

Steering Committee Meeting #1

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Downtown Huntington Access Study



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MEETING NOTES



Issues and Priorities

- ❑ Integrate airport master planning
- ❑ Enhance accessibility for freight to airport
- ❑ Creating arterials to serve existing and future industrial areas
- ❑ Enhance mobility for existing roads through improved roadway characteristics
- ❑ Find adequate parking for marine vessels
- ❑ Focus on nodal improvements to enhance overall system
- ❑ Consider national events leading to regional opportunity
- ❑ Consider land use allocations/opportunities along Ohio River
- ❑ Improve education/public relations relating freight to resident uses



Issues and Priorities

- ❑ Data coordination and collaboration needs to be enhanced - a central database
- ❑ Help the effort in charrettes by raising the tough issues
- ❑ Regional needs and priorities are shifting; cooperation now even more important
- ❑ Consider the needs not only of emerging economic base (hospital, tech, service) but also of traditional uses
- ❑ Development of Hal Greer/access across Hal Greer critically important to Cabell/Huntington
- ❑ We need to create a diverse range of industries



Issues and Priorities

- ❑ St. Mary's is in residential area – poses challenges for access, EMS
- ❑ Economic challenges will arise for hospitals w/o diverse job growth
- ❑ Gateways to the city are not appealing – viaducts
- ❑ Enhanced access to university is important
- ❑ Want to reroute fed. Designation off of 5th Street – possibly convert to pedestrians areas
- ❑ Need improved access to airport + other major hubs
- ❑ Goal is to serve constituency at a high level
- ❑ Providing high-level emergency services can help attract new residents



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- ❑ Consider long-range growth plans for Huntington
- ❑ How do we incorporate technology/telecommunications
- ❑ We need to support expansion of employment hubs through transportation improvements
- ❑ How do we best integrate complete streets
- ❑ How can we better enhance access to Huntington from OH?
- ❑ Look at improving existing bridges
- ❑ Consider new crossing locations + payment methods
- ❑ We need to tie together the entire area as one big MPO



Issues and Priorities

- ❑ Establish an identity for the region for promoting priorities to state, federal decisionmakers
- ❑ Use Charleston as model for cohesive identity
- ❑ Think about access/needs of VA Hospital
- ❑ Viaducts and Huntington access during rain events; 5th and 3rd Avenues are critical needs
- ❑ Delivering a realistic plan with declining purchasing power
- ❑ Consider performance measures to better position ourselves for funding
- ❑ Seek out a range of funding opportunities