

DESCRIPTION

Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and local governments (LGs) are critical to the planning, development, and implementation of truck parking projects in their regions. Alongside the state DOT, community groups, and industry stakeholders, MPOs can leverage their roles in regional coordination, short- and long-range planning, and allocating federal funding to advance truck parking projects that meet regional needs. Local governments also have significant authority over land use, zoning planning, and permitting, which can be codified in municipal codes and comprehensive plans that guide when, where, and how commercial motor vehicles park. Together, MPOs and LGs can address the current demand for truck parking and proactively plan for future needs.



APPLICATIONS

- » **Responsible Party:** MPO, city/county.
- » **Needs:** Addresses all truck parking needs through project financing and local/regional planning.

BENEFITS

- » **Opens eligibility for state and federal funding** for transportation infrastructure improvements by incorporating truck parking projects into MPO and LG planning products.
- » **Ensures that truck parking issues are addressed consistently** across different staff members, political administrations, and neighboring jurisdictions by codifying truck parking needs and regulations.
- » **Fosters a more integrated and effective network of truck parking facilities**—benefitting regional and interstate freight movement—by coordinating across MPOs and LGs.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1** *Assess current planning products, committees, and funding programs that could incorporate truck parking needs. Identify potential projects and opportunity sites when possible.*
- 2** *Convene meetings between MPOs and LGs to share potential projects, resources, and coordinate across jurisdictions.*
- 3** *Codify truck parking needs and guidelines into short- and long-term plans, as well as governing documents (e.g. zoning ordinances, permitting policies etc.).*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more, please visit www.txdot.gov and search for “truck parking.”
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