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Mission and Goals

Mission: To **optimize** the region's freight transportation network through public and private partnerships.

Goals: To produce results that **strengthen the St. Louis region** by increasing job growth through manufacturing and logistics, and improving the local economy.

- **Regional Freight Needs Analysis and Development Plan** - Maximizing funding opportunities through public-private partnerships and improving multimodal capabilities.
- **Develop and implement a Marketing Plan** – St. Louis Region is recognized as national and global premier freight hub.

St. Louis Regional Freightway

Members include manufacturing, logistics, industrial real estate, workforce development, economic development organizations, academia, all modes of transportation both the IDOT and MoDOT and the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Needs Analysis and Freight Development Committee

Chairman Mike McCarthy, President

Terminal Rail Association of St. Louis (TRRA)

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Project selection was based on the following criteria:

- Economic Impact
- Multimodal Impact
- Efficiency Impact
- Safety and Security in Travel

Nationally significant projects include:

- Merchants Bridge (TRRA) over the Mississippi River
- Improvements to Interstate 270 in IL and MO

Projects that improve access to the transportation network include:

- North Riverfront Commerce Improvement Project in North St. Louis
- Illinois Route 3 Improvements in East St. Louis and Sauget, IL

New 2017 Projects

Improving Access to the Multimodal Transportation Network Projects:

- **Mississippi River Port Development Projects (MO)** – *Crystal City Port & New Access Road, St. Louis County North/South Sites and City of St. Louis South Riverfront Site Preparation*
- **Illinois Route 158 (Air Mobility Drive) Expansion from Route 161 to Route 177 (IL)** – *Extension from Scott Air Force Base Access to the South*
- **North Park Access Improvements (MO)** – *Hanley Road Relocation and Reconstruction Projects*
- **Earth City Access Improvements (MO)** – *St. Charles Rock Road Improvements (MO 180)*

Improving the Multimodal Transportation Network Projects:

- **I-70 Improvements from I-64 Interchange (MO) to the Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge** – 40-mile Corridor from Wentzville, MO to the Mississippi River (MO)
- **I-64 Improvements from Green Mount Road to Illinois Route 158 (Air Mobility Drive) (IL)** – Widening I-64 to 6 lanes
- **Kaskaskia Regional Port District Improvements (IL)** – Outbound Conveyor Upgrade and Retrofit

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2017 Multimodal Project List - Action Items

Coordinate project list during critical freight and logistic meetings with key decision makers:

- **Dec 2016**: USDOT Mid-South (Memphis) Mega Region Workshop – Presented list of projects
- **Feb 21 2017:** IL State Senate Transportation Hearing –Multimodal Transportation
- **May 10 2017:** Released project list during Freight Summit to the media and posted on the TheFreightway.com
- **June 6-7 2017:** US, MO, and IL Chambers of Commerce STL Regional Infrastructure Conference –Presented list of projects
- **Aug 28-29 2017:** USDOT Midwest (Chicago) Mega Region Workshop –Presented list of projects
- **Oct 17 2017:** MO Transportation Task Force Hearing –Roads and Bridges
- **Oct 19 2017:** Request for USDOT letters of support for 2017 INFRA grant application for the replacement of the Merchants Bridge
- **Nov 1-2 2017:** Congressional Delegation meetings in D.C. for Merchants Bridge funding
- **Nov 14 2017:** Industry Forum with MoDOT, IDOT, Boeing –The Importance of Infrastructure Investment to Manufacturing and the St. Louis Region's Economy
- **Nov 15 2017:** MO Transportation Task Force Hearing –Multimodal Transportation
- **MoDOT State Freight Plan** and **IL State Freight Advisory Committee**

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New Ag and Fertilizer Barge Transfer Facilities

Most recent ag and fertilizer barge transfer facilities came on line.

- **COFCO** (2016) – New facility
- **America's Central Port** –Madison Harbor (2015, $50 mil) – New facility
- **Louis Dreyfus** (2013) – New facility
- **Municipal River Terminal** - (2013) - Existing facility w/ $20 mil -new dock and (2017) $8.5 mil –rail unit train improvements
- **Bunge** (2011) – New facility
- **Consolidated Grain & Barge** (2010) – New facility

A permit (2017) for an additional barge transfer facility was recently approved by the USACE.

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The Ag Coast of America

- A **15-mile section of the Mississippi River** in the St. Louis region delivers the **highest level of grain barge handling capacity** anywhere along the river
- Now being called the **"Ag Coast of America"** in terms of barge transfer facilities for agriculture and fertilizer products
- Result of growing demand for agricultural exports, as well as **cost-effective** and **efficient transfer facilities**

St. Louis Region's Barge Advantages

- **Geographic advantage**
  - Central location in the country
  - Strategic location on the Mississippi River
  - Northernmost ice-free & lock-free access on the Mississippi River to and from the Gulf of Mexico
- **Intermodal connectivity**
  - Shippers with access to multi-modes of transportation typically have more competitive transportation costs
  - Helps maximize and enhance existing truck and rail transportation intermodal capabilities
- **Excess capacity** at river terminals & high concentrations of barges

TheFreightway.com Provides Privately Owned River Terminal & Public Port Information

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