

KYOVA Freight Planning Activities and Initiatives*



Freight Planning

The Huntington, WV-KY-OH Transportation Management Area (TMA) considers freight mobility and intermodal transportation key parts of the overall planning process as it is important to the economic vitality of the region. In addition, the importance of freight mobility has been recognized by the United States Congress, which included increased emphasis on freight planning within the last five (5) transportation bills.

KYOVA Freight Plan

Over the last decade, the incorporation of freight issues into the policy, planning and programming activities of state department of transportation (DOTs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) has received significant focus from federal transportation agencies, business and industry leaders and the U. S. Congress. In 2022 KYOVA completed the Boyd/Greenup Freight Plan and is scheduled to have a regional plan by FY 2027. The following activities may be integrated into the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA Freight Analysis.

- Data Collection
- Identifying freight needs and deficiencies
- Developing regional freight profile
- Identification of freight projects
- Developing freight project evaluation criteria
- Identifying innovative funding and financing techniques
- Developing freight performance measures
- Outreach and public input
- Establishment of Freight Committee

Additionally, KYOVA's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) incorporates freight and freight planning – See Chapter 6.7. The 2050 MTP can be found at this link: https://www.kyovaipc.org/KYOVA_2050_MTP_Final.pdf.

Other Freight Initiatives and/or Cooperative Planning Activities

Freight Mobility and Economic Productivity

Freight mobility is dependent on a transportation system that can move goods efficiently and safely and therefore, is essential for economic productivity and growth in the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA region. Airports, ports, and other freight activity centers as well as the railroad network have been a cornerstone of local and regional economic prosperity. Growth of these economic generators will largely depend on the region's ability to improve and maintain efficient transportation connections within the region as well as links to other regional and statewide corridors. Improving access to the freight activity centers is an important factor in attracting new industry and associated jobs that will help stimulate the local economy. Below list a few of the Freight Activity Centers (FAC) located within the KYOVA Planning area with the links to their website.

Huntington Tri-State Airport: <http://tristateairport.com>

Greenup-Boyd County Riverport Authority/Wurtland Riverport: <https://www.riverportatwurtland.com/>

Ashland Regional Airport: <https://airportguide.com/airport/info/KDWU>

East Park Industrial Park: <http://eastparkky.com>

SouthPoint Industrial Park: http://www.lawrencecountyohio.org/the_point

Central Appalachian Inland Port at Prichard (formerly Heartland Intermodal Gateway-Prichard) – owned by Wayne County Commission: <https://waynecountywv.org/index.php>

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State Freight Initiatives (WV, KY and OH)

KYOVA coordinates with the West Virginia Department of Highways, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Ohio Department of Transportation during their Freight Plan development. KYOVA considers each states freight planning programs and outcomes and incorporate those areas that align with KYOVA's goals and objectives. Each of the three (3) state DOTs within our planning area have dedicated a portion of their website to Freight. Links to each of those freight initiatives are listed below.

West Virginia: <https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/Pages/Freight-Plan.aspx>

Kentucky: <https://transportation.ky.gov/MultimodalFreight/Pages/FreightPlanningHome.aspx>

Ohio: https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/static/Programs/TransportOhio/TransportOhio_StatewideFreightPlan.pdf

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