

# Freight Partnership Survey

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## Survey Overview



### ➤ Purpose

- ❖ Provide transportation stakeholders with a better understanding of what organizations are doing in freight transportation planning and implementation.
- ❖ Set a baseline to develop performance measures.
- ❖ Gather information to share best practices.
- ❖ Develop a list of Freight Advisory Councils.

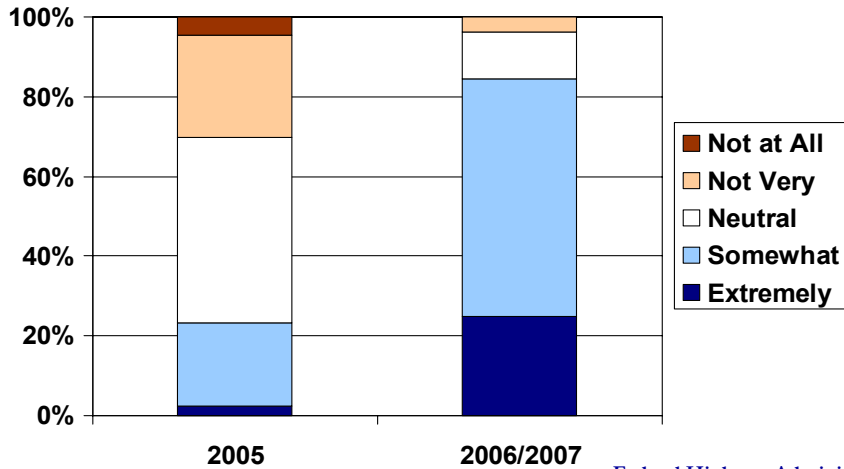
### ➤ Responses

- ❖ From FHWA Division Offices – 52
- ❖ From MPOs and Regional Councils – 84

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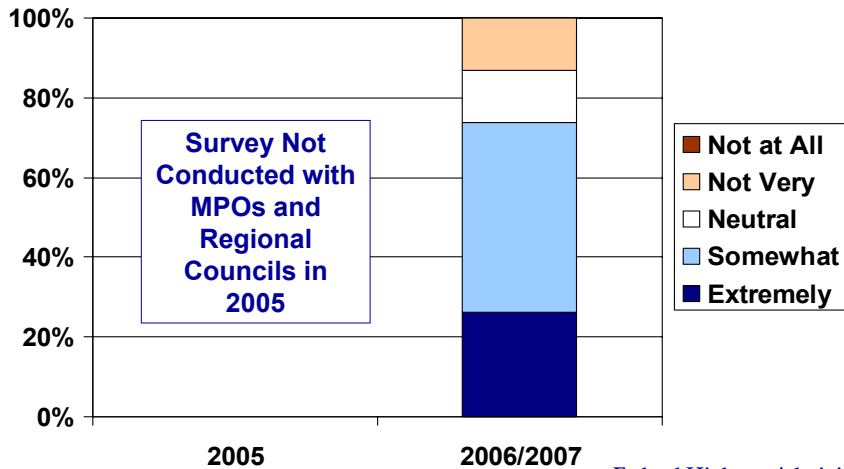


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# How High a Priority is Freight Transportation in Your Organization?



## MPOs and Regional Councils



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## *What High Priority Freight Issues Do You Foresee in the Next 5-10 Years?*



### **FHWA Division Offices 2006/2007**

#### **In Your State ...**

- Congestion
- Commercial Vehicles
- Rail
- Intermodal Connections/  
Planning/Facilities
- Water/Ports

#### **For the Nation ...**

- Congestion
- Operations/Capacity
- Commercial Vehicles
- Security
- Funding/Resources

## *What High Priority Freight Issues Do You Foresee in the Next 5-10 Years?*



### **FHWA Division Offices 2005**

#### **For Your State and For the Nation ...**

- Increased Planning
- Capacity & Congestion
- Funding
- Rail
- Land Use
- Safety and Security

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### **MPOs and Regional Councils 2006/2007**

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## *What Are the Priority Freight Initiatives in Your State?*



