

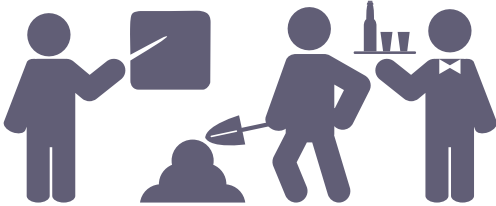


CONNECTING COOK COUNTY FREIGHT PLAN

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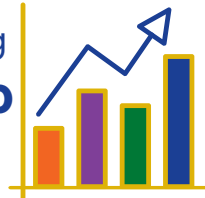
Supporting the region's role as North America's freight capital is a key recommendation from *Connecting Cook County*, the County's Long Range Transportation Plan. Building on *Connecting Cook County*, the *Cook County Freight Plan* takes an in-depth look at the current performance of the freight system in Cook County and provides an action plan to implement policy, program and project recommendations throughout the County.

➤ WHY IS FREIGHT IMPORTANT?



27% of jobs in Cook County are in freight-dependent industries producing **56%** of the County's economic output

Transportation and materials-moving occupations are anticipated to grow an estimated **8.5%** between **2012** and **2022**, adding nearly **17,000 jobs**



\$1.5 TRILLION

IN GOODS MOVE BY ROAD, RAIL, AIR, WATER AND PIPELINE IN COOK COUNTY



Truck congestion averages **13.3 hours of delay** (max per day) in Cook County's top three most congested locations:

1. Harlem Ave. (IL 43)
2. Cicero Ave. (IL 50)
3. Pulaski Rd.

Source: Federal Highway Administration National Performance Measure Research Data Set. Analysis by CMAP, 2017.



REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

28% OF THE INDUSTRIAL LAND IN COOK COUNTY IS VACANT OR UNDERUTILIZED

ACCESS POINT TO NATIONAL AND GLOBAL MARKETS VIA O'HARE AND MIDWAY AIRPORTS, SIX CLASS I RAILROADS, MAJOR INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS AND THE PORT OF CHICAGO



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FREIGHT ACTION PLAN

To meet these challenges and continue the County's economic advantage in goods movement, the Plan recommends the following action items.



LEADERSHIP

Advocate at Federal and State Levels

Cultivate relationships with federal and state partners to advocate for freight investments and priorities.

Coordinate at Regional and Local Levels

Work with regional and local partners to coordinate freight investments, priorities and activities.

Support at Municipal Level

Partner with local municipalities to plan, design and implement freight projects and programs.

Advance Funding Opportunities

Continue pursuing grants and explore additional funding options.



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Facilitate a Connected Truck Route Network

Focus on Priority Trucking Corridors

Address Poor Pavement Conditions on First and Last Mile Connectors

Improve Expressway Freight Access

Advance Truck Permitting and Parking Solutions



RAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Support the CREATE Program

Support the completion of this nationally significant program with a focus on the 75th Street CIP and projects that provide public benefit.

Support Business Access to Rail

Support business access to rail by financing improvements to rail spurs and track realignments to increase capacity and catalyze redevelopment.

Improve At-Grade Crossings

Improve or separate at-grade rail crossings that eliminate bottlenecks and benefit local communities.



COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Align Pre-Development Activities

Address environmental, site assembly, infrastructure and financial hurdles with partner agencies.

Coordinate Economic Development Efforts
Plan, design and implement freight projects and related developments.

Support Workforce Training and Screening Initiatives

Partner with agencies to create opportunities for job-seekers and employers.