FREIGHT PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UNDER MAP-21
Signed by the President on July 6, 2012
Increased emphasis on freight transportation
New emphasis on performance management
Directs DOT to develop data and analysis tools to support data-driven freight analysis
- Asset Management
MAP-21 encourages development of State Freight Plans
- We issued guidance in Federal Register on October 15
- About 19 States already have State Freight Plans
- We were impressed by the quality of the plans that have already been done
- We incorporated their elements and statutory requirements into our guidance
Performance Management is a key focus of MAP-21

- For highways, transit, and freight
- We have broadened scope of freight measures to make them multi-modal
- Conditions and performance measures organized around goals
- Teams working on draft measures now
- We will do outreach to assess desirability, feasibility, appropriateness
This is a long-term effort
First report will focus on measures available now
But we recognize that the availability of measures varies greatly from mode to mode
For highways, we’ve been gathering data on conditions and performance for years
In other modes, like ports and railroads, we gather very little
Each report will expand range of measures
What kind of Plan do we want?
- Big Vision?
- Or lists of projects?
- Congress seems to want lists of projects

What should be the relationship between the National Freight Plan and the State Freight Plans?
- Both need to focus on the Role of Freight in the Economy

What elements should be included in the Plan?
Freight Data and Analysis Tools

- Commodity Flow Survey
- Freight Analysis Framework
- Panama Canal Report
- Report on Transportation Requirements for Exports
- Freight Demand Model
Issues for National Freight Plan

- Lots of issues to be decided
- What kind of National Freight Plan?
- What measures of Condition and Performance should we use?
- What data and tools are needed to plan?
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