

# 2016 MAFC Annual Meeting Summary

## State-to-State Workshop

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On Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 11, 2016, the MAFC technical representatives and their partners met in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the MAFC Annual meeting. For the first time, the meeting was held in partnership with the MAASTO Annual Summer meeting.

The majority of the workshop time was spent on state-to-state discussions where each attendee talked about the big projects, successes, and issues they are working through in their agency. A summary of the state-to-state discussions are provide below.

### **Minnesota (John Tompkins and David Tomporowski)**

- Ongoing freight planning efforts in area:
  - o Twin Cities (metro council) truck route study
  - o Hennepin County (MPLS) freight study
- Studying freight performance measures using ATRI data and freight facility data
- Finishing state freight plan, editing it to make it MAP compliant
  - o Getting help from other departments in making the investment plan
- Received a TIGER grant for rail re-routing around a city
- TIGER grant for MN-169 in Scott County – rural improvements, submitted by Scott Co, not DOT
- Continued work on manufacturers perspectives studies – altering maintenance and operations

### **Iowa (Kyle Barichello)**

- In process of finalizing freight plan – all finished in July except investment plan
- Rail plan will be done soon (September), working on LRTP update, trying to figure out how to integrate SFP into LRTP
- FAST funding spent on 1 major project for 1<sup>st</sup> year (Council Bluffs interchange)
- Looking at designation processes for freight corridors
- LIFTS Program is running again
- FASTLANE award – logistics park in Cedar Rapids
  - o Came from the freight optimization study
  - o See article in American Shipper
- Project prioritization is a hot topic
- Dubuque MPO:
  - o Doing a freight study – trying to do a *rural* freight study – new area of work
  - o Asked FHWA for peer exchange on rural freight study
  - o Emphasis on Mississippi River bridge crossings
  - o Freight study to be done by end of October
  - o Do we need a freight model?
  - o What tools do we have for funding?

### **Illinois (Bruce Carmitchel, Jim Durako, DeAnna Smith)**

- Fragmented freight studies – trying to get them more unified
- Doing LRTP, SFP, SRP all at once – no consultants
- 7 freight studies going on in IL

- 3 or 4 from RPCs
  - Using freight advisory committee to facilitate communication?
  - Granting planning \$\$s to RPCS for plans, being used for SFP
- Critical urban corridors – more requests than available
- Not many requests for critical rural corridors – assigning remainder to interstates
- Trying to revitalize the FAC
- Doing rail plan in-house
- Received award from FRA for grade crossing separation
- TIGER awards for CTA and Springfield – relocating train traffic

### **Wisconsin (Donna Brown-Martin, Jennifer Sarnecki, Dave Leucinger)**

- Finishing freight plan draft late September
- Critical feedback from the FAC – very valuable
  - Drawn from umbrella organizations
  - Governor's Freight Summit
  - Face-to-face meetings
  - Feedback from tribes, EJ groups as well
- All of FAC's input helping to prioritize projects – went from 49 to 12.
- OSOW is a big issue/challenge for the state
- SFP is not highway focused
- Prioritization by weighting modes?
- Working in EJ communities to do a freight project buffer analysis
- John Tompkins (MN) has info on how to do tribal freight outreach
  - SRF made a map of freight impacts for EJ in MN

### **Indiana (Pam Fischer, Donna Luley, Kristen Brier)**

- Holding logistics summit with Conexus Indiana
- Port of Indiana and Quebec opportunities to improve maritime strategy
- OSOW Permit pilot in Chesterton – virtual weigh in motion + cameras
  - Enforcement test run
- Huge amount of OSOW traffic, 383k truck permits
- Blitz enforcement, 2,100 inspections, 1,700 enforcement actions
- Selected AECOM for TPIMS vendor
- Conexus studying truck routes, especially first-mile, last-mile

### **Ohio (Mark Locker)**

- Trying to figure out the freight investment plan
- No FAC – concerns about how to spend \$, and current focus on *studies*, not *plans*
- Working on marketing piece of freight plan
- Working on infographic marketing
- Statewide maritime study – Great Lakes and Ohio River
- Focus on 2-lane system for analysis of Corridors of Highest Significance
  - These roads serve industries that matter to Ohio
- Columbus OH won a Smart City grant
- Serving on Marine Transportation Advisory Council
- RTPOS- working on transportation planning with rural partners
- M70 Container on Barge group – CORBA in Cincy is working on setting up service
- Scoping update to SRP

