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Regional Freight Mobility Plan



Coordinating Committee Meeting #6

August 4, 2016
9:30am – 11:30am

*Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation - Carolina Room
5841 Brookshire Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28216*

MEETING SUMMARY

ATTENDEES

Name	Organization
Jessica Hill	CCOG
Michelle Nance	CCOG
Phil Conrad	CRMPO
David Gray	SCDOT
Diane Lackey	SCDOT
Bjorn Hansen	GCL MPO
Dana Stoogenke	Rocky River RPO
Jenny Humphreys	CDM Smith
Krista Goodin	CDM Smith

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Plan Schedule and Progress Report
- Goals and Objectives and Freight Network
- Land Use and Economic Analysis
- Update on Survey Data Collection
- Performance Measures, Strategies and Project Prioritization
- Project Recommendations and Plan Outline
- Next Steps
- Networking Lunch with Steering Committee

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MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome & Introductions

Jessica Hill with CCOG welcomed the attendees. She mentioned that Terry Arellano with NCDOT contacted her requesting what state freight data the CCOG's partners may need so they can coordinate the data requests. A number of regions are requesting data and NCDOT wants to find some efficiency in pulling the data. Jessica said she will coordinate the request with the MPOs.

Plan Schedule and Progress Report

Jenny Humphreys with CDM Smith discussed the remaining deliverables for the finalization of the freight plan and listed target dates for draft reports.

Land Use and Economic Analysis

Jenny briefly discussed the Land Use and Economic Analysis Tech Memo. She suggested reviewing the tech memo sometime before the next meeting in September, possibly during a webinar. The group discussed the possible sensitivity of document. The group suggested that partners are more likely to give discreet, real feedback if information is at a minimum of county level data. Jessica mentioned that CCOG could give a two week turnaround for MPOs to receive feedback from their counties.

Freight Network

Jenny gave an overview of how the freight network was developed.

Discussion

- Jessica mentioned that CCOG is coordinating with NCDOT on the critical and urban corridors. Jenny is coordinating with SCDOT
- SCDOT is working on areas that are missing in the freight network, for example I-77
- Check US 321 on the map, it is split in northern Lincoln County
- In Stanly County, route NC 26 should be NC 24
- 521 South through Lancaster County is not on the map
- Not sure about keeping 281 in the freight network
- Jenny suggested thinking about parallel facilities to the main interstates for the network in case of incidents
- Add 152 in southern Rowan County between 52 and I-85; Jenny stated she will check the truck volumes on that route
- Concord Regional Airport is labeled but not the Charlotte Douglas International Airport, need to remove the airport label

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- Are these maps showing state and local feedback or just local? Jenny said it's local input but is in line with USDOT

Performance Measures, Strategies and Project Prioritization

Jenny reviewed the performance measures for each goal area and asked the attendees for feedback: Have performance measures been a big part of how the MPOs have been doing business? Are they a big part of how local plans are implemented?

Discussion

- Performance measures can be helpful in choosing projects or policy changes, but getting the data could take years
- For congestion measures, SCDOT is using INRIX data, are other areas using it? If there are two different sources of data being utilized, it may be difficult for some localities to collect, process, and report the data
- Goal 1 PMs:
 - There is concern with the rail performance measure for tracking 286 lbs. and whether coordination with private sector would be necessary. We need to look into whether the shortline performance measure is possible to track
 - We do not need a performance measure for each objective
 - It was suggested to add potential sources of data for the performance measures
- Goal 2 PMs:
 - Coverage of the roadway network for incident management in North Carolina has been limited. Can we clearly state more coverage on interstates to improve our response to incidents capabilities?
- Goal 3 PMs:
 - Has there ever been discussion in other freight plans about preserving right of way for freight modes?
- Goal 4 PMs:
 - Add "RPO" to first PM and consider changing "ratings" to "design values", compare language to FAST Act
 - Add language to final plan regarding guidance for localities, MPOs, and RPOs on how they can use this plan
- Goal 5 PMs:
 - What is the source for annual hours of truck delay? The source data for the chokepoints is FAF data and should be mode neutral
- Goal 6 PMs:
 - Change "Number of empty backhaul movements" to "Number of empty backhaul trips", delete the freight investment tracking process as a PM and instead add as a program/ recommendation; CCOG will have a follow up discussion with NCDOT on this

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- Goal 7 PMs:
 - “Establishment of coordination...” PM – add private partners and state agencies; for “Number of regional freight stakeholders meetings held” change to recommendation as a policy or program for tracking participation. The FAC can determine how they want to track their meetings
- Jenny will circulate the PPT to the Coordinating Committee, comments on performance measures due August 19th

Update on Survey Data Collection

Jenny gave a brief summary of the survey responses.

Discussion

- Consider doing polling as part of a webinar
- Jessica will send out the survey to the Coordinating Committee and request they send it out to their partners
- Prime Focus, LLC will be doing 1 on 1 interviews in August and September with some freight stakeholders

Project Recommendations and Plan Outline

Jenny gave a brief overview of the project recommendations and Final Plan outline.

Discussion

- In the Final Plan there needs to be more explanation of how the Freight Plan came to be
- More information on state and federal requirements should be included in the Final Plan

Decisions Made

- Jenny will send the list of needs out to the Coordinating Committee members
- Jessica will email the deadlines for comments and links to documents to the Coordinating Committee members
- Jessica will send out the survey link to the Coordinating Committee members and ask them to share with their partners