

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- “Freight Coordinator” position
 - Not likely any time soon
 - Instead, develop freight planning expertise within a core group of staff
- “Freight Manager”
 - Recent discussions about need for position geared towards operations
 - Point of Contact for businesses with specific transportation needs (e.g. help with paperwork, route choice for moving oversize wind turbine components)
 - Issues of position funding, location within organization

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Freight planning
 - Connections 2030
 - Long range, all-modes state transportation plan
 - Variety of policies relating to freight
 - Overarching theme is for WisDOT to be more proactive
 - Corridor maps will show infrastructure improvements
 - Draft plan later this summer or fall
 - www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/connections2030.htm

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Truck Size & Weight Study
 - Mandated by current state budget
 - Goal is to identify changes in Wisconsin's truck size and weight regulations that will provide greatest economic benefits
 - Must be completed by January 2009

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Major highway projects
 - Reconstruction of Marquette Interchange (downtown Milwaukee)
 - I-94, I-43 and I-794
 - \$800 million, 2004-2008
 - On time, on budget
 - www.mchange.org

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Major highway projects
 - Reconstruction of I-94 between Milwaukee and Wisconsin-Illinois state line
 - 34 miles, 17 interchanges, frontage roads
 - Scheduled for 2009-2016
 - WisDOT prefers expansion from six lanes to eight
 - \$1.9 billion
 - www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d2/i94/index.htm

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Major highway projects
 - Reconstruction of Zoo Interchange (western Milwaukee County)
 - I-94, I-894 and U.S. 45
 - \$24 million engineering/environmental study underway
 - www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/sefreesways/zooindex.htm

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Freight rail projects
 - Freight Rail Preservation Program (FRPP)
 - Budget increases to accommodate growth in number/scope of projects
 - SFY 2004-05: \$4.5 million for biennium
 - SFY 2006-07: \$12 million for biennium
 - SFY 2008-09: \$22 million for biennium
 - Since program inception in 1980, \$92 million in grants awarded for rail acquisition and rehabilitation projects
 - www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/frpp.htm

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Freight rail projects
 - Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP)
 - Revolving loan program
 - Since inception in 1992, \$79 million in loans have been awarded
 - www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/friip.htm

Wisconsin Freight Activities

- Ports & harbors program
 - Harbor Assistance Program (HAP)
 - Budget increased in SFY 2008-09 to \$12.7 million per biennium to accommodate growth in number/scope of projects
 - Over \$50 million in grants awarded since 1980
 - www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/hap.htm