### **Missouri (Cheryl Ball, Scott Marion, Mary Lamie)**

- Additional notes on COB (From Mary in St. Louis)
  - o Trying to pilot COB program, working on pilot run from Shanghai to NOLA, then on to STL.
  - o Need 23 containers, have 8, trying to get more
  - o Pilot run to get credibility – trying to market it as a response to supply chain disruptions
- Updating SFP to FAST compliance
- Not planning on updating SRP
- Started FAC – getting going in STL at local level
- Port Economic Impact Analysis using SPR funds
- Record year for port funding \$17.4 million in FY 17
- \$20 million one-time grant program “Missouri Moves” – 50% match required
- Shipping livestock at the airport
- They don’t do modeling – and it’s handicapping freight planning
- Passenger Rail and freight conflicts
- St. Louis Regional Freightway
- Trying to take on workforce shortages

### **Kansas (John Maddox, Davonna Moore)**

- Rail Plan and FAST Act updates – mid 2017
- Shortline Rail and 286K compatibility study
- FAC re-activated in May, also invited OK and NE
- Tiger grants to improve rail service west from Garden City
- Statewide truck parking analysis – due earlier this year
- Governor’s Rail Executive Forum – studying rail and truck interaction
- Transload facilities in rural areas – 2 selected sites opening end of year
- Harmonization is still a big issue

### **Kentucky (Casey Wells, Lynn Soporowski, and Laurie Kelsey)**

- Finishing freight plan, and then amending it to make FAST compliant
- River Port and Freight Rail programs/projects – leftover funds rolling into freight plans?
- Getting needs from USCG and USACE for freight plan
- Making a FAC
  - o Reps from major industries and freight people (motor carriers, rail)
- Critical Urban and Rural – making a basic map and list
  - o Looking at adding list of existing projects
- Water Transportation Advisory Board – port improvement program
  - o \$500,000 per annum for grants
  - o Leveraged \$3+ million with that \$500,000
- Rail Improvement Program – now available for *all* rail, not just shortlines
- 2 new OH river bridges
- Lexington got TIGER grant
- Laurie from KIPDA
  - o Implementing ITS architecture in area
  - o Working with Conexus to drum up projects
  - o Part of IN in Jeffersonville got TIGER funding
  - o Heavy haul road done
  - o Tolling operational on bridges in fall
  - o Working on metro transportation plan

- Building a FAC for the MPOS – starting with truckers
- OSOW permit office has paper files – making a new database of problem points
  - Might use this to build the project list

### **Michigan (Larry Karnes, Jesse Gwilliams, Elisha Defrain)**

- Finished LRTP – had a freight profile in LRTP
- Using freight profile to update SFP
- Fret plan fully integrated in LRTP in next update
- Done with new freight model in 7 years
- SEMCOG doing a CMV survey
- Commercial establishment survey
- Updating SRP – to feed into freight plan
- Hosting annual rail conference
- Council of Great Lakes Governors and Premiers is important
- Submitted 3 FASTLANE grants for interstate projects

### **Notes from the Panel on 8/10/16**

How has each state dealt with increased requirements and increased resources

- MO using STIP for fiscally-constrained project list
- MI – created a strategic freight system for prioritization

### **Critical Corridor Designations**

- IL reaching out to MPO/TMA to get miles
- MI – strategic freight system is their network – will move designations around based on projects
- WI – started in September
- MO- MPOs apply for projects, may be assigning critical status to winning projects

### **Opportunities for Freight Related Collaboration**

- MO – picking a commodity or supply chain in region and doing some dives down
- IL – creative financial planning
- WI – Looking at FACs across region – best practices and pull together
- OH – States are our best trading partners – treat region as one state –how does that look against the rest of us.

### **What categories are considered for freight formula funds?**

- IN – funding won't affect which projects are done – “not additional funding, *rearranged*”
- MI - Projects in freight plan – using 3 tier system
- MN – Planning purposes, rest areas, weigh stations
- IN – Resolving interstate corridor congestion
- MI – We should discuss shared maritime priorities – joint application for shared assets?
- MN – Truck parking – add locations? Prepare for crude-by-rail

### **FACs – what are your goals with them?**

- IA - Get feedback on SFP, write white papers
- KS – Input on plan, identify trends, needs, issues, develop transload facilities, corridor designations
- KY – Come up with goals, help with prioritization, gap analysis for missing areas

Other opportunities:

- IA – cross-state presentations to showcase other efforts
- KS – sharing of best practices
- KY – lost of border states and cross state MPOs – collaborate with SASHTO and ITTS?
- Get shippers perspectives