3A: Rail Freight Loading/Unloading Location Inventory

Purpose

The purpose of this deliverable is to maintain an inventory of rail freight loading/unloading locations and their status. The information will be used to update the list of intermodal connectors, the statewide rail plan, and to identify rail facility locations. This will help promote the safe and efficient movement of goods and services throughout the state. During the review process it may become necessary to contact area stakeholders and/or industry experts on transportation issues or opportunities affecting the area. In some instances, field surveying of facilities may be needed to help determine their inclusion in the dataset.

There is a lot of great information at these websites:

https://transportation.ky.gov/Planning/Pages/default.aspx

https://transportation.ky.gov/MultimodalFreight/Pages/FreightPlanningHome.aspx

Tasks

1) The ADD planner will review provided GIS shapefile for accuracy. KYTC has created a webpage to host the GIS shapefile at the following website: https://transportation.ky.gov/MultimodalFreight/Pages/ADD-Shapefile.aspx.   The   dataset includes the following:

   a) Rail yards identified by the railroad companies.

   b) Transload facilities – freight is transferred at these locations between trucks to trains or barge to trains.

   c) If the facility is included on the Major Freight Users (MFU) dataset it can be omitted from this dataset. The rail loading/unloading facilities should identify locations where transloading occurs but may not meet the criteria of the MFU dataset.

   d) Potential Rail/Unloading Facilities

        i. Railyards

        ii. Grain loading facilities

        iii. Coal Mines

        iv. Quarries

        v. Lumber Mills

        vi. Other raw materials

        vii. Warehouse with rail access (not found on MFU dataset)

        viii. Manufacturing with rail access (not found on MFU dataset)

e) During the review process, the ADD planner will review both the rail loading/unloading dataset and MFU dataset concurrently. It is expected for the ADD planner to identify locations not previously identified in the dataset (See Task 1). Changes in operations for previously identified locations should also be included (new, expansions, closures) and comments to provide further explanations. Data for each facility will include all information available such as the name, location, and function (e.g., bulk transfer, container yard, classification yard) of the facility. For yearly updates, the ADD planner will submit an up-to-date GIS shapefile of current rail facility information with all necessary changes. Only records that require updates should be included in the submittal. If no new locations were found during the data review, a statement of "I have reviewed and there have been no changes since my last submission" to the Cabinet by the last workday of **February**. For major update years, the revised GIS shapefile is required to be submitted. Please refer to the ADD Work Program – 5 Year Schedule located in this document for the Major Update year.

Naming of Submittal (Compressed Folder of Shapefile Data)

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