Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Beaumont Workshop Round One
February 28, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendance: 20 participants
- The Port of Beaumont Director, David C. Fisher welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Trends and Issues
- Participants felt the Beaumont economy would grow at about the same rate as the rest of the state
- Changes in trade and energy policy would have the largest impact on the regional economy
- Autonomous and connected trucks, as well as transloading at the Panama Canal, have the potential to impact freight movement in the area
- E-commerce and same-day delivery will impact the way freight moves

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Beaumont attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Key supply chains in the area
- Military connections
- Access to markets
- Reliability/need for alternative routes
- Connectivity to key freight facilities
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Beaumont
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Brownsville Workshop Round One
February 1, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendance: 51 participants
- The project team welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Brownsville attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Bottlenecks at the border
- Freight/commodity tonnage
- Truck counts
- Reliability/congestion
- Bridges/capacity
- Safety/security
- Connectivity to manufacturing/distribution centers

Trends and Issues
- Most participants felt the Brownsville economy will grow faster than the rest of the state over the next 5 years
- Changes in trade policy, such as NAFTA, would have a large impact on freight flows in the region
- Changes in energy-related dynamics/policy, business practices, and consumer practices will increase freight flows
- “Near-shoring” business practices and e-commerce trends will have a strong impact on freight volumes in Brownsville
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Brownsville
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update  
Corpus Christi Workshop Round One  
February 2, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendance: 27 participants
- The Port of Corpus Christi Director, John Larue welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Corpus Christi attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Truck percentages
- Freight volumes and flow direction
- Oil/gas supply chains
- Connectivity to ports/highways
- Connectivity from generators to gateways
- Hazmat routes
- Safety
- Congestion/bottlenecks
- Relief routes

Trends and Issues
- Most participants felt the Corpus Christi economy will about the same than the rest of the state over the next 5 years
- Changes in energy dynamics and policy would have the largest impact on freight flows
- Changes in consumer practices will increase freight flows
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Corpus Christi
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Dallas/Fort Worth Workshop Round One
February 8, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendance: 50 participants
- The Texas Transportation Commissioner Victor Vandergriff welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Dallas/Fort Worth attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Safety
- Congestion/reliability
- Oil/gas supply chains
- Connectivity to freight generators/distribution centers
- Access to interstate/international connections
- Truck percentages
- Coordination with other TxDOT transportation plans

Trends and Issues
- Most participants felt the Corpus Christi economy will grow faster than the rest of the state over the next 5 years
- Changes in business climate/consumer practice have considerable impact on freight flows
- Near-shoring will have a large impact of freight movement
- Rail to truck diversion is a significant trend in shipping patterns
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Dallas/Fort Worth
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
El Paso Workshop Round One
February 21, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendee: 17 participants
- The El Paso County, Commissioner Carlos Leon welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that El Paso attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Connectivity to freight facilities/commercial zones
- Key supply chains in the area
- Travel time
- Cross-border connections
- Route reliability/redundancy

Trends and Issues
- Changes in trade policy, such as NAFTA, would have a large impact on freight flows
- Changes in the business climate/business practices and consumer practices will increase freight flows
- Regulations on border security measures would most impact freight movement in the area
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in El Paso
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Houston Workshop Round One
March 3, 2017

Workshop Overview
▪ Attendance: 77 participants
▪ TxDOT’s Director of Transportation, Peter N. Smith welcomed the group
▪ The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate
▪ The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Houston attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
▪ Connectivity to markets
▪ Reliability/travel time
▪ Truck volumes/percentages
▪ Hazmat routes
▪ Key supply chains include steel, construction materials, and clothing

Trends and Issues
▪ Most participants felt the Houston economy will grow faster than the rest of the state over the next 5 years
▪ Changes in energy-related dynamics/policy, business practices, and consumer practices will increase freight flows
▪ E-commerce will have a large impact on freight volumes in Houston
▪ Regulations/institutional settings regarding the carrier industry would significantly impact freight movements
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Houston
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Laredo Workshop Round One
January 31, 2017

