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RETREAT AGENDA ITEM

REGIONAL FREIGHT STUDY

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

A presentation kicking-off the Regional Freight Study will be provided by RS&H.

BACKGROUND

This study is being conducted to identify freight movement trends, challenges, and opportunities for improvement within the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) region. Spurred by growth throughout the state and the recent pandemic, CRTPA is experiencing expanding freight movements and increased industry presence. This analysis will consider the modes, origins/destinations, and types of goods moving through the area to understand the existing conditions, as well as identifying opportunities to improve existing and future freight mobility.

The CRTPA region is home to several Strategic Intermodal System Highways (SIS) and a major RailUSA line (Florida Gulf and Atlantic Railroad). Though the region typically imports more than is currently being exported, the movement of freight through the area has become a significant consideration. The region has seen significant internal growth and development in recent years. Historically, regional freight considerations were associated with large, heavy duty commercial vehicles concentrated along the I-10, the RailUSA corridor and Capital Circle. Over the past several years, freight challenges have expanded to include light and medium size commercial vehicles via e-commerce as (exacerbated by the COVID 19 pandemic), which has led to the increase of freight movements within the region. The new Amazon Logistics center adjacent to I-10 is an indicator of this increase in freight related to e-commerce.

This understanding of the needs and conditions will provide the foundation for the development of project and policy recommendations to mitigate these needs. The goal of this project is to ensure the CRTPA supports the efficient movement of freight into the future. This study will align the CRTPA with the increased federal focus on freight mobility and comply with the federal Performance Measures and Targets as identified within the FAST ACT.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Draft Presentation