



# NATIONAL FREIGHT STRATEGIC PLAN

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# National Freight Strategic Plan (NFSP)

USDOT has developed a national freight strategy that:

- Evaluates the movement of freight and informs **infrastructure planning** and **investments**
- Provides a **framework** for increased cross-sector, multi-jurisdictional, and **multimodal** coordination and partnerships
- Identifies **freight data needs** to support decision making

Required under 49 U.S.C. §70102, as established by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act



Energy



Agriculture



Manufacturing



Natural Resources

# Purpose of the NFSP

## Multimodal:

highway, rail, ocean,  
inland waterways, aviation,  
pipelines, and intermodal

## Industry Focused

- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ Manufacturing
- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Natural Resources



Consistent with the  
**Administration's**  
priorities

- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Industrial productivity
- ✓ Global competitiveness
- ✓ Rural infrastructure needs

Focused on the  
**Federal role**  
for freight

# Vision and Principles

## Vision

The freight transportation system of the United States will strengthen the economic competitiveness with safe and reliable supply chains that efficiently and seamlessly connect producers, shippers and consumers in domestic and foreign markets.

## Federal Role

1. **Modernize or eliminate regulations** that inhibit supply chain efficiency, reduce incentives to innovation, delay project delivery, and raise costs to shippers and consumers.
2. **Improve cross-sector, multi-jurisdictional, and multimodal collaboration** to enhance first-and last-mile connections and intermodal connectivity, streamline interstate policies and regulations, and support multi-state investment.
3. **Provide targeted federal resources and financial assistance** to effectively participate in the funding of freight projects that provide significant benefits to the national economy.
4. **Invest in freight data, analysis tools, and research** to enhance the abilities of state, regional and local agencies to evaluate and address freight issues.

# Strategic Goals

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**SAFETY:** Improve the safety, security, and resilience of the national freight system.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Modernize freight infrastructure and operations to grow the economy, increase competitiveness, and improve quality of life.

**INNOVATION:** Prepare for the future by supporting the development of data, technologies, and workforce capabilities that improve freight system performance

# Questions?

For more information: <https://www.transportation.gov/freight/NFSP>

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