Regional Models of Cooperation
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Purpose & Background

Promote cooperation and coordination across MPO and State boundaries to develop a regional approach to transportation planning

Supported by:

• Planning Emphasis Area (PEA) Fiscal Year 2016
• Every Day Counts (EDC-3)
Why is Enhanced Coordination Needed?

Multiple Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Coordinated Regional Planning
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Recognize mutual needs, goals, and objectives of the geographic region as a whole
Regional Models of Cooperation: Implementation Activities

1. Peer Exchange Workshops
2. Webinar Series
3. Handbook
Peer Exchange Workshops

• Precursor activities:
  – Pilot workshop in Charlotte in Summer 2014
  – Regional EDC-3 Summit in Charlotte in Fall 2014

• Upcoming workshops supporting similar efforts in other regions:
  – November 30, Anchorage, Alaska
  – December 15, Columbus, Ohio
  – Additional workshops in 2016 TBD
Miami/Southeast Florida

• Addresses regional issues through coordination between three MPOs

• Successfully introduced express bus routes along I-95 using managed lanes

• Nationally-recognized freight planning cooperation

Miami-Dade/Broward 95 Express Bus. (Courtesy Miami-Dade MPO)
Minnesota/Wisconsin Regional Freight Planning

• A bi-state council facilitates collaboration between two state DOTs and other stakeholders

• Collaborative planning process strengthens relationship with freight community and government partners

Image of freight train and motor carriers serving the Port of Duluth-Superior. (Photo courtesy of MIC)
Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Program (CREATE)

• Established organization with representatives from Association of American Railroads and State and city DOTs

• 21 completed projects have reduced freight travel times by 30 percent

CREATE grade separation project GS15a under construction at 130th St. and Torrance Ave. in Chicago
Thank You!

For more information on the Regional Models of Cooperation initiative, please visit:

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/regional_models/