



# Midwest Chicago MEGAREGION

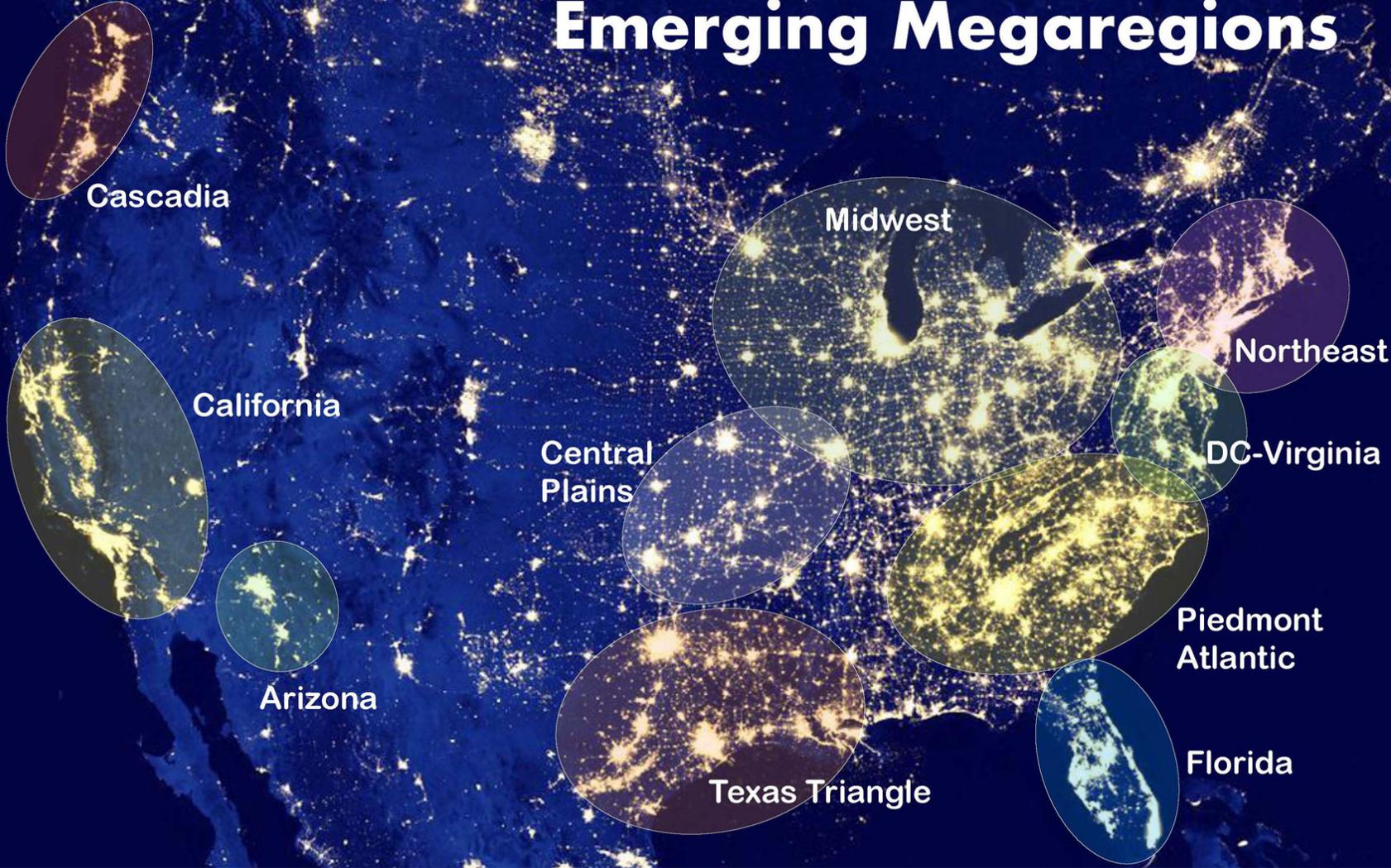


U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration

## Midwest Chicago Megaregion Workshop Planning and Addressing Freight at the Megaregion Level August 28 – 29, 2017 Chicago, IL

**Purpose Statement:** This workshop brings together members of the public and private sector to discuss how we can better connect and work with each other to address multimodal freight transportation on a megaregion level in the Midwest (IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, WI) and identify next steps for doing so.

