

MnDOT's Manufacturers' Perspectives Studies (MPS) on Minnesota's Transportation System

Update - Summer 2016

Background

- Understand business-specific freight transportation requirements of traded industry clusters – businesses that bring outside resources to Minnesota and provide stable, higher-paying jobs
- Identify low-cost/high-value opportunities to provide a more responsive transportation system, focusing on infrastructure, maintenance, communication, and permitting and policy
- Build multi-organization, long-term relationships to support economic strength regionally and statewide, working with economic development staff, county and city engineers, multiple state agencies, and the University of Minnesota
- Completed projects in western Minnesota (MnDOT Districts 2, 4, and 8), with results on the roadways

New Studies for 2016

- MnDOT **District 1** (the Iron Range and Arrowhead region) and initial planning in **District 6** (southeast)
- Scoping, connecting with **Metro-area** partner organizations (e.g., MFAC, Met Council, etc.), and beginning implementation for the Metro District project

Your input is needed ...



Laurie Ryan (project lead for the Metro MPS project) will contact each MFAC member in July-August for a 15-minute interview (in person or via phone) to get your input on the *scope and approach* for the Metro project:

- What are the key transportation issues we should anticipate for the Metro project?
- Should we focus primarily on freight, as in the Greater Minnesota-based projects, or also include moving the workforce and other congestion issues?
- In addition to location-specific roadway maintenance and infrastructure issues, similar to those learned about in the Greater Minnesota projects, what should we anticipate hearing about, regarding freight transportation in the Metro?
- What are the other mode / intermodal concerns that either your business has or that you think we'll hear about?
- What are the key freight transportation issues that you think MnDOT can address in the Metro region, given existing resources?



We would also like to interview you / your business more extensively about Metro-specific transportation concerns during the course of the project, later this year or next year.

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