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Meeting Overview
Purpose: To develop a statewide multimodal freight plan that reflects freight transportation needs and economic competitiveness throughout the state by incorporating stakeholder input

Objectives: Solicit stakeholder input on freight demand, needs and strategies

Outcome: Finalize needs assessment and develop strategies to ensure safe, efficient freight mobility in Texas
Seven Workshops

In Person
- Brownsville, May 16
- Houston, May 17
- Midland, May 18

Virtual
- Urban areas, June 14
- Rural areas, June 15
- Border region, June 16
- Statewide, June 17
How Today's Input Will Be Used

Today's Meeting

**FREIGHT DEMAND**
- Identify current and future freight demand in Texas

**FREIGHT NEEDS AND STRATEGIES**
- Input on infrastructure, technology, operations, policy and program needs

**LAY GROUNDWORK FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**
- Inform forecasts and scenarios
- Refine freight transportation needs assessment and strategies
Plan Overview
Motivation for Texas Freight Mobility Plan (TFMP)

Federal requirement to use National Freight Program Funds (FAST Act)

How does transportation maintain/grow/support our economy?

How do we leverage our assets for economic growth and quality of life?

How do we make the business case for freight investment?

How do we accommodate growth across the state?

What is going to happen in the future and how do we plan for it?

How do we balance freight and passenger needs?
Supply Chain Focus

- Role of Texas Multimodal Freight Network (TMFN) for key industries
- Identification of critical supply chain trends and challenges
- Analysis of supply chain opportunities and risks
- Identification of freight transportation operations, policies, and program investments to support continued economic growth
Stakeholder Informed Plan

- Stakeholder interviews
- Texas Freight Advisory Committee
- Supply Chain Working Group (SCWG)
- Industry forums and workshops
Texas Delivers 2050 Schedule

ACCESSING CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAINS, UNDERSTANDING THE TEXAS MULTIMODAL FREIGHT NETWORK
- Freight and Economic Profiles; Supply Chain Analysis, Network Designation; Trends, Disruptors & Opportunities

ASSESING CURRENT & FUTURE FREIGHT NEEDS
- Commodity Flow Forecasts and Scenarios; Needs Assessment

DEVELOPING STRATEGIES
- Policy, Program, and Project Strategies

DRAFT FINAL PLAN

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STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS #1
- Goals, Freight Profiles, Freight System

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS #2
- Forecasts, Needs, Strategies

TxFAC Meetings SCWG Meeting
Current and Future Freight Demand

Facilitated Discussion
How have freight flows changed in rural areas over the last 5 years?

- Increased
- Increased by new Texan needs
- There is too many cars. We need more public transport & cross-county transport
- There has been a lot of new industries, more people commuting both in & out of our county. Traffic congestion over the last 10 years, even on the highway, has been a new issue
- Look to see if we are experiencing trucking shortages
What are the most important commodities moving in your region?

- Cattle
- Wood products
- Poultry
- Cotton
- Oil, gas, goods for buyers (food), livestock
- Metal materials, oil & gas, wood materials, biological technology
- Hay
- Wind turbine parts
- Wind energy, Periodically
What are the most important commodities moving in your region?

- Across west and south Texas: agriculture, energy, and international trade
- Oil and gas production in South Texas -- sand, water, production equipment, fuel, workers, produced water, and produced oil.
- Road and bridge construction materials
Commodity Flow Data

- Developed by IHS Markit, a unit of S&P Global
- Obtained 2019 and 2020 base year and 2050 forecast
  - County-level commodity flow
  - 4-digit Standard Transportation Commodity Classification (STCC) code
- Supplemented to address critical gaps
  - Energy sector goods- water, brine, sand
  - Cross-border flows
- Used 2019 as base year
  - Avoid disruptions caused by pandemic in 2020
  - Use 2020 to examine impact of disruption
Total Freight Volumes Moving in Texas, 2014-2050

Tonnage (thousands)

- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2050

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Freight Tonnage in Texas by Mode, 2014-2050

Tonnage (Thousands)

- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2050

- Highway
- Rail
- Water
- Air

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Freight Volumes Moving via Truck on Texas Roadways, 2014-2050

Truck Tonnage (Thousands)

2014: 1,000,000
2015: 1,100,000
2016: 1,200,000
2017: 1,300,000
2018: 1,400,000
2019: 1,500,000
2050: 3,500,000

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Freight Volumes in Texas by Direction, 2014-2050

Tonnage (Thousands)

- Inbound
- Outbound
- Through
- Intrastate

2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2050

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### Top Commodities Moving in Texas by Tonnage, 2019-2050

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Texas Freight Flows by Direction by Tonnage, 2019 and 2050

