



Overview Summary: Plan Introduction, Purpose, and the Anticipated Update Process

The **Maryland State Freight Plan (SFP)** supplements and supports the overarching vision and goals of the State's long-range transportation planning initiatives per the **Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP)**. It also incorporates national freight goals from federal surface transportation authorizations including the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the more recent Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Last updated and certified in 2017 as the **Maryland Strategic Goods Movement Plan**, MDOT has begun the process to update the SFP for an expected revision date and federal re-approval by Fall 2022, focusing on:

1. Meeting the latest federal freight planning requirements of MAP-21, FAST Act, or beyond
2. Updating a comprehensive overview of freight movement in Maryland
3. Expanding insights into the latest freight supply chain or technology influences
4. Identifying policy needs and strategies to ensure the efficient movement of freight in Maryland
5. Identifying freight project priorities and related investment plans for FFY 2023-2027

Updates will evolve over the course of three plan development milestones through the end of 2021, plus two additional milestones related to final plan reviews and approvals in 2022. Initial outreach and collaboration efforts focus on reviewing and refining the plan's vision, goals, and objectives, while also exploring freight-related strategies, needs, and opportunities that will be considered throughout future milestones.

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Purpose of the Freight Plan

To examine existing and projected conditions, build consensus, and identify policy positions, strategies, and freight projects to improve freight movement efficiency and safety.

Draft Freight Vision

Freight travels freely and safely through a modern, resilient, and interconnected multimodal network contributing to sustainable economic viability and growth for Maryland businesses and communities.

Draft Freight Objectives

-  Safety, Security, and Resilience
-  Economic Opportunity and Efficiency
-  System Preservation and Modernization
-  Quality of Service, Efficiency, and Customer Experience
-  Environmental Protection and Sensitivity
-  Fiscal Responsibility
-  Transportation Choices and Connections

