

2011 MPO Freight Program Assessment



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Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) Old Saybrook , CT Institutional Organization

Current Status		Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description
1. The MPO has an organizational capacity that is dedicated to freight issues (please describe where it is in the organization)		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	There is an intermodal transportation committee, but it is likely that this capacity will change with the merger with MRPA
Organizational capacity	a. A collateral duty for one or more people – [Where in the organization is this located and if there is a Position Description please provide it]	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Freight planning is an interdisciplinary component of the transportation program with several staff allocated toward varying components
	b. Dedicated/permanent duty for one or more people - [Where in the organization is this located and if there is a Position Description please provide it]	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

c. Organizational unit (freight section) - [Where in the organization is this located and if there is a Position Description please provide it]	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
2. There is a "Freight Champion" in a leadership role (who is this/what position) at the MPO	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	The principal planner- assistant director
3. Does the MPO work with the State DOT on freight transportation issues? If yes how do they work together and are there examples of these efforts?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Ongoing basis with periodic focus during major planning updates includes: rail planning, Congestion Management, and Hazard mitigation
4. The MPO has working relationships with other organizations specifically related to freight transportation (such as economic development organizations, port authorities, rail roads, etc.). Please identify who they interact with and how	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Chambers of Commerce, CTDEP, Valley Railroad, Amtrak, DESPP for movement of rail freight and emergency freight delivery

5. Other: please describe how freight is addressed in the MPO if none of the above fit.

The MPO also works with freight planning for emergency transportation response and recovery in the role of assessment of capacity, roads, bridges, and delivery

Public and Private Sector Relationships

Current Status	Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description
1. The MPO has met with the private sector freight stakeholders on specific issues related to freight transportation (such as projects and/or transportation planning/policy development- please provide examples)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Valley Railroad and rail freight - planning for freight through region - in progress- also freight haulers through emergency planning geospatial project
2. There is an established freight advisory committee/task group at the MPO level made up of private and public sector interests that the MPO meets with regularly	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
3. Input from the Freight Advisory committee is considered during project/program prioritization	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

4. The MPO has not established relationships with the private sector stakeholders	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
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Planning and Programming

Current Status	Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description
1. The documented public involvement process includes outreach to freight stakeholders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
2. The MPO has identified freight transportation goals in the Long Range Transportation Plan or TIP or both If yes what are they?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	mutually support freight improvements within the New Haven Transportation Management Area in the area of highway congestion mitigation and freight service on the Amtrak/CTDOT shoreline rail corridor and improve freight, roadway, land use connections within the region through coordinated efforts in land use planning and regulation
3. Freight transportation issues and needs are included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (please provide the plan electronically or a link to the plan.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	www.crerpa.org
4. The MPO has completed a freight related transportation study (if yes please provide a link to the study.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
5. The MPO has identified freight transportation performance measures (provide list of performance Measures)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
6. The MPO's selection criteria for programming projects includes freight needs and issues (economic development, significant freight corridors etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Funding

Current Status	Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description
1. Is freight one of the criteria used in selecting projects for CMAQ funding?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

2. If CMAQ funds are allotted within specific categories (transit, operations, Ped/Bike, etc.) is freight one of these categories?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
3. Have CMAQ funds been used to fund any freight transportation improvements? If yes please provide examples.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Freight Operations

Current Status	Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description
1. Does the MPO include "Operations" in their planning process? (If so please explain how and/or provide a link to documents)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
2. Is freight transportation included in the approach to Operations? (if yes please provide examples and/or a link to documents)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
3. Has the MPO developed a Congestion Management Process (CMP)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
4. If yes does the CMP specifically address freight transportation? (If yes please provide examples and/or a link to examples)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
5. Are there examples of effectively managing freight in congested areas? (if yes please provide examples and/or a link to documents)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	

Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination

Current Status	Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description	
1. The MPO:	a. Leads a multi jurisdictional transportation planning coalition that addresses freight transportation issues and meets regularly	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
	b. is a member of a multi jurisdictional transportation planning coalition that addresses freight transportation issues and meets regularly	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
	c. is a member of a multi-jurisdictional transportation planning coalition that addresses freight but collaborates intermittently on an as needed basis.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
2. The MPO coordinates jurisdictions within their region on freight transportation issues (state, counties, towns, cities, other MPO's)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

3. The MPO has yet to participate in multi-jurisdictional coalitions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
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NHS Intermodal Connectors

Current Status	Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description
1. The MPO updates the list of Intermodal Freight Connectors as appropriate. Latest update on MM/YY	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
2. The MPO monitors the performance of the NHS Intermodal Freight Connectors. If yes describe how this monitoring takes place and how information is used by the MPO.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
3. The MPO includes provisions in their planning to ensure improvements to the Intermodal Freight Connectors as needed. Note projects.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Land Use

Current Status	Yes	No	IP	Comments/Description
1. Does the MPO coordinate with the organization(s) responsible for Comprehensive Land Use Planning in your area? If yes please identify the organization(s)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CRERPA, member towns
2. Does the MPO review and comment on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan(s)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
3. Does the MPO include freight transportation and freight access issues (freight distribution centers, access to hospitals, stores, the community in general etc.) in their comments on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
4. Is zoning tied to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in the MPO area?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Additional Comments

Please provide any additional information on how the MPO is dealing with freight transportation that may not be covered in the questions provided. *(If you have no information to provide in this section, please check "N/A" below.)*

Freight planning in the region is primarily focused on rail freight passing through the region and coordination to mitigate environmental and Title VI impacts from expansion of rail freight on sensitive corridors; region route planning and infrastructure needs based on existing road ROW and bridge data; incident management for freight movement mitigation for Interstate 95

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