# Emerging Megaregions





### **75 Attendees:**

- Federal Highway (24)
- State DOTs (14)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (20)
- Other private and public (17)

### **Minnesota attendees:**

- MnDOT (4)
- Duluth-Superior MIC (1)
- FHWA (2)
- Governor's Office (1)

- 40 speakers/presentations in 13 sessions
- Breakout discussions

### **Key Topics:**

- ❖ On-going research & collaboration
- ❖ Best practices
- ❖ Opportunities to coordinate
- ❖ Priority needs
- ❖ Future Collaboration

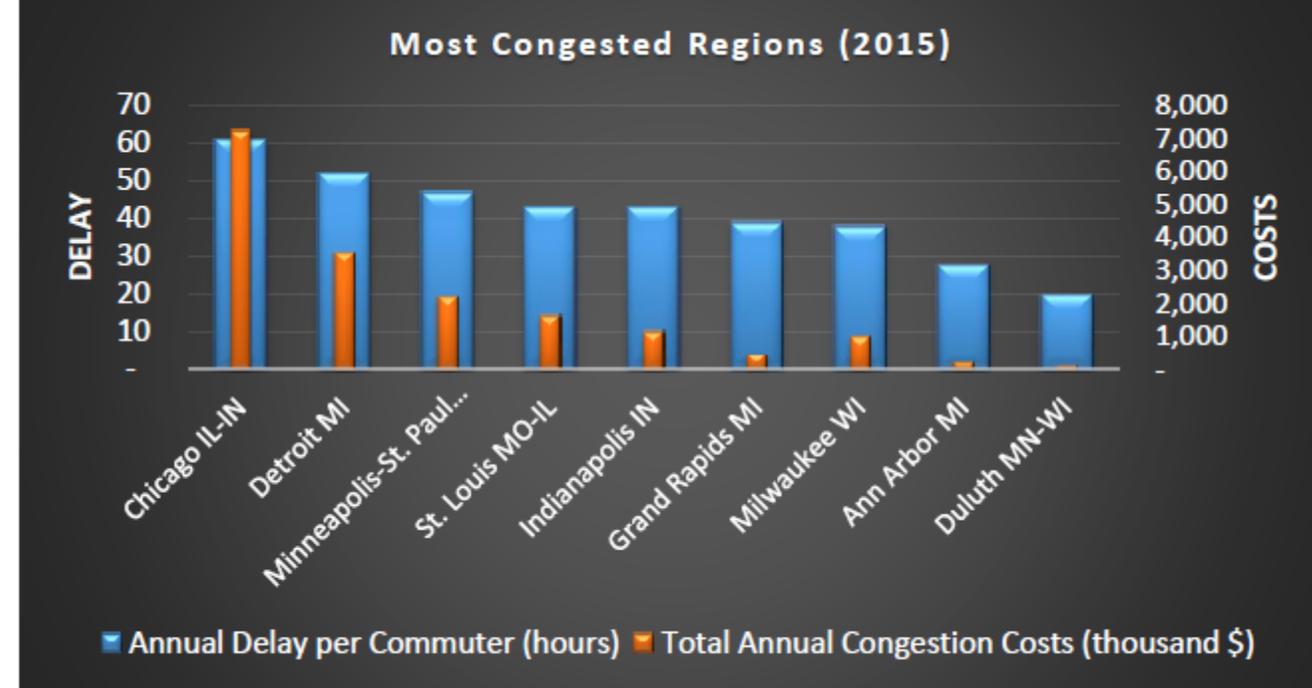
### **Subject Areas:**

- ❖ Ports
- ❖ Logistics parks
- ❖ Truck permitting harmonization
- ❖ Truck parking
- ❖ Freight & rail planning
- ❖ Private sector perspectives on freight and economic development



## Take-Aways

- Align/coordinate state freight plans
- Regional prioritization of freight improvement projects
- Develop megaregion data and commodity flows
- Develop a megaregion corridor management system
- Engage the private sector on a regional basis
- Increase the visibility of and resources for the Mid-America Freight Coalition
- Examine governance structures for freight planning, resiliency planning, project implementation, operations



Data source: Texas A&M Transportation Institute (2015)<sup>39</sup>