

# Minnesota Statewide Freight System Plan

## Neighboring State/Province Survey Questions

*Start meeting with a short discussion/acknowledgement of the key freight gateways (highway/ rail/ water) between the interview state/province and Minnesota.*

1. What are the most important current or emerging ***trends and issues*** affecting cross-border freight movements between your state/province and Minnesota? Are these related to a specific industry?
2. What are the most important ***current and near term needs*** of the freight system in regard to cross-border freight movement between your state/province and Minnesota? Consider the entire multimodal freight system.
3. What are the three most significant highway/rail/waterway ***infrastructure bottlenecks*** to freight movements between your state/province and Minnesota (e.g., load restricted highways, congested rail lines, deficient bridge structures, lock & dams, etc.)?
4. What are the three most significant ***operational bottlenecks*** to freight movements between your state/province and Minnesota?
5. Does your state/province recognize any significant ***freight generators*** near your border with Minnesota (e.g., high number of trucks per day either year-round or seasonally)?
6. Does your state/province have any specific ***performance measures*** in place for freight movement?
7. Does your state/province have any recent or ongoing ***planning efforts*** that examine the freight system in your region that you can recommend and share with Minnesota?
8. Does your state/province have any recent or ongoing ***development or construction projects*** that may impact goods movement between your region and Minnesota?
9. Does your state/province have or anticipate any ***coordination*** with Minnesota (e.g., truck size and weight harmonization)? Are there any potential efforts that could be mutually beneficial for your state/province and Minnesota?



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