



Minnesota Statewide Freight System Plan

Technical Team Meeting #2
December 4, 2014

We all have a stake in **A**  **B**



Agenda

- 1:00 pm Opening Remarks
- 1:10 pm Response and Welcome
- 1:20 pm Freight Plan Status Update
- 1:35 pm Working Topic #1: Performance Measures
- 2:00 pm Working Topic #2: Strategic Freight Network
- ~ **BREAK** ~
- 2:40 pm Report: Manufacturers Perspective on
Minnesota's Transportation System
- 3:00 pm Working Topic #3: Organization and Policy
- 3:25 pm Closing Remarks and Next Steps



Opening Remarks

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Minnesota DOT

*Director, Office of Freight and
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Response and Welcome

Technical Team Co-Chairs

Peter Dahlburg

Minnesota DOT

*Office of Freight and Commercial
Vehicle Operations*

Mark Schoenfelder

Minnesota DOT

Planning Director, District 6



Freight Plan Status Update

Erika Witzke

Cambridge Systematics



MN MAP-21 Compliant Freight Plan *Schedule and Major Milestones*

1 - Stakeholder Engagement / Education

Advisory Committee
Technical Team
Freight Summit
Industry & Public Meetings
Survey

2 - Data Synthesis & Baseline Assessment

Economic Context
System Inventory
Institutional Structure

3 - Freight Policy

Guiding Framework
Strategic Goals
Link to MinnesotaGO
Strategic Vision

4 - Project Development Guidance

Needs and Issues
Performance Measures
Strategic Freight Network

5 - Plan Implementation

Value of Freight Transportation Investments

Freight Action Agenda

A collaborative effort between MnDOT and the consultant team



Freight Action Agenda

A Freight Plan Product



*Continually monitor;
Report progress to freight
stakeholders;
Build relationships.*

- ▶ Outline Freight System Recommendations
 - Physical System
 - Operational
 - Policies and programs
- ▶ Provide implementation guidance on:
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Barriers and obstacles
 - Timing/phasing



MetroQuest

- ▶ Interactive online survey tool
- ▶ 1st Round Survey
 - Focused on freight system issues and needs
 - Over 500 responses, so far
 - **Available until Dec 19**
- ▶ 2nd Round Survey
 - Review recommendations and establish priorities

Take the survey!

<https://mnfreightplan.metroquest.com/>



Our Challenge How Should We Plan for the Future?

WELCOME

What should we do to improve the freight system in the state of Minnesota?

Minnesota GO
A Collaborative Vision for Transportation

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is asking for your assistance in developing the **Minnesota Statewide Freight System Plan. We appreciate your input!**

Click here to begin

This plan will assess the multimodal freight transportation system and develop a "Freight Action Agenda" to guide the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of goods within and through Minnesota.

A text version of the survey is available by clicking [here](#).
If additional assistance is needed, please contact adarequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4718.

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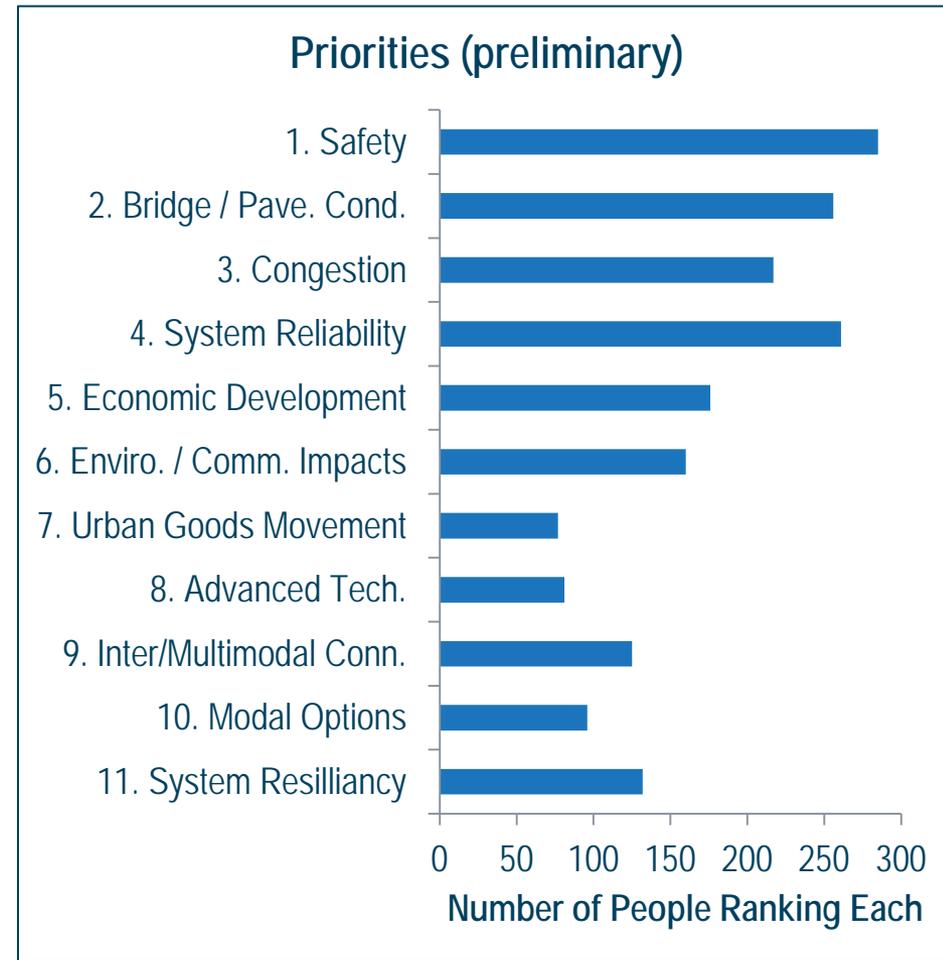
OVERVIEW 2
PRIORITIES 3
INTERACTIVE MAP 4
STAY INVOLVED 5