Workshop Overview
▪ Attendance: 53 participants
▪ City of Laredo, Mayor Pete Saenz and Webb County, Judge Tino Tijerina welcomed the group
▪ The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
▪ The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Laredo attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
▪ Freight tonnage
▪ Truck counts
▪ Reliability
▪ Congestion/delays

Trends and Issues
▪ Most participants felt the Laredo economy will grow faster than the rest of the state over the next 5 years
▪ Changes in trade policy, such as NAFTA, would have the most significant impact on freight flows in the region
▪ Changes in energy-related dynamics/policy, business practices, and consumer practices will increase freight flows
▪ E-commerce will have a large impact on freight volumes in Laredo

What will have the largest impact on the region’s economy?
- Business Climate 7%
- Trade Dynamics and Policy 84%
- Other 2%
- Energy Dynamics and Policy 5%
- Population Growth 2%
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Laredo
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Lubbock Workshop Round One
February 23, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendance: 34 participants
- The Ports-to-Plains Alliance President, Michael Reeves welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Lubbock attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Hazmat designation
- Access to markets
- Workforce retention
- Freight value
- Through movements
- Need to weight agriculture more heavily in the analysis process
- Oil/gas boom and bust

Trends and Issues
- Changes in energy-related dynamics/policy would have a considerable impact on freight flows
- Changes in the business climate/business practices and consumer practices are poised to increase freight movement
- Autonomous and connected trucks have the potential to impact freight movement in the area
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Lubbock
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Midland/Odessa Workshop Round One
February 22, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendance: 37 participants
- City of Midland, Councilman John B. Love welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Midland/Odessa attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Oil/gas movement
- Connectivity to freight generators
- North/south connectivity
- Access to I-20

Trends and Issues
- Most participants felt the local economy will grow faster than the rest of the state over the next 5 years
- Changes in energy-related dynamics and policy would have a large impact on freight flows, while changes in the business climate will also grow freight traffic
- Transloading will have a significant impact on freight movements in the region. Rail-to-truck diversions will be a major trend in shipping patterns
- Regulations/institutional settings regarding the carrier industry would significantly impact freight movements
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Midland/Odessa
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
San Antonio Workshop Round One
March 2, 2017

Workshop Overview
▪ Attendance: 34 participants
▪ The City of San Antonio, Mayor Ivy T. Taylor welcomed the group
▪ The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
▪ The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act Requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that San Antonio attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
▪ Truck volumes
▪ Multimodal connectivity
▪ Through vs. destination freight traffic
▪ Truck-friendly facilities
▪ Reliability/need for alternative routes
▪ Travel time
▪ Population growth
▪ Hazmat routes

Trends and Issues
▪ Most participants felt the San Antonio economy will grow faster than the rest of the state over the next 5 years
▪ Population growth will have strong impact on the regional economy
▪ Omni-channel marketing and distribution will be a key regional trend that affects the way freight moves
▪ Changes in business/consumer practices will cause freight travel in the area to grow
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in San Antonio
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update
Texarkana Workshop Round One
February 9, 2017

Workshop Overview
- Attendance: 25 participants
- The Texarkana City Manager, John Whitson welcomed the group
- The purpose of these statewide workshops was to inform stakeholders about the TFMP, receive their comments on key plan elements, and adjust the plan as necessary to incorporate their input
- The project team discussed the Freight Mobility Plan update process to meet FAST Act requirements and the eight key freight mobility challenges to be addressed

Freight System Designation
Some key criteria that Texarkana attendees recommended during the freight system designation discussion included:
- Freight volume
- Key supply chains in the region
- Military/defense
- Opportunities for export activity

Trends and Issues
- Participants indicated that changes in trade dynamics and policy, energy-related dynamics/policy, business practices, and consumer practices will all impact freight flows.
- Transloading will have a significant impact on freight movements in the region over the next 10 years, as will rail-to-truck diversions.
- Regulations/institutional settings regarding the carrier industry would significantly impact freight movements.
Key Freight Corridors Identified by Stakeholders in Texarkana