FREIGHT PLAN UPDATE/Critical Freight Corridors

Association of Texas MPOs 2017 Summer Meeting

July 17, 2017
Texas Freight Mobility Plan Update

- Update began in August 2016 to make TFMP fully FAST Act compliant:
  - Critical Urban Freight Corridors
  - Critical Rural Freight Corridors
  - Fiscally constrained investment plan
  - Chapters and data update
- Guided by 24-member and 12-ex-officio member Texas Freight Advisory Committee (TxFAC).
- Stakeholder input from two rounds of meetings in 11 cities.
- Public comments in September
- Final plan adoption expected in October
Texas Highway Freight Network (THFN) Designation

- Based on recommendations from TxFAC, the Draft Texas Highway Freight Network includes:
  - USDOT designated National Highway Freight Network;
  - All highways scoring 15 and above in the designation process;*
  - All highways on the Trunk System regardless of score; and
  - All highways on the previously adopted freight network regardless of score.
- Total miles: 21,793
THFN Designation Process

- The evaluation process scored every highway segment based on criteria measuring the role of the highway in supporting:
  - Economic competitiveness (20% of total score);
  - Goods movement (30% of total score);
  - Strategic supply chains (25% of total score); and,
  - Market access and connectivity (25% of total score)

Corridor Score: 64
Average score: 15
FAST Act directs FHWA to establish the National Highway Freight Network:

- **Network Components:**
  1. The primary highway freight system—FHWA defined and updated every 5 years;
  2. Critical rural freight corridors—TxDOT defined;
  3. Critical urban freight corridors—TxDOT and/or MPO defined;
  4. Portions of the interstate system not designated as part of the primary highway freight system.*

Projects on this network are eligible for National Highway Freight Program funding.

*If a state’s proportion of miles on the primary highway freight system equal or exceed 2%, the state may only use its apportioned funds on the primary highway freight system and critical rural and urban freight corridors.
Critical Freight Corridors

- Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs)
  - 10% of the state’s primary highway freight system mileage (372 miles for Texas)
  - Urbanized area with a population of 500,000 or more, the MPO in consultation with the state, designated the corridor.
  - Urbanized area with a population of less than 500,000, the state in consultation with the MPO, designates the corridor.

- Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs)
  - 20% of the primary highway freight system mileage in the state (745 miles for Texas)
  - Designated by the state
Critical Urban Freight Corridors
### Critical Urban Freight Corridors

#### MPOs Submitting CUFCs
- Alamo Area MPO
- Capital Area MPO
- El Paso MPO
- Hidalgo MPO
- Houston-Galveston Area Council
- North Central Texas Council of Governments

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**Subtotal** **299**
Critical Urban Freight Corridors

- TxDOT to designate remaining 74 miles
  - Highest scoring corridors from designation process
  - Stakeholder input
    - Input from TxFAC
    - Consultation with MPOs
    - Input from workshops
  - Qualifying project in UTP in next 5 years
## Final Draft TxDOT Identified Critical Urban Freight Corridors

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[https://tinyurl.com/ybgndbte](https://tinyurl.com/ybgndbte)
FHWA Certification:

- Large Area MPOs should prepare certification letter to FHWA through TxDOT noting their process of selecting corridors and documenting consultation with TxDOT in the process.

- TxDOT will prepare certification letter for remaining 73 miles of CUFC and bundle letters from the six large area MPOs into one certification packet for submission to FHWA.

- The CUFC submittal must include the route number, the starting point, the end point, the length of the corridor in centerline mileage and the CUFC Identification Route/Facility Descriptor (H, I, J or K).

- Request certification letters from large area MPOs by Friday, July 28.
TFMP Update Upcoming Activities

TxFAC meetings:
- July 20, Houston.
  - CUFCs and CRFCs for TxFAC review and approval.
  - Draft plan chapters for TxFAC review.
- August 24, Dallas.
  - Final draft TFMP Update for TxFAC review.
  - Freight Transportation Implementation Plan for TxFAC review.

Plan adoption by TTC: October 26 (expected)
Plan submission to FHWA: November 2 (expected)
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