- ▶ Identified key needs through online map markers or in comments:
 - I-94 St. Cloud to Maple Grove
 - BNSF Railway between Big Lake and Clear Lake
 - Highway 212
 - I-35W/I-94 interchange



MetroQuest Findings

- ▶ Identified “Overall” priority areas for MnDOT
- ▶ Safety is #1
- ▶ Comments illustrate the link between different priorities,
 - “Congestion is a barrier to economic development”
 - “Railway systems should be more utilized...to free up trucks on the highway”



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Working Topic #1: Performance Measures

Rhonda

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- ▶ Placeholder for speaker slides, if needed

EDIT

Working Topic #2: Strategic Freight Network

Bobbi Retzlaf

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- ▶ Placeholder for speaker slides, if needed



10-15 Minute Break



Report: Manufacturers Perspective on MN's Transportation System

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Minnesota DOT

Director of Market Research



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Working Topic #3: Organization and Policy

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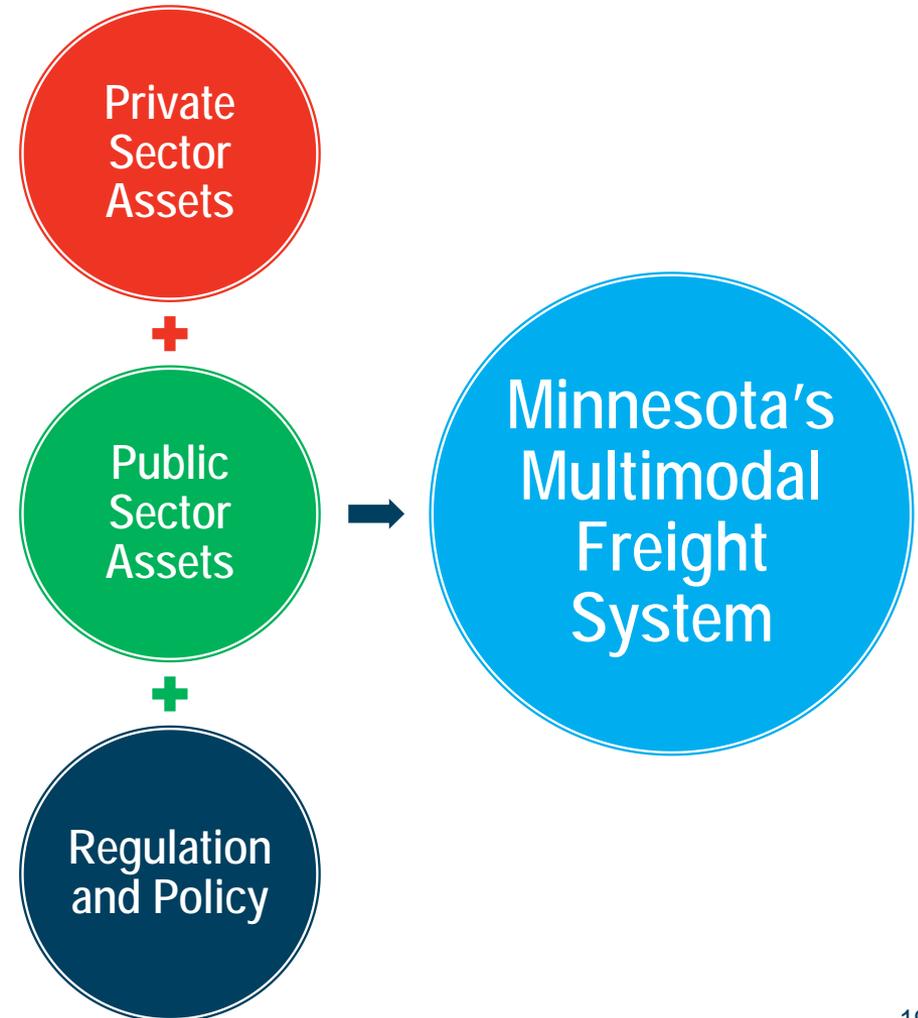
Organization and Policy (1)

- ▶ Ad Hoc group to be convened (Feb/Mar)
- ▶ Why explore topic?
 - MAP-21 Transportation Legislation
 - Need to Integrate Freight within MnDOT
 - Realize the Minnesota GO Vision
 - “Do More With Less”
 - Need for Internal and External Agency Education on Freight



Organization and Policy (2)

- ▶ Much of the freight system is owned and operated by private sector
- ▶ Goods movement is impacted by Federal, State and local regulations and policy
- ▶ How should MnDOT organized for freight planning and advancing freight projects?
- ▶ How should the private sector engaged in decisions that impact the freight system?



Closing Remarks and Next Steps

