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# **FREIGHT PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UNDER MAP-21**

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# 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



# State Freight Planning

- 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

# Freight Conditions and Performance Measures



- 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

# Freight Conditions and Performance Measures



- 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

# National Freight Strategic Plan



- 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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