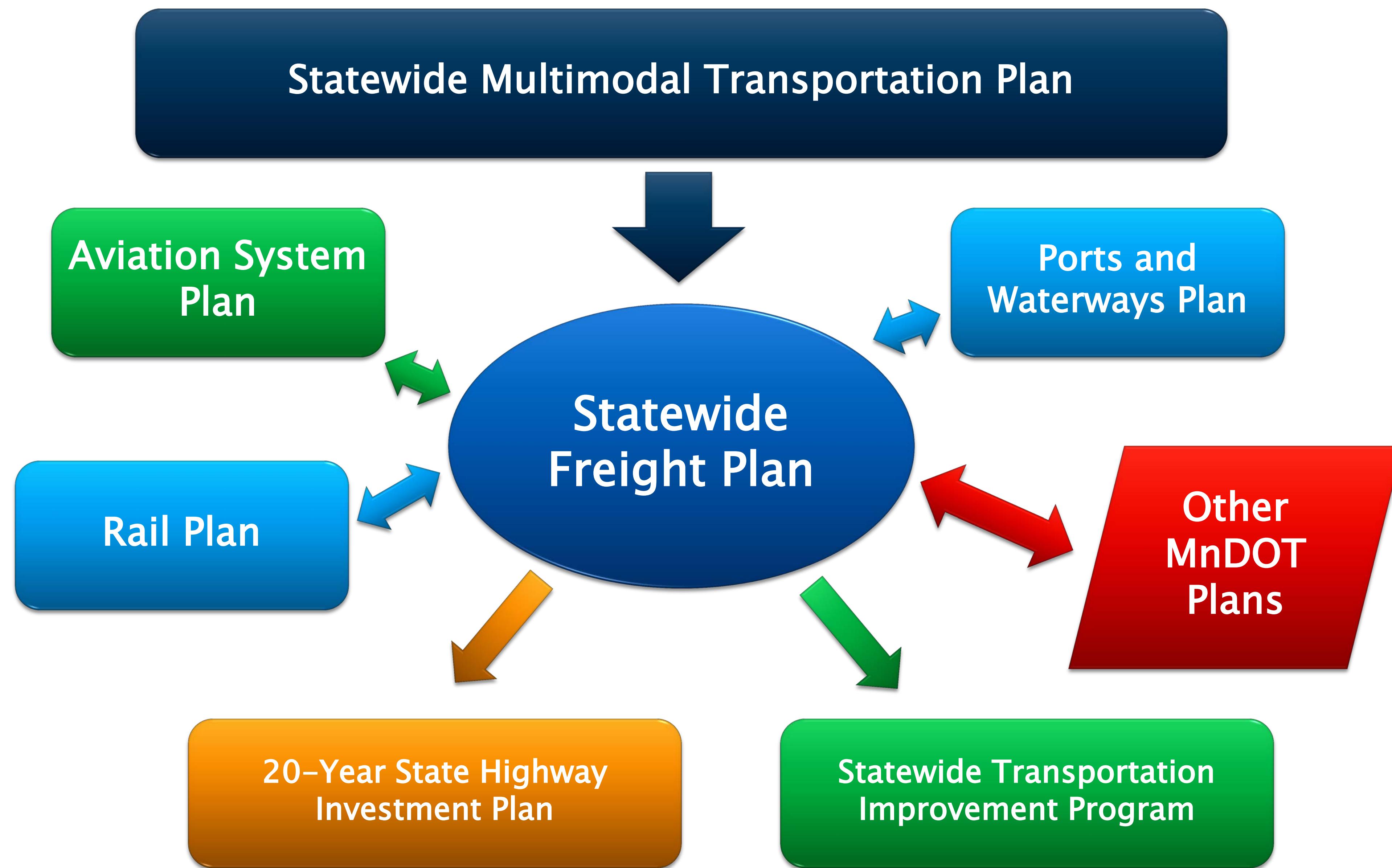




# Statewide Freight System Plan

*Minnesota's 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.

## 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