### **FHWA Division Offices**

#### **2005**

- Refining Freight Route  
Systems
- Rail Integration
- Trucks
- Developing a Plan for  
Freight Transportation
- Air Quality
- Other Multi-Modal Initiatives

#### **2006/2007**

- Rail Projects
- Road Improvements
- Congestion Initiatives
- Port Projects
- Corridor Development/  
Enhancements

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## *What Are the Priority Freight Initiatives in Your Region or Locality?*



### **MPOs and Regional Councils**

- Road Improvements
- Rail Projects
- Freight Plan/Freight Study
- Intermodal Facilities
- Congestion Initiatives

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## *Are the Priority Freight Initiatives included in the TIP/STIP and LRP?*



	<b>FHWA Division Offices</b>	<b>MPOs and Regional Councils</b>
<b># of Initiatives Listed</b>	114	181
<b>Included in the TIP/STIP</b>	51.75%	35.36%
<b>Articulated in the LRP</b>	66.67%	76.80%

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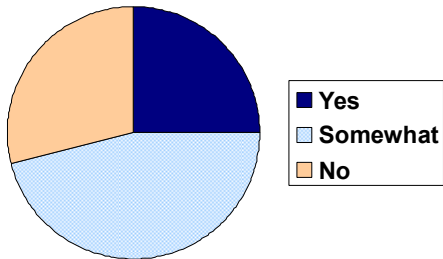
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# Freight Leadership

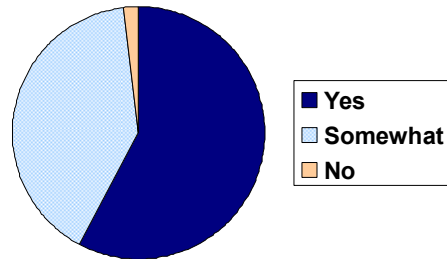


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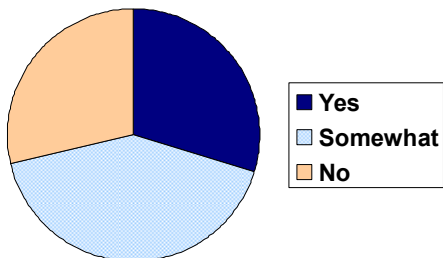


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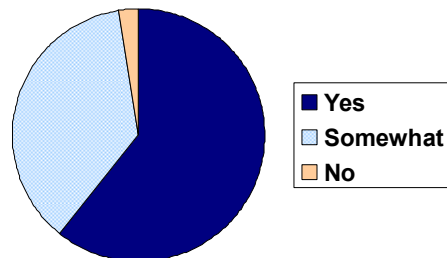


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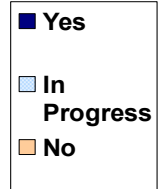
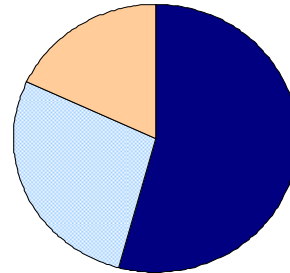
# Does your organization have a Freight Plan or a freight element within your LRTP?



