Thoughts on Freight Corridors in the U.S.
What Is ITTS?

- Evolved from LATTs Studies
- 12 State Departments of Transportation
  - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia
  - Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi
  - North Carolina, South Carolina
  - Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia
- “Forward Thinking” on freight planning and policy needs
Key Points Driving Corridors

- Logistics and economic development
- Connecting ports and hinterlands
- Intermodal Corridors
- Challenges exist
Major Freight Corridors

Note: Highway & Rail is additional highway mileage with daily truck payload equivalents based on annual average daily truck traffic plus average daily intermodal service on parallel railroads. Average daily intermodal service is the annual tonnage moved by container-on-flatcar and trailer-on-flatcar service divided by 365 days per year and 16 tons per average truck payload.

US Mexican Truck Traffic Flows, 2007

Export/Import To and From Mexico: 2007
Volume Scale: Ktons/Year

- 20000
- 10000
- 5000
Mercedes Benz Supply Chains for Alabama
Heartland Intermodal Corridor Scan, Sept 2010
Benefits Regarding the Debate on Corridors

• Access to Markets
• Creating Economic Value
• Discussion of regional transportation needs
• Finding partners
Who benefits from transportation improvements?

- Carriers
- Ports
- Governments and other local industries
- Shippers
- Economic Development Agencies

- Who does not benefit?
Logistics Parks and Economic Development

- What type of facility?
- Trackage and Terminals
- Develop densities
- Don’t cannibalize other facilities
Identified Needs Related to Changing Demand

Exhibit A-6
20 YEAR NEEDS ESTIMATES

- **Total 20-Yr Needs Estimate**: $92 Billion
  - Latin America: 20%
  - Other: 80%

- **20-Yr Highway Needs Estimate**: $67 Billion
  - Latin America: 20%
  - Other: 80%

- **20-Yr Port Needs Estimate**: $22 Billion
  - Latin America: 20%
  - Other: 80%

- **20-Yr Air Cargo Needs Estimate**: $3.3 Billion
  - Latin America: 20%
  - Other: 80%
In Sum...

• Are Corridors Important?
• Is the South in the Global Marketplace?
• Does it need to look at Regional Solutions?
• Is the time to act now?
Thank You!!

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