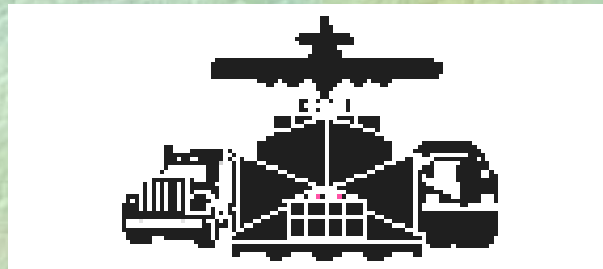


# Heartland Intermodal Partnership



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Pittsburg, PA

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# Heartland Intermodal Partnership (HIP)



U.S. Department of Transportation

# *Why HIP?*

- ❖ Central U.S. perceives itself as being landlocked
- ❖ Focus continues to remain on truck and rail solutions to freight capacity problems
- ❖ These assets alone cannot handle the ever increasing volume of freight
- ❖ Maritime will help to mitigate the crisis

# *Well Positioned*

Connection of Great Lakes and Gulf via the  
Mississippi River System



# *Vision*

To expedite safe and secure freight movements, reduce congestion and advocate increased use of the Heartland's intermodal and water resources as strategies for coping with demands on the region's transportation system.

# *Mission*

To support the competitiveness of Heartland Region business, industry, and labor in world markets through improved intermodal transportation

# Goals

- ❖ Educate
- ❖ Cooperate



# Goals *continued*

- ❖ Showcase
- ❖ Resource



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# *Objectives - Immediate*

- ❖ Forge a 24-state coalition of private industries; port authorities; trade organizations; MPO's; State DOTs; water, rail, and truck interests; and Federal agencies
- ❖ Establish an Executive Committee comprised of these interests to achieve professional and modal diversity.

# *Objectives - Intermediate*

- ❖ Marketing
- ❖ State DOT's
- ❖ MPO's



# *Objectives - Long-Term*

- ❖ Recognition of waterways
- ❖ Increase waterborne traffic



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# *Executive Committee Meetings*

Four meetings

- ❖ St. Louis: June 3-4, 2003
- ❖ New Orleans: December 5, 2003
- ❖ Chicago: June 17-18, 2004
- ❖ New Orleans: May 25-26, 2005

# *Result of June Meeting*

- Established a Work Plan
- Categories
  - ✓ Administration
  - ✓ Membership
  - ✓ Funding
  - ✓ Research & Development

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# *HEARTLAND INTERMODAL PARTNERSHIP*

Web site:

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