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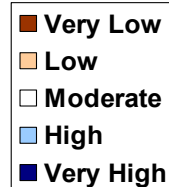
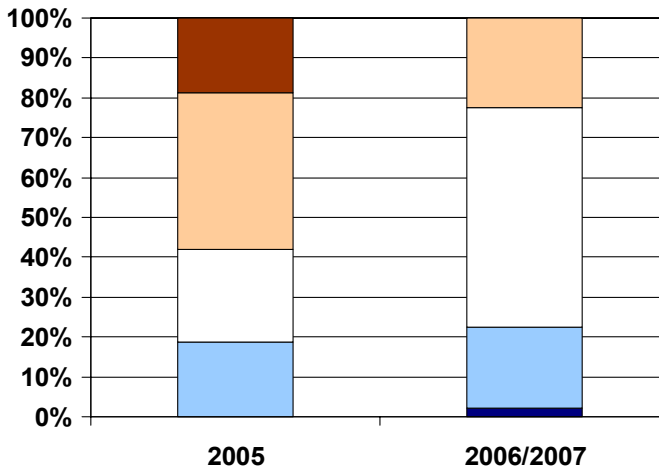
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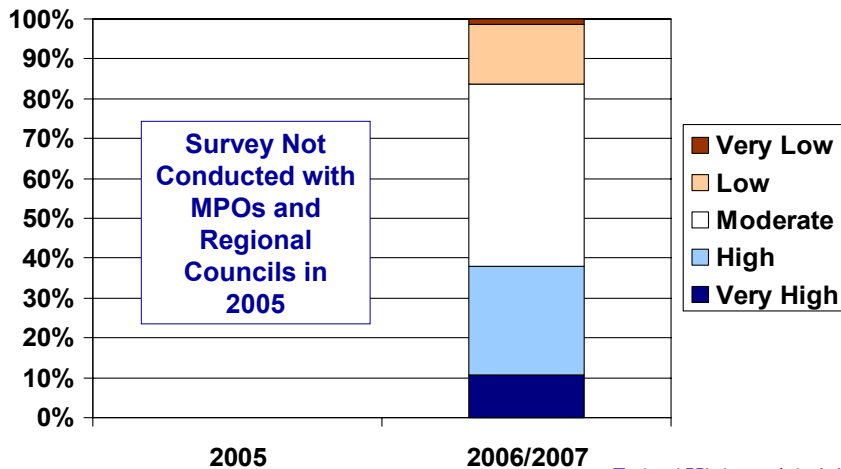
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## Training and Technical Assistance



### FHWA Division Offices

#### What are your top training needs related to freight?

- Engaging the Private Sector in Freight Transportation Planning
- Financing Freight Projects
- General Freight Planning

#### What are your top technical assistance needs?

- Developing a Freight Plan
- Developing Freight Performance Measures
- Gathering Comprehensive Freight Data

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# Training and Technical Assistance



## MPOs and Regional Councils

### What are your top training needs related to freight?

- Freight Forecasting
- Freight Data and Performance Measures
- Engaging the Private Sector
- Freight Logistics (including Intermodal and Supply Chain)

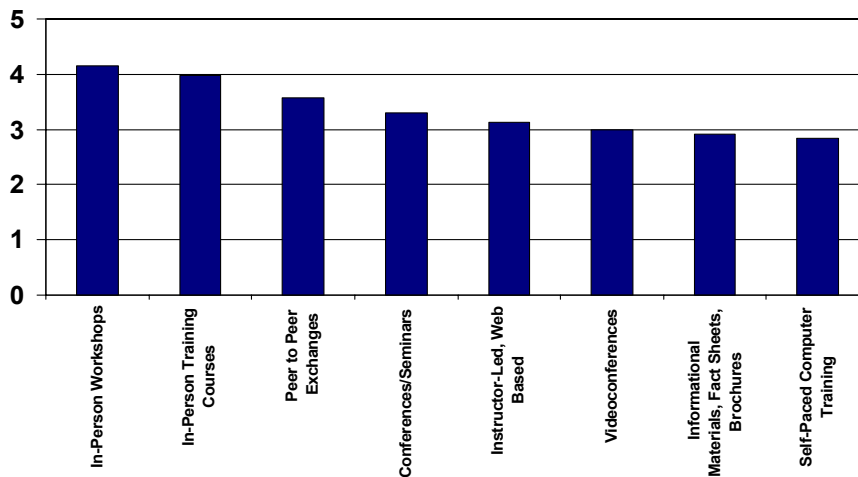
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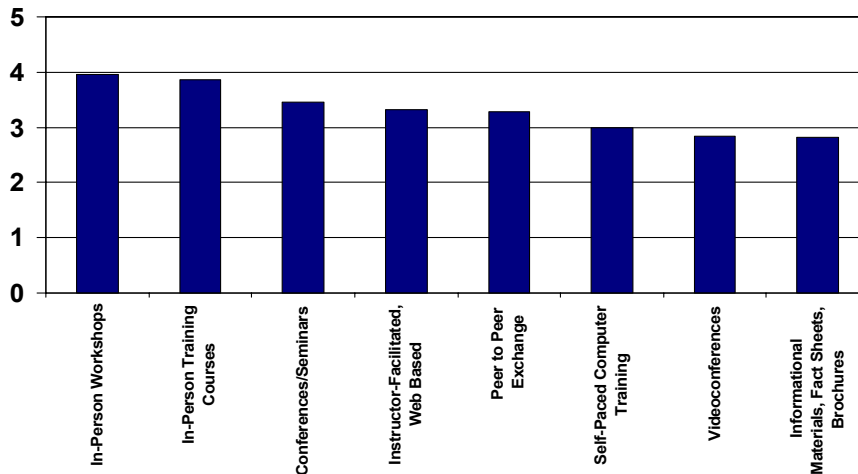
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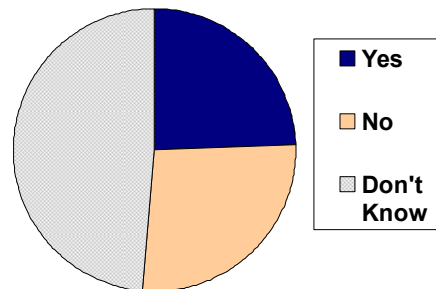
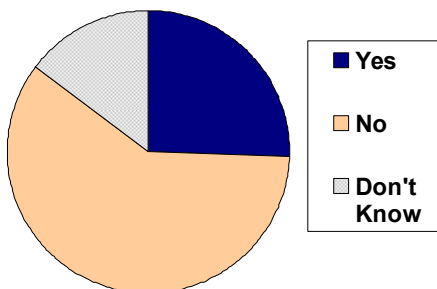
# Freight Policy Framework



