

# TRANSPORTATION AND 2035

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*Opportunity and challenges*



# Opportunity

- The state possesses many critical elements to achieve it's goals for development and quality of life.
  - A great university system and research facilities
  - World class medical centers
  - Leading high tech companies
  - Major financial center
  - Highly skilled workforce
  - Very attractive state to live and work in



# Challenges

- ❑ A transportation system that is at capacity and threatens the achievement of the state's goals
- ❑ Important transportation assets are not fully utilized but actually threatened
- ❑ A number of rail ROW's are not considered assets to help reduce highway congestion or critical to corridor development
- ❑ Uncontrolled increases in truck freight threatens the viability of major highways serving high growth regions



# Challenges

- ❑ Local zoning is at odds with broader regional goals.
- ❑ Communities have not embraced transit oriented development
- ❑ Industrial property is not viewed as a resource to create new higher paying jobs
- ❑ The state's policy (default) is diverting freight from rail to trucks
- ❑ Transit investments are reactive not leading



# Challenges

- Many transportation and industrial assets are not contributing to achieving the state's goals. Therefore they are at risk of permanent loss.



# Transit Corridors

- ▣ There is a limited no. of transportation corridors (highway, rail, sea and air)
- ▣ There may be no more!
- ▣ Therefore it is imperative that we develop each to it's optimal utilization
- ▣ Many rail and sea corridors are not effectively used and therefore place added demand on highways.

# Summary

- ❑ Develop and implement a freight plan that is an integral part of our economic and quality of life goals
- ❑ Protect and incorporate all rail and industrial assets in plans and development
- ❑ Remove all barriers to corridor and transit oriented development
  - Educate and create awareness of the benefits
  - Confront zoning barriers
  - Develop regional partnerships
- ❑ Prevent the loss of irreplaceable assets



# Vision

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- ❑ *Without a common vision almost any project, no matter how illadvised can happen!*

