Tennessee’s Evolving Approach to Freight Investment

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The Big Picture

• 35% growth in the state expected by 2040
• 70% of growth will be in urban areas
• All areas of the state are affected
• Need multimodal freight system to handle growth
• Shortage of good rail served sites in the state
• Leverage all state organizations’ programs
Status Quo: Funding and Information Silos

- TDOT Programs
- Department of Economic & Community Development (ECD) Programs
- TVA Programs
TDOT Freight Investment Programs

• FHWA Funds Dedicated to Freight
• TDOT State Industrial Access Program (SIA)
• TDOT Shortline Rehabilitation Program
• TDOT Airport Grants
• Property Evaluation Program
• Site Development Grants
• Site Certification
• FastTrack Grants
• Industrial Recruitment

• TVA-Sites

• Grants to Communities
Collaboration
GIS Analysis - Site Suitability Index

• Very high-level assessment
• Index factors:
  • Transportation
  • Utilities
  • Land Use
  • Terrain
• Parameters
Next Steps in Coordinating Efforts