Our Mission

To **optimize** the region’s freight transportation network through public and private partnerships.

Our Goal

To produce results that **strengthen the St. Louis region** by increasing job growth through manufacturing and logistics, and improving the local economy.
Eight Local Counties

Madison
St. Clair
Monroe
St. Charles
Franklin
St. Louis
Jefferson
St. Louis City
Our region is a **transportation capital** and a **premier Midwest freight hub**

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• AECOM
• America's Central Port District
• Duke Realty
• East-West Gateway Council of Governments
• The Jerry Costello Group

• St. Louis Community College – Corporate College
• Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis
• TranSystem Corporation
• Union Pacific Railroad
Commissioned by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments in 2013, evaluated existing capabilities, gaps and potential for growth in freight

Study highlighted potential impact of freight to economic development, and **importance of public sector involvement**

Recommendations include establishment of a Regional Freight District
Elected leaders from Illinois and Missouri recognize the importance of freight, and provided full support to East-West Gateway Board of Directors.

Creation of Regional Freight Working Group and Freightway Alliance brings together elected officials, public organizations and the private sector.

All parties are working together to leverage resources for freight growth and economic development – collaboration instead of division.
In the process of developing key performance indicators that will demonstrate how the Freightway is reaching objectives:

- Economic Development Growth
- Freight Flow Changes
- Job Creation
1) **Finalize** governance documents

2) **Develop** policy initiatives

3) **Incorporate** information into Policy Development Plan scheduled for completion later this fall
COMMITTEE DEMOGRAPHICS

Who We Are

Broad cross-section of industry leaders who have been working closely together over the last nine months

Emphasis on participation and expertise from real estate leaders to maximize target marketing efforts of shippers, manufacturers and the logistics industry
1. Create **awareness and education** about our regional successes

2. Leverage successes as part of strategy to continue **growing, expanding and attracting manufacturing** to our region

3. Develop marketing strategies that focus on **local and regional** markets, and more broadly to **national and international** markets
Have developed comprehensive real estate resource for the region, with detailed information on size, multimodal connections, incentives and more.

Identifies 11 real estate opportunities ideal for national and international shippers like Walmart, Home Depot or other large retailers.
TheFreightway.com is our front door for attracting businesses, investors and real estate speculators to the region

The fact sheet and comprehensive real estate resource are tools for the entire region
ST LOUIS REGIONAL FREIGHTWAY
Your Gateway to the World

Needs Analysis & Freight Development Committee
Largest Committee

- Manufacturing
- Logistics
- Transportation
- Commercial Real Estate
- Workforce Development

Public and Private Sector Leadership

- Economic Development Organizations
- Academia
- Illinois and Missouri Departments of Transportation
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Committee Objectives

1. **Identify** potential projects and investments that align economic development with the region’s supply chain

2. **Establish** selection criteria to prioritize multimodal transportation projects and investments

3. **Create** the region’s Freight Development Plan and Project List
Purpose

Identify and prioritize multimodal transportation projects and freight infrastructure improvements that will:

• Drive economic growth
• Raise awareness and support for funding
• Increase efficiency, reliability, capacity and level of service
• Help increase productivity and competitiveness
SELECTION CRITERIA

Primary Criteria

• Economic Impact
• Multimodal Impact
• Efficiency Impact

Secondary Criteria

• Strategic Alignment
• Business Development Impact
• Public Safety
Evaluation

More than 20 regional multimodal transportation projects and improvements were evaluated against the selection criteria.

Final list will be incorporated into Needs Analysis and Freight Development Plans scheduled for completion this fall.

**Six projects have been given the highest priority**, including projects that are nationally significant and specifically address ‘first mile/last mile’ transportation needs.
SELECTED PROJECTS

Highest Priority

Merchants Rail Bridge Replacement
- 126-year old rail bridge that spans the Mississippi River
- Connections to six Class I railroads
- Currently carries more than 40 million gross tons annually
- Total estimated project cost = $222 million

Interstate 270 Mississippi River Bridge Replacement
- Replacement of two existing structures
- Construction of new structure to accommodate forecasted vehicle/freight flow
- Total estimated project cost = $160 - $175 million
**SELECTED PROJECTS**

**Highest Priority**

**Interstate 270 Improvements**
- Increase capacity by widening to six lanes from Lilac Ave. to IL-111
- Estimated cost = $350 - $400 million
- Corridor improvements between Lilac Ave. to Lindbergh Blvd.
- Estimated cost = $243 million

**North Riverfront Commerce Corridor Improvements**
- Improve mobility and circulation issues in 3,000 acre multimodal logistics and business district
- Total estimated cost = $55 million
SELECTED PROJECTS

Highest Priority

Relocate IL Route 3 in St. Clair County, Illinois
- Improve access to I-70, Stan Musial Veteran’s Memorial Bridge, Sauget Industrial Park and St. Louis Downtown Airport
- New construction between East St. Louis and Sauget
- Estimated cost = $125 million (two lanes) or $170 million (4 lanes)

Falling Springs Diversion Loop/IL Route 3 Railroad Bypass
- Construction of bypass loop from IL Route 3 over A&S railroad in Sauget to eliminate substantial through-traffic delays
- Total estimated cost = $20 - $25 million
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**FASTLANE**

- East-West Gateway Freight Study
- Merchants Bridge: public-private partnership with Bi-State Development, Terminal Railroad Association, MoDOT

**TIGER Grants**

- Interstate 270 improvements