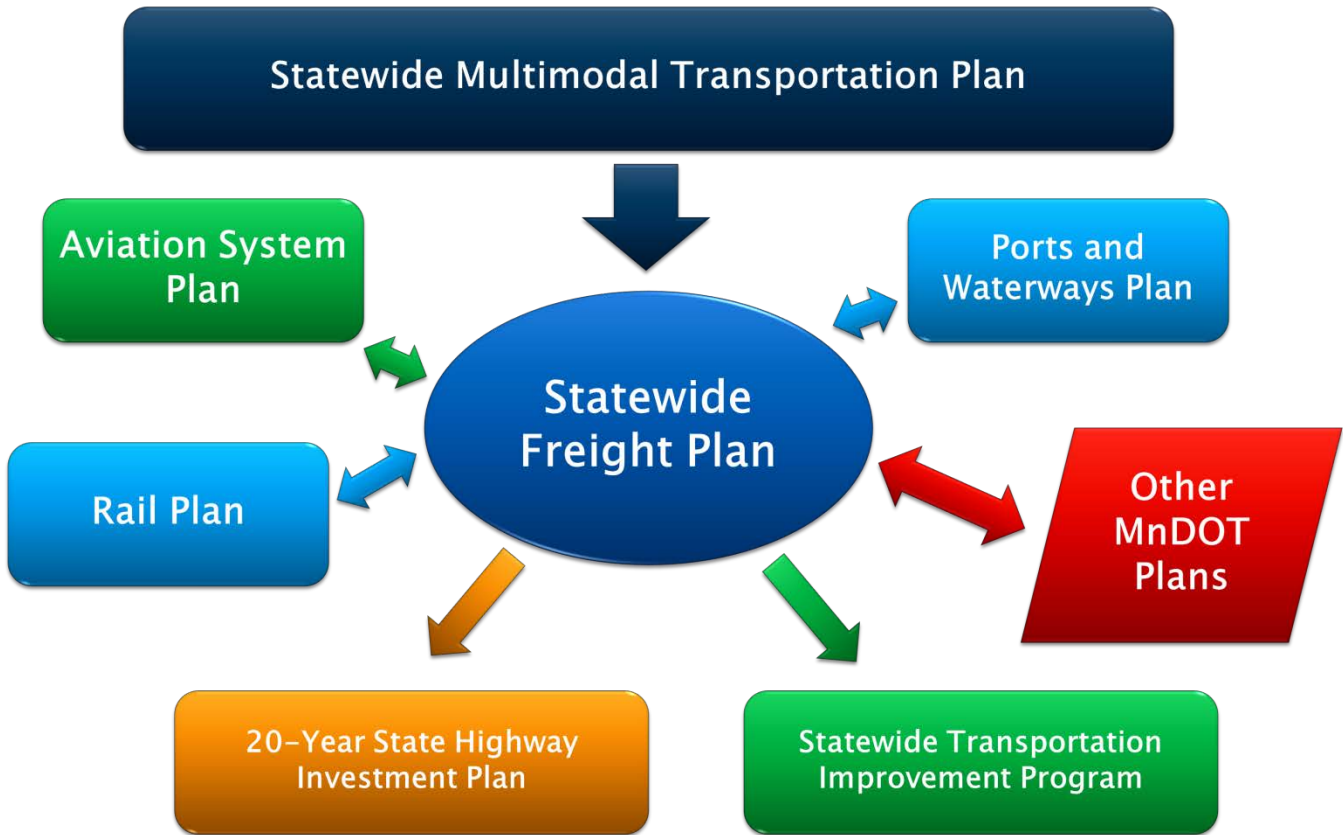




Statewide Freight System Plan

The Minnesota Statewide Freight System Plan will incorporate and build upon key findings and issues identified in the MnDOT family of plans to build a "Freight Action Agenda"



- ### Key Themes from the MnDOT Family of Plans
- Encouraging public/private partnerships, communication, and coordination.
 - Increased demand for intermodal and container service and facilities.
 - Capacity and congestion issues resulting from increased freight shipments.
 - Infrastructure quality & pavement conditions.
 - Impacts of the North Dakota oil boom – increased transportation of crude oil by rail leading to congestion and safety concerns.



The Statewide Freight System Plan is part of the MnDOT Family of Plans. The “Freight Action Agenda” will be guided by the overarching MinnesotaGO Vision.

The MinnesotaGO Vision

Minnesota’s multimodal transportation system maximizes the health of people, the environment and our economy. The system:

- Connects Minnesota’s primary assets—the people, natural resources and businesses within the state—to each other and to markets and resources outside the state and country
- Provides safe, convenient, efficient and effective movement of people and goods
- Is flexible and nimble enough to adapt to changes in society, technology, the environment and the economy

Quality of Life

- Recognizes and respects the importance, significance and context of place – not just as destinations, but also where people live, work, learn, play and access services
- Is accessible regardless of socio-economic status or individual ability

Environmental Health

- Is designed in such a way that it enhances the community around it and is compatible with natural systems
- Minimizes resource use and pollution

Economic Competitiveness

- Enhances and supports Minnesota’s role in a globally competitive economy as well as the international significance and connections of Minnesota’s trade centers
- Attracts human and financial capital to the state

