

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: April 10, 2018

LENGTH: 30 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Regional Freight Strategy Update

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- *Purpose:* Provide the Metro Council with an opportunity to discuss the draft 2018 Regional Freight Strategy, including regional freight policies, a revised Regional Freight Network map, and proposed actions that address each of the freight policies. The 2018 Regional Freight Strategy will replace the current Regional Freight Plan (June 2010).
- *Outcome:* The Metro Council provides input on the draft Regional Freight Strategy supporting the 2018 Regional Freight Plan update.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The Metro Council will be asked to consider adoption of the final Regional Freight Strategy in December of 2018, as part of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. The RTP defines a vision and supporting policies to guide investments in the region's multimodal freight network. The 2018 Regional Freight Strategy updates and replaces 2010 Regional Freight Plan. The Regional Freight Strategy will define how the region can enhance freight and goods movement. With the help of MTAC, TPAC, JPACT, and the Regional Freight Work Group, staff has produced a discussion draft of the Regional Freight Strategy since the strategy was last before Metro Council in May of 2017.

At the May 2017 work session, Metro Council directed staff to add a new freight safety policy. Metro Council will be reviewing the seven updated Regional Freight Network policies and map that will be included in Chapter 2 of the 2018 RTP. Metro Council will be asked to provide input on the policies and actions that could support regional freight and goods movement.

Key updates to the Regional Freight Network Map:

- Added a new designation to identify Regional Intermodal Connectors
- Map has a larger format with insets that focus on freight facilities and improve readability

The proposed new and updated freight policies are:

1. Plan and manage our multimodal freight transportation infrastructure using a systems approach, coordinating regional and local decisions to maintain seamless freight movement and access to industrial areas, and intermodal facilities.
2. Manage first-rate multi-modal freight networks to reduce delay, increase reliability, improve safety and provide shipping choices.
3. Educate the public and decision-makers on the importance of freight and goods movement issues.

4. Pursue a sustainable multi-modal freight transportation system that supports the health of the economy, communities and the environment through clean, green and smart technologies and practices.
5. Integrate freight mobility and access needs into land use and transportation plans and street design to protect industrial lands and critical freight corridors with access to commercial delivery activities.
6. Invest in our multi-modal freight transportation system, including road, air, marine and rail facilities, to ensure that the region and its businesses stay economically competitive.
7. Eliminate fatalities and serious injuries caused by freight vehicle crashes with passenger vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, by improving roadway and freight operational safety.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Does the Metro Council have any feedback or concerns related to the revised policies or map that should be addressed as part of finalizing the Regional Freight Strategy for public review?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What other materials are you presenting today?

1. Regional Freight Strategy Discussion Draft (March 22, 2018)
2. Regional Freight Concept (Figure 5 in the discussion draft)
3. Regional Freight Network Map (Figure 6 in the discussion draft)