2019
- Inbound: 64%
- Outbound: 11%
- Through: 10%
- Intrastate: 15%

2050
- Inbound: 63%
- Outbound: 11%
- Through: 11%
- Intrastate: 15%
Texas Freight Flows by Direction by Value, 2019 and 2050

2019

- Inbound: 26%
- Intrastate: 24%
- Outbound: 22%
- Through: 28%

2050

- Inbound: 28%
- Intrastate: 24%
- Outbound: 22%
- Through: 26%

Texas Delivers 2050
Do you think these commodity flow numbers are:

- Too high: 1
- Too low: 0
- About right: 0
- Not sure: 5
Break-Out Group - Freight Needs and Challenges
Freight Network Needs and Challenges

- Safety
- Truck Parking
- Technology
- Mobility & Reliability
- Asset Preservation
- Connectivity
- Funding
- Resiliency
Needs Assessment Categories and Metrics

**MOBILITY AND RELIABILITY**
- Congestion
- Truck travel time reliability
- At-grade highway-rail crossings

**SAFETY**
- Truck involved crash rate
- Truck crash severity
- At-grade highway-rail crossings

**FREIGHT ASSET UTILIZATION AND PRESERVATION**
- Pavement conditions
- Bridge load restrictions and conditions
- Vertical bridge clearance
- Oversize/Overweight permitted loads

**FREIGHT NETWORK DESIGN**
- Frontage roads
- Number of lanes
- Shoulder widths
- Lane width

Overlay factors on Freight System Designation score

Combined score of factors and relative freight importance to get high, medium, and low needs score
Mobility and Reliability Needs

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- West Texas and border regions experienced most significant increase in mobility needs since 2018
Truck Parking Needs

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- High needs throughout state
  - Large metro areas
  - Permian Basin
  - Panhandle
  - Eastern border region
Asset Preservation Needs - Pavement Conditions

International Roughness Index (IRI)

Pavement Condition Rating (PCR)

Needs Assessment - Pavement Condition
- Texas Highway Freight Network (THFN)
- Rough (IRI 171 - 220)
- Very Rough (IRI >220)

THFN Pavement Condition
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
Asset Preservation – Bridge Conditions

Functionally Deficient and/or Structurally Obsolete

Bridge Constraints

Deck Condition Rating
- Poor Deck Condition
- Fair Deck Condition
- Good Deck Condition

THFN Bridge Constraints
- Load Constraint
- Clearance Constraint
- Load and Clearance Constraint
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- High needs are isolated
  - Southeast Texas
  - Rural roads on urban fringes
- Medium needs more widespread and longer segments
Additional Needs Assessment Categories and Metrics

TECHNOLOGY
- Weigh-in-Motion needs
- Traffic management center coverage
- Traveler information systems
- Incident management systems

CONNECTIVITY
- Strategic industries
- Intermodal terminals
- Gateways

EQUITY
- Vulnerable communities index
  - Poverty, Minority, English proficiency, Education, Age, Disability, Unemployment

RESILIENCY
- Exposure to disruptors
  - Extreme weather events, Labor disputes, Cyber attacks
  - Infrastructure failures, Other man-made disruptions

Overlay factors on Freight System Designation score

Combined score of factors and relative freight importance to get high, medium, and low needs score
Breakout Group Discussion Topics

1. What are your most critical freight transportation challenges?

2. What can TxDOT do to mitigate these challenges?

3. How can TxDOT partner with local governments and private industry to ensure a safe, resilient freight network?
Next Steps and Wrap-up
Develop comprehensive list of strategies

Screen strategies based on selected criteria to develop recommendations

Prioritize recommendations and develop implementation framework
Types of Strategies and Recommendations

- **Infrastructure**
  - Expansion projects
  - Modernization projects
  - Safety projects

- **Operations**
  - Technology
    - Transportation system management and operations (TSM&O)

- **Programs**
  - TxDOT led
  - TxDOT supported

- **Policies/Outreach/Coordination**
  - TxDOT led
  - TxDOT supported
How important are the following goal areas in prioritizing recommendations?

1st: Connectivity and accessibility
2nd: Economic competitiveness
3rd: Safety
4th: Congestion relief and reliability
5th: Asset preservation and modernization
6th: Cost effectiveness
7th: Other (please specify)
Next Steps for Recommendations and Strategies

Stakeholder Meetings, TxFAC, SCWG

1. Compile list of draft recommendations
2. Steering Committee review recommendations and provide feedback
3. Update recommendations based on input
4. Develop freight investment plan
5. Screen and prioritize
6. Finalize recommendations
Upcoming Meetings

- Virtual workshops
  - Urban areas, June 14
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- Texas Freight Advisory Committee – July 20 (Austin)
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