West Virginia State Freight Plan

Freight Advisory Committee Meeting #1

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET, 3/23/2023

Agenda

Purpose: Introduce State Freight Plan and team. Provide overview of the Plan approach, scope and schedule, and role of the FAC in the plan development. Update FAC on initial technical activities with modal profiles and commodity flow analysis. Present draft State Freight Plan vision and goals. Gather FAC input on vision and goals, needs, opportunities and trends.

Attendance:

Freight Plan Project Management and Technical Team:
1. Brian Carr – WVDOT
2. Lisa Destro – CS
3. David Jackson – CS
4. Rebecca Wingate – CS
5. Dorry Funaki – Mott MacDonald
6. Aileen Mayhew – Mott MacDonald
7. Mark Young – Mott MacDonald
8. Todd Stuart – Mott MacDonald

FAC Participants:
9. Alanna Keller – WVDOT
10. Andy Alden – I-81 Corridor Coalition
11. Bill Austin – Morgantown/Monongalia County TPO
12. Bob Miller – WV Rt 2 / I-68 Authority
13. Donna Hardy – WVDOH Traffic
15. Jason Roberts – FRM
16. Jennifer Smith – Berkeley County Development Authority
17. John Tuggle – FRM
18. Kaleb Armentrout – FRM
19. Kara Greathouse – FHWA WV Division
20. Kelsey Harrah – RIC
22. Krista Hoffman – Berkeley County Development Authority
23. Matt Mullenax – HEPMPO
24. Michael Paprocki – BHJ Metropolitan Planning
25. Michael Vaughn – FMCSA
26. Mike Graney – WV Department of Economic Development
27. Rakesh Sharma – Bel-O-Mar Regional Council
28. Randy Marcus – CSX Transportation
29. Rebecca McPhail – WV Manufacturers Association
30. Robin Lassak – WV Public Service Commission
1. Introductions
   a. Brian Carr introduced the WVDOT, Cambridge Systematics (CS), and Mott MacDonald (MM) team members.
   b. FAC Members introduced themselves
2. Plan Overview
   a. IIJA Requirements
   b. State Freight Plan Approach
   c. FAC Role
   d. Scope and Schedule
3. Technical Activities Update
   a. Modal Profiles Overview
      i. Lisa presented the highway profile
         1. Bob asked for the approximate daily truck traffic along I-70. It is the highest range, >10,000 AADT, but CS will follow-up after the call with a more precise number.
         2. Matt Mullenax asked, “Will this effort be using FAF5 or similar forecasted freight data for projecting truck buffer time based on growth? No, we will only be forecasting the commodity flows.
         3. Matt Mullenax shared, “I-81 has major truck parking issues. Three public truck parking areas, two Rutters, etc. all beyond capacity. This is a pic from Walmart parking lot last October.”

         4. Mike Pap commented, "In the Weirton-Steubenville Area most truckers use city streets for overnight parking."
         5. Matt noted that they also have issues with overnight parking on city streets in the Martinsburg area.
      ii. Dorry Funaki presented the other modal profiles
          1. Bob asked, “are non-WV air freight ports allowed to be included or foot noted on report?.. example Pittsburgh International Airport does major air freight within 30 to 60 miles of Weirton & Wheeling. This inclusion may help economic development”.
          2. Team responded: Non-WV airports that are significant for freight movements will be noted in the freight profile.
   b. Commodity Flow Analysis Overview
i. Lisa presented the an overview of the commodity flow analysis
ii. Bob shared the following link: https://shalecrescentusa.com/

4. West Virginia State Freight Plan Draft Vision and Goals Update
   a. David Jackson summarized the draft vision and goals.
   b. David Jackson and Lisa Destro shared polls to collect responses to importance of objectives to FAC members and input on anything missing.
   c. Results of the polling are included in the slide deck.

5. Discussion and Input
   a. Input on needs, opportunities and trends will be collected via:
      i. Online Survey link https://forms.office.com/e/CfQs0Bdidp
      ii. Online map tool https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=24b63f6d528e45f3b4e895546e668121

6. Next Steps
   a. Please provide your input and share! Via Online Survey and Online Map Tool (through April 15)
      i. Online survey and map tools have been extended to April 21
   b. Establish vision, goals and objectives
   c. FAC to meet again Truck Parking Workshop – April 11, 19, and May 3
   d. Freight system designation – CUFC 150 miles (DOH will provide guidance to MPOs over the next few weeks)
   e. Draft needs assessment, strategies and recommendations
   f. Draft Plan submitted to WVDOT for review - June-July

7. Q&A
   a. Matt Mullenax shared, “HEPMPO Regional Freight Plan online data repository is: https://tmp-map.s3.amazonaws.com/hepmpo2022/map.html. GIS data can be downloaded using the Data Summary button, including planned freight-related developments (location and sq ft).”