



Minnesota Statewide Freight System Plan

Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee
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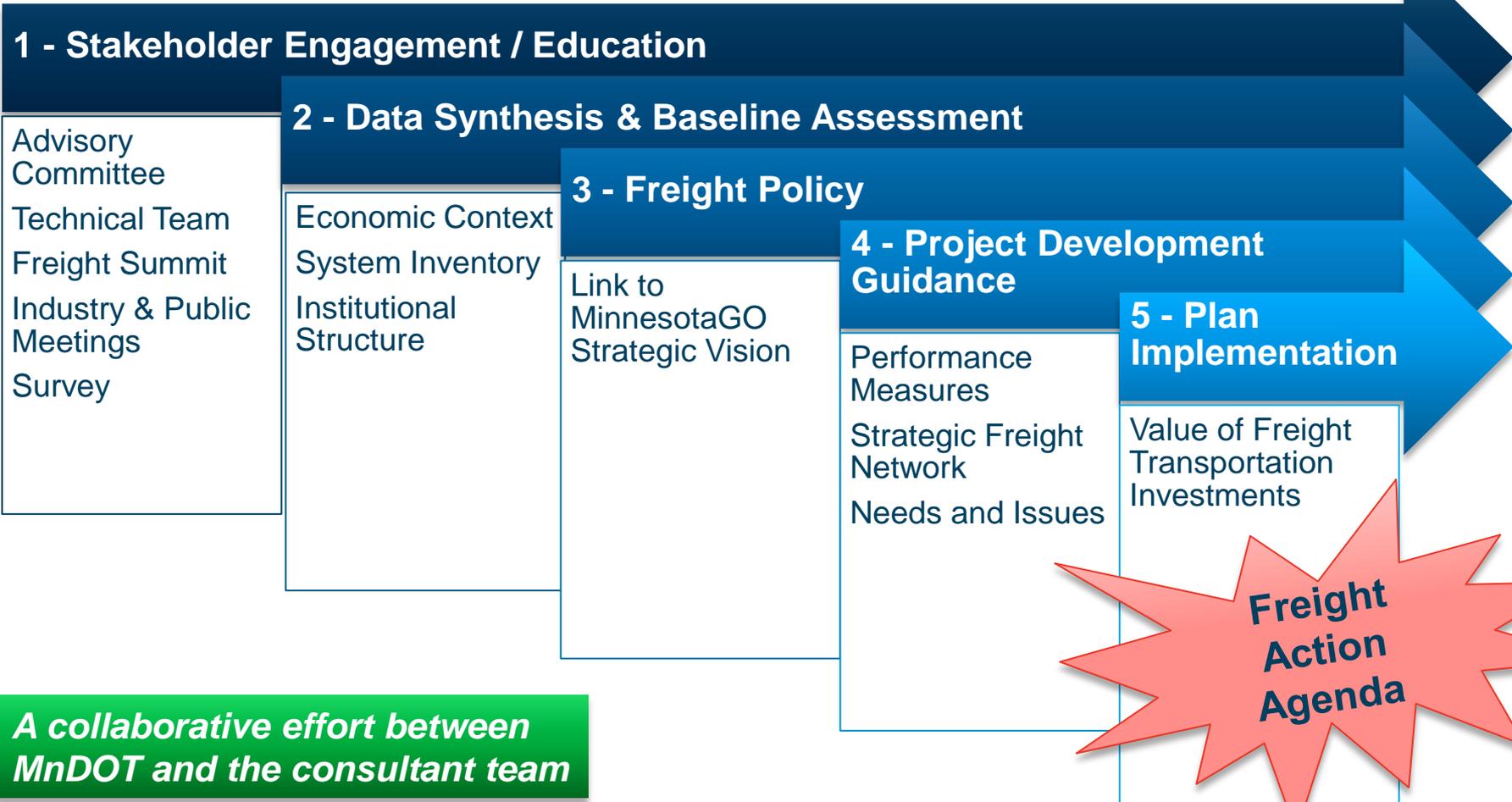
We all have a stake in **A**  **B**



Review of Progress To Date



MN MAP-21 Compliant Freight Plan Schedule and Major Milestones



Visit the Plan Website

www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/freightplan



Stakeholder Outreach Update



Stakeholder Outreach

- ▶ Stakeholder Committee Meetings
- ▶ Freight Summit
- ▶ Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee
- ▶ Neighbor State Interviews
- ▶ MetroQuest Online Survey
 - Round 1 – Fall 2014
 - Round 2 – Upcoming, Summer 2015
- ▶ Industry Interviews
- ▶ District 4 Case Study



Industry Interviews

- ▶ Coldspring USA (St. Cloud area)
 - Natural Stone Manufacturer
- ▶ Digikey (Thief River Falls)
 - Electronic Component Distributer
- ▶ Electrolux (St. Cloud)
 - Freezer Manufacturer
- ▶ Lake Superior Warehousing (Duluth)
 - Warehousing and 3PL
- ▶ Marvin Windows (Warroad)
 - Window Manufacturer/Shipper
- ▶ US Steel (Virginia)
 - Taconite Mining



Industry Interviews

- ▶ Section 1: Context
 - Location/size/type of business, primary shipping routes, major origin-destination pairs, modal split
- ▶ Section 2: Minnesota Freight System Issues and Needs
 - Specific obstacles/improvements by mode
- ▶ Section 3: Economics
 - Emerging trends, Minnesota's strengths/weaknesses, importance of public sector assistance



Industry Interviews

Common Themes

- ▶ Much credit given to current MnDOT services (511 traveler information, plowing operations, outreach efforts)
- ▶ Many companies noted congestion/safety issues were not an issue in MN compared to other states
- ▶ Driver shortage
- ▶ Size and weight disparities with neighboring states/provinces
- ▶ Rail service impacted by crude activity



Industry Interviews

Individual Issues

- ▶ Captive shipper issues
- ▶ Desire for closer intermodal facility
- ▶ Desire for expanded air cargo service
- ▶ Environmental permitting
- ▶ Roadway widening
- ▶ Warehousing Tax



District 4 Case Study

- ▶ Purpose
 - How to integrate freight at District level
- ▶ First meeting held May 13; follow-up meeting in July
- ▶ Discussed current issues with freight during planning and design phases
- ▶ “What is a freight project?”



District 4 Case Study

- ▶ Freight not as high a priority as other issues
- ▶ Conflicts between design criteria
 - Example: narrower lanes for ADA vs. wider lanes for easier freight movement
- ▶ Data
 - Too much or not enough?
 - Estimated truck volumes
- ▶ Who pays for improvements?
 - Can be difficult to explain to public



District 4 Case Study

- ▶ Scoping worksheets and guide
 - Identification of District-level key freight routes
 - How are other Districts using these worksheets?
- ▶ Prioritized list of freight projects
 - Specific project locations
 - Project types
- ▶ Permitting
 - Coordination between Districts not well understood
 - Cost and timeliness



Questions?