## MPOs and Regional Councils

Organization is familiar with the Draft Framework for a National Freight Policy ...

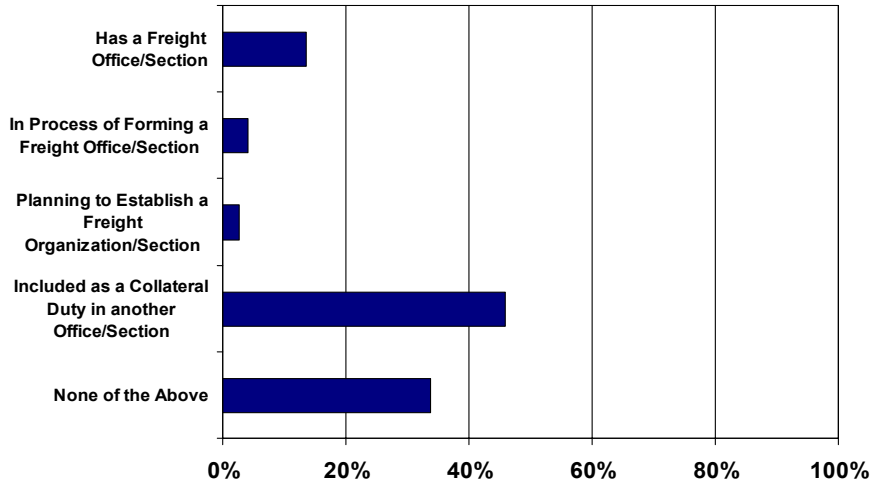
Organization is planning on implementing strategies/tactics from the Framework ...



# Formalizing Freight in Organizations



## MPOs and Regional Councils

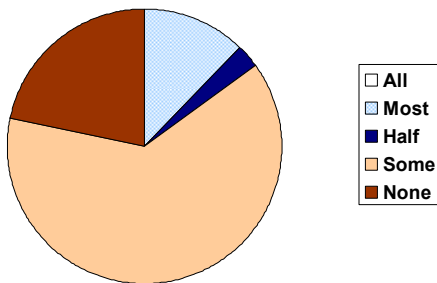


# From Planning to Project Implementation



## MPOs and Regional Councils

How successful are you in moving freight projects past the planning stage?



What do you need to be successful?

