed on December 4, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The FAST Act adds a new freight formula, expands the freight network and adds a new discretionary program for nationally significant freight and highway projects. For more details on how freight is addressed in the FAST Act, visit <https://www.transportation.gov/fastact>.

Freight Mobility

The economic productivity in the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA region is dependent on a transportation system that can move goods efficiently and safely. The airport, the ports and other freight activity centers and railroad network have been a cornerstone of local and regional economic prosperity. Growth of these economic generators will largely depend on the region's ability to improve and maintain efficient transportation connections within the region as well as links to other regional and statewide corridors. Improving access to the freight activity centers is an important factor in attracting new industry and associated jobs that will help stimulate the local economy.

Below list a few of the Freight Activity Centers (FAC) located within the TMA with the links to their website.

Huntington Tri-State Airport: <http://tristateairport.com>

Port of Huntington: <http://www.transportation.wv.gov/ports/Pages/WVPorts.aspx>

Greenup-Boyd Riverport: http://kentuckyriverports.com/kentucky_riverports/greenup-boyd_county

Ashland Regional Airport: <http://m.ashlandregionalairport.com/>

East Park Industrial Park: <http://eastparkky.com>

SouthPoint Industrial Park: http://www.lawrencecountyohio.org/the_point

Prichard Intermodal Facility: <http://www.nscorp.com/content/nscorp/en/shipping-options/intermodal/terminals-and-schedules/prichard-wv-heartlandintermodalgateway.html>



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State Freight Initiatives (WV, KY and OH)

KYOVA has been coordinating with West Virginia Department of Highways, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Ohio Department of Transportation during their Freight Plan development. Each state provides information relative to the Huntington, WV-KY-OH Planning area. Each state has a portion of their website dedicated to Freight – see below.

West Virginia: <https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/Pages/default.aspx>

Kentucky: <https://transportation.ky.gov/MultimodalFreight/Pages/FreightPlanningHome.aspx>

Ohio: http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/SPR/StatewidePlanning/Pages/Maritime_Freight_Program.aspx