

ERPC Freight Plan

Draft Plan Outline

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Note: This is an annotated outline as a starting point for Phase 2. It will be reviewed and refined with the ERPC/ODOT work group at the start of Phase 2 and used to build the various components, adjusting as beneficial throughout the plan's development.

1. Plan Purpose and Organization

- Purpose
 - Federal and State Policy Direction: expanded emphasis on freight planning
 - Federal requirement including accelerated freight planning update
 - Federal performance measures related to freight, e.g. safety
 - ODOT framework for freight planning
 - Trends in Freight Planning
 - Integration of freight with regional transportation planning and investment
 - Coordinated action between state, regional and private/other stakeholders
 - Foundation for prioritizing investments
 - Public awareness
- Plan Organization by Goals

2. State of Freight (summary/excerpts from the Regional Profile; full profile to be appended)

- Economy
 - Population and Households
 - Industry and Organization
 - Markets and Influences
- Freight's Role in the Regional Economy
 - Jobs
 - Commodities – logistics and supply chain
 - Modes
 - Technology
 - Economic Efficiency and Cost Containment
- Freight System & Operations: Existing and Planned Infrastructure

3. Goals and Objectives with Performance Measures

- Land Use
- Systems and Operations
 - Safety
 - Access
 - Intermodal Connections
 - ITS and Technology
 - Education and Awareness
- Economic Development
 - Leveraging the Freight System for Economic Performance

- Freight Needs by Sectors or Industry Types
 - Strategic Partnerships and Alliances (Collaboration)
 - Federal modal agencies
 - ODOT
 - Regional shippers and carries
 - Economic development organizations
- 4. **Action Plan** (may carry the goals as framework or possibly be integrated with goals above)
 - Policy
 - Freight Stakeholder Collaboration
 - Project Development
- 5. **Investment Plan**
 - Overview
 - Funding sources
 - Traditional
 - New programs, e.g. from IIJA/BIL
 - Public-Private Investments
 - Candidate Projects, including multi-modal elements
 - Tracking and Reporting

Appendices

1. Regional Freight Profile
2. Other - TBD