- Funding/Resources
- Better understanding of freight projects/needs
- Freight industry involvement

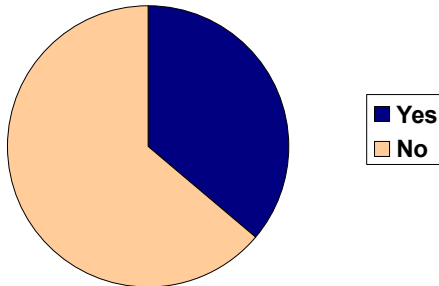
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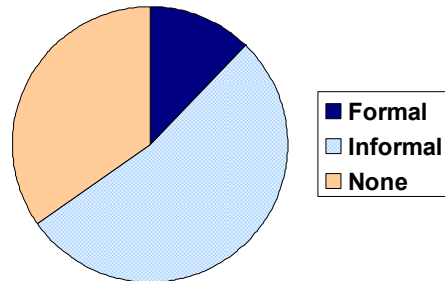
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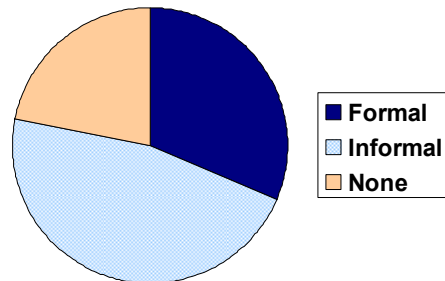
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Survey Not Conducted with MPOs and Regional Councils in 2005

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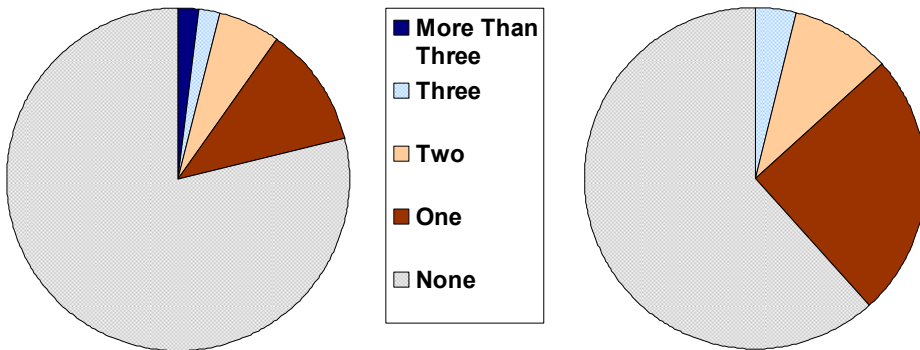
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Multi-Jurisdictional Coalitions



