

Tennessee's Freight Advisory Committees and Other Freight Initiatives

The Map-21 Legislation

- *“encourages each State to establish a freight advisory committee consisting of a representative cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders, , including representatives of ports, shippers, carriers, freight-related associations, the freight industry workforce, the transportation department of the State, and local governments”*

Recommended FAC Membership

- State DOT, MPOs, other local governments
- Independent transportation authorities
- Infrastructure owners (railroads, pipelines)
- Freight shippers, carriers, forwarders
- Organizations representing freight workers
- Environmental, safety organizations
- Independent experts (academic, consultants)

Recommended Committee Roles

- Advise the State on freight priorities, issues, projects and funding
- Serve as forum for discussion of State decisions affecting freight
- Promote the sharing of info between public and private sectors on freight issues
- Participate in development of State Freight Plan

Additional TDOT Goals for FAC

- Be a forum for discussion of big issues in freight in Tennessee
- Serve as champions for raising the status of Freight Planning in Tennessee
- Identify regionally significant urban and rural freight corridors
- Provide input into planning of multi-modal projects that affect freight movement

Structure of the FAC

- 3 Regional Committees have been established; one in each Grand Division
- An Executive Committee will contain representatives of each Regional Committee
- Regional and Executive Committees consist of (at least) 12 members
- State, University, and Federal representatives will serve as ex-officio members

Structure of FAC (continued)

- A Chairperson will be elected for each Regional Committee, and for the Executive
- The Chairperson will conduct the meetings, keep the discussion on track, announce the results of actions taken
- A Vice Chairperson will be elected to assume Chair when Chairperson is not able
- Meetings will be held 3-4 times a year

The FACs So Far

- The 3 Regional FACs have already had meetings in August
- A joint meeting of the Regional and Executive Committees will be held December 13
- Commissioner John Schroer will attend the joint meeting in December
- The election of officers will be discussed at the joint meeting



Questions on FACs

State Freight Plan

- Several Freight Studies have been conducted over last 5 years by Cambridge Systematics
- 10 Separate Studies relating to the State Freight Plan have been developed
- Studies are on TDOT Freight Website (<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/longrange/freightplanning.htm>)
- 2 summary reports have been developed: one by UTCTR and one by RPM

State Freight Plan (continued)

- Task Order for MAP-21 compliant State Freight Plan has been issued
- Freight Plan is being developed under On-Call Contract
- RPM is lead, with AECOM and Cambridge Systematics participating
- State Freight Plan should be finished by August 2014

Freight Data

- TDOT is negotiating to purchase TRANSEARCH freight data from Global Insight
- ATRI truck data is being purchased for use in Statewide Model Update
- Both sets of data should be available to the MPOs

Questions on Freight Plan or
Freight Data ?????