

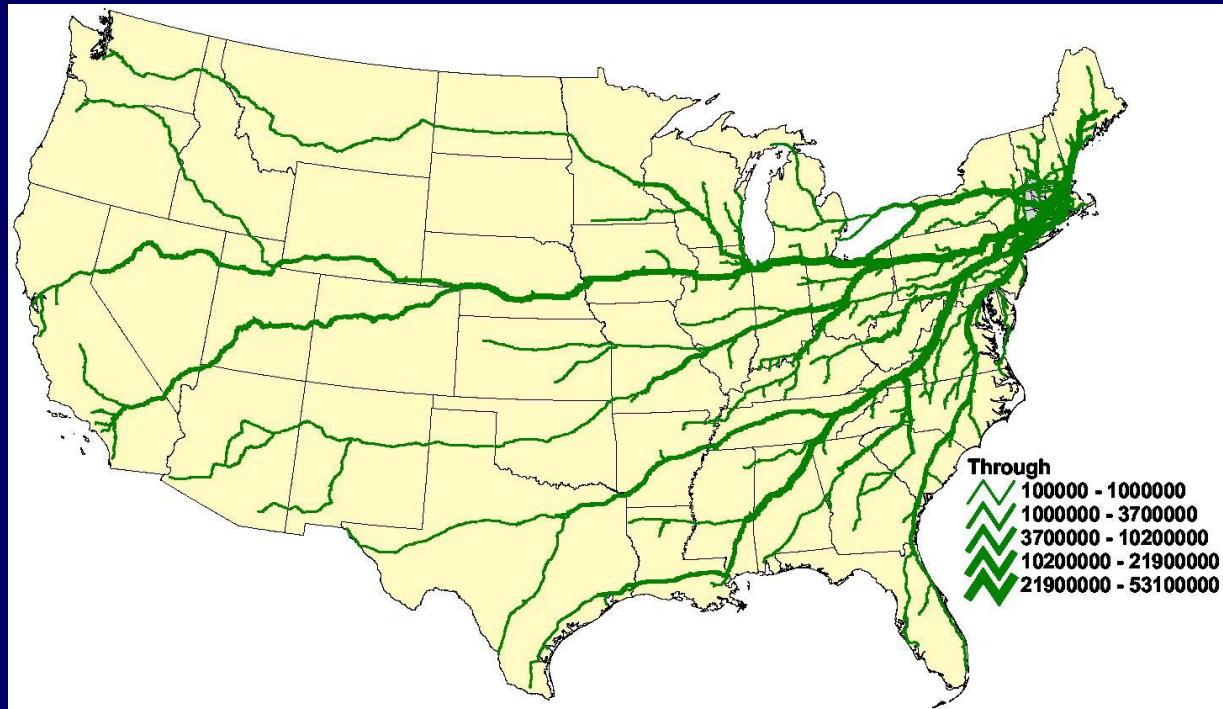
# ***Freight Planning***

*MPO Certification Review*  
*July 14, 2009*

# *General Scope of Efforts*

## Limited by nature & large scale of issues

- Problems span multiple states
- Require multi-state actions
- Require public-private coordination



# General Scope of Efforts

## *Freight Movement in the Hartford Metropolitan Area*

A REGIONAL FREIGHT MARKET OVERVIEW

Submitted to:

Capitol Region Council of Governments,  
Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, &  
Midstate Regional Planning Agency

Submitted by:



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## Our efforts to date

- Study to profile freight in region & identify issues
- Collaboration with CCRPA, MRPA, PVPC on study
  - Jointly funded
  - Joint advisory committee
- Involved private sector partners from each region
- Published report end of 2005

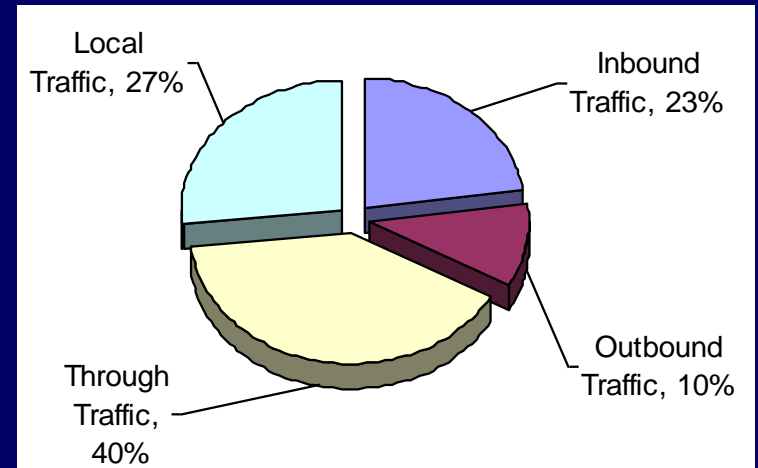
# Key Findings

## Truck Dependent.

- 98% of freight into, thru or out of the region travels via truck.
- National average is 79%.

## High Thru-Truck Volume.

- 40% of the freight traffic on our roads is thru traffic



## CSX Intermodal Terminal - *opportunity*

- The CSX terminal in W. Springfield is link to the Class 1 rail system.
- This facility is not currently used to its full capacity.

## Bradley Air Cargo - *opportunity*

- has potential to expand air cargo operations

# ***General Recommendations***

## **Reduce Reliance on Truck Freight**

## **Reduce Thru-Truck Traffic**

## **Do More to Accommodate Truck Freight**

- Truck stops
- Incident mgmt

## **Take Advantage of Opportunities**

- Bradley air cargo potential
- CSX rail intermodal center

# ***General Conclusions***

## **Multi-State Issues**

- Many freight issues are interstate in nature
- Need to be addressed on a larger scale

## **Regional Issues - limited**

- Support PVPC efforts to improve CSX intermodal facility
- Support Bradley efforts to improve air cargo functions

### **Bradley Area Transportation Study**

recommended 2 projects to improve access

- Westside access road: air cargo
- Route 75 improvements: general traffic & truck traffic
- Pursuing funding for both

# ***Future Direction in Freight Planning***

## **Recognize importance of freight**

- Will continue as priority & support as appropriate

## **Scale & nature of problems limit our influence**

- Requires multi-state collaboration at high policy level

## **New role: promote issue & call for multi-state action?**

- Through NEARC? *CRCOG & PVPC both very active*
- Through regional summits & conferences?