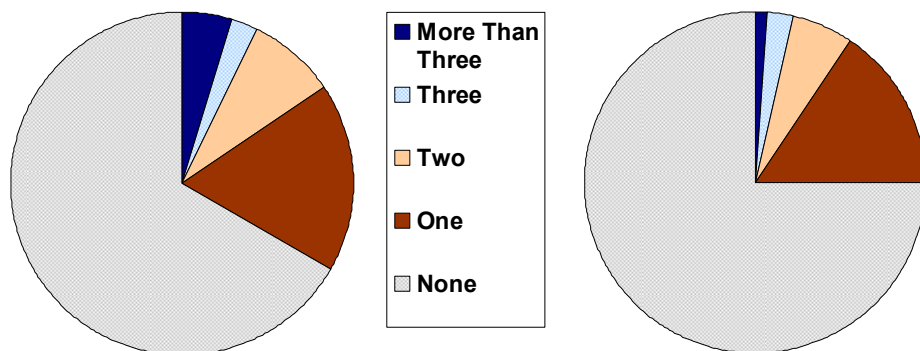
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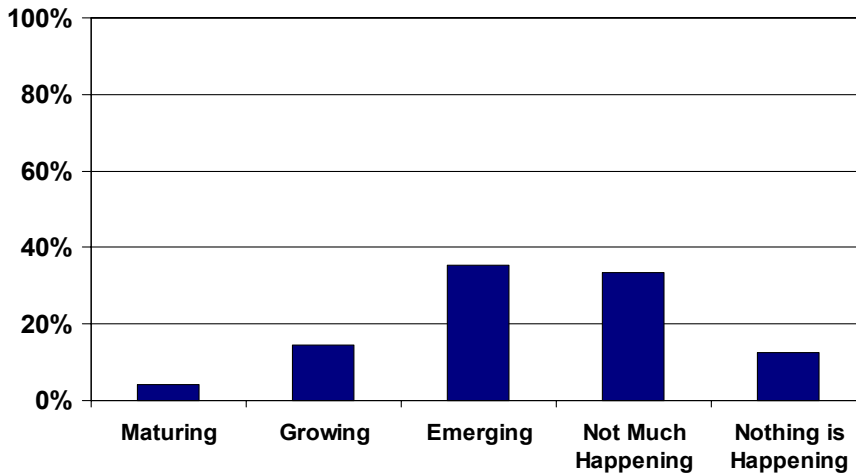
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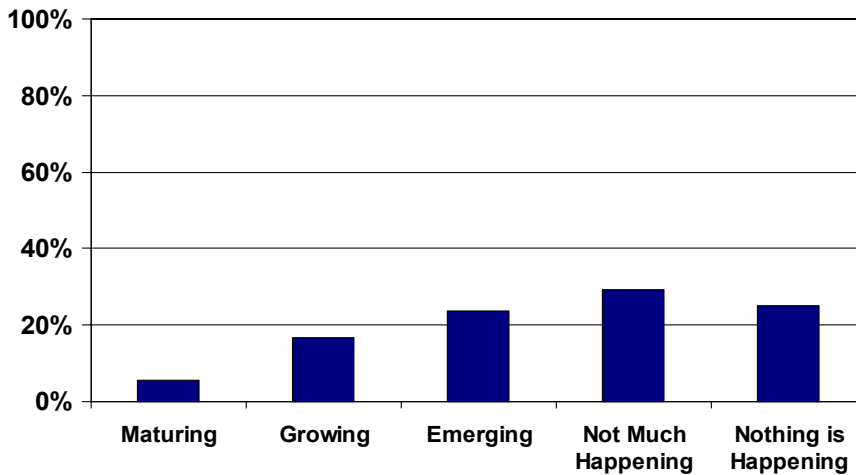
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*What are the top items to focus on to advance collaboration and coordination with stakeholders?*



**FHWA Division Offices**

- Provide technical assistance/education/outreach
- Coordinate with partners/stakeholders
- Form a Freight Council/Committee/Task Force
- Develop a freight plan/study

*What are the top items to focus on to advance collaboration and coordination with stakeholders?*



**MPOs and Regional Councils**

- Get buy-in from the private sector
- Coordinate with partners/stakeholders
- Develop a freight plan/study
- Define and develop “quick fix” projects
- Funding

## *What Can FHWA do to Further Support Freight Staff and Activities?*



### **FHWA Division Offices**

#### **2005**

- Increase communication
- Provide more information on upcoming legislation
- Provide training and technical support
- Analyze data
- Best practices
- Apply freight tools to individual state's needs
- Clarify guidelines
- Development of a national transportation network
- Continue to provide current freight flows and forecasts
- Work to develop national policies

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#### **2006/1007**

- Provide training/technical assistance/education/outreach
- Provide support as needed
- Promote networking with stakeholders
- Assist with data collection efforts/develop analytical tools

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## *What Can FHWA do to Further Support Freight Staff and Activities?*



### **MPOs and Regional Councils**

- Provide training/technical assistance/education/outreach
- Provide freight funding/more flexible funding options
- Assist with data collection efforts/develop analytical tools

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# *What Can AMPO and NARC do to Further Support Freight Staff and Activities?*



## **MPOs and Regional Councils**

### **AMPO**

- Provide training/technical assistance/education/outreach
- Advocate freight needs to elected officials
- Be an advocate for more freight funding

### **NARC**

- Provide training/technical assistance/education/outreach
- Be an advocate for more freight funding
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