



MAP- 21 Interim Guidance

State Freight Advisory Committee & State Freight Plan



Freight Advisory Committee

- Committee must consist of representative public and private sector stakeholders, including:
 - the state DOT,
 - local governments,
 - freight carriers,
 - shippers,
 - ports,
 - freight industry workforce and
 - freight associations.



Freight Advisory Committee

- Invitations have just gone out or are going out this week.
- Caltrans and the newly forming Transportation Agency are coordinating the Committee.
- Invites are: 25 non-governmental organizations, 25 public agencies, and 4 non-voting representatives from the Legislature and the Federal Government.
- If there is need for additional representation, will consider on a case-by-case basis.



Committee Formation

- At this time, not proposing subcommittees or steering committee.
- If it appears that these are needed, formation would happen in consultation with the full committee.
- Utilize existing regional and sub-regional freight committees , modal and advocate committees, and other existing forums to the greatest extent possible.



Role of Freight Advisory Committee

- Advise state on freight-related priorities, issues, projects and funding needs.
- Serve as a forum for state transportation decisions impacting freight mobility.
- Communicate and coordinate regional priorities with other organizations.
- Promote information sharing between the public and private sectors on freight issues.
- Participate in the development of the state freight plan.



State Freight Plan

- US DOT to encourage each state to develop a comprehensive state freight plan; pending Assembly Bill 14 requires such a plan.
- The plan can be developed independently of or incorporated into the statewide long-range transportation plan – doing both.
- A State Freight Plan is required in order to seek the higher federal share for freight projects



Plan Elements

- Identify significant freight trends, needs, and issues.
- Description of freight policies, strategies and performance measures that will guide state investment decisions.
- Description of how plan will improve the ability of the state to meet national freight goals.



Additional Plan Elements

- Consideration of innovative technologies and operational strategies, including ITS, that improve safety and efficiency.
- Description of improvements needed to reduce or impeded deterioration on routes travelled by heavy vehicles.
- Inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such as truck bottlenecks and strategies state is employing to address freight mobility issues.



Funding Provisions

- Federal share for Interstate Highway projects up to 95%.
- Other transportation projects up to 90%.
- To be eligible, US DOT must certify the project:
 - Enhances the efficient movement of freight, including making progress toward meeting performance targets for freight movement;
 - Is identified in a state freight plan.

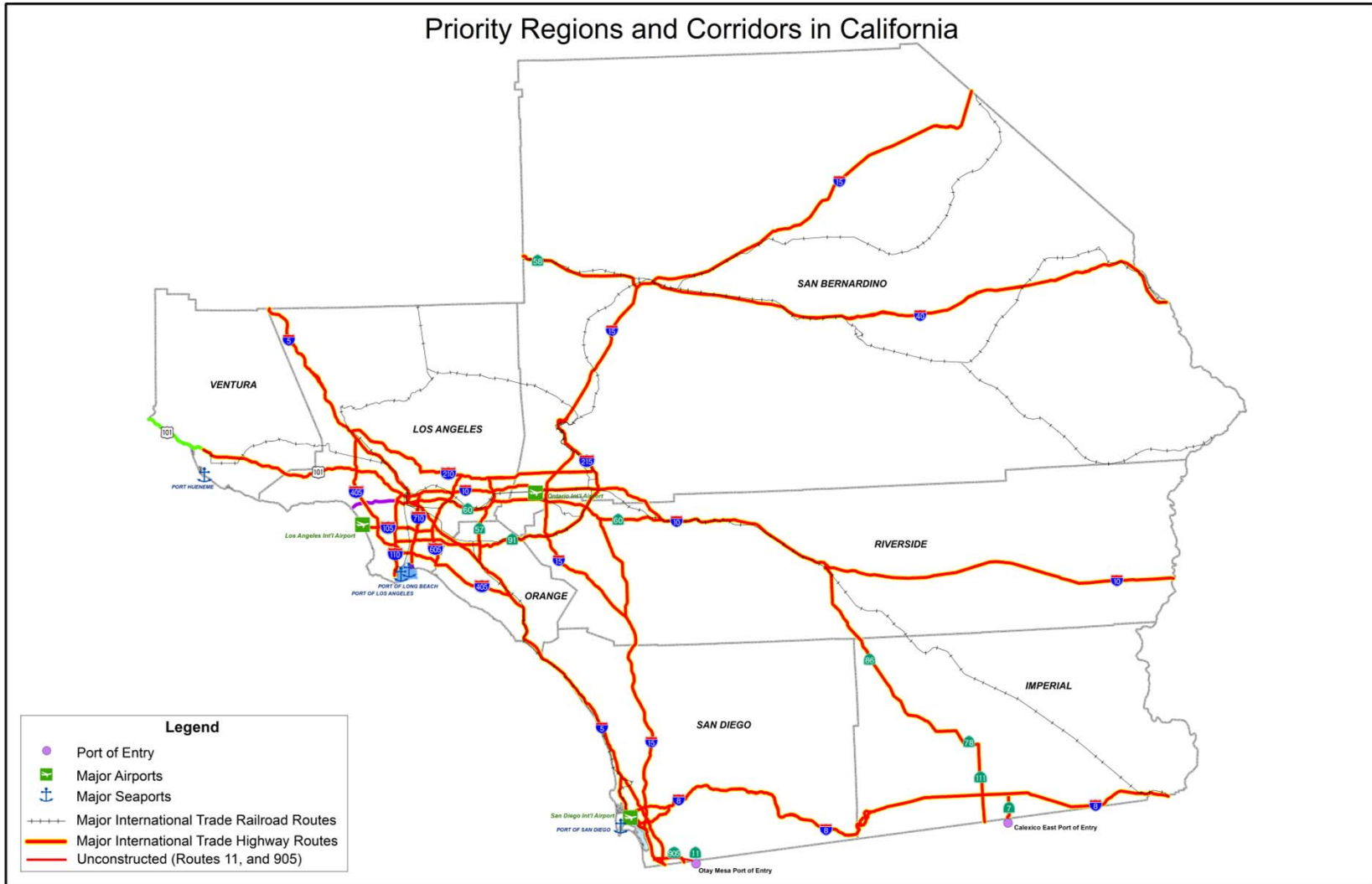


National Freight Network

- Primary network designated by the U.S. DOT, that is most critical to the movement of freight. This is happening now using Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) data.
- Portions of the Interstate System not designated as part of the primary freight network.
- Critical rural freight corridors designated by the states.
- Maximum national total of 30,000 centerline highway miles.



Priority Regions and Corridors in California



Relation of State Freight Plan to Regional Freight Plans

- Don't reinvent the wheel.
- SCAG
- SANDAG
- MTC
- San Joaquin Valley MPOs
- SACOG
- Sub-regional freight plans (Gateway Cities)
- Central Coast
- North State



Caltrans Companion Planning Activities

- METRANS: freight plan scoping & trends analysis
- Air Cargo Ground Access Study
- State Rail Plan
- Statewide commodities flow model



State Rail Plan

- Federal and State requirements
- Passenger, High Speed Rail & Freight Rail
- Freight includes Class 1s, short lines, seaport access
- Draft Plan now out for review through March 10, 2013
- www.californiastaterailplan.com
- Final State Rail Plan: June 2013
- Freight component will fold into Freight Plan



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