

1.0.1 Oklahoma Freight Goals

NATIONAL FREIGHT GOALS

National goals for freight are enumerated in the BIL and are summarized in Table 1. The Oklahoma freight goals are consistent with the national goals, as discussed next.

Table 1. National Freight Program Goals

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1. Invest in infrastructure and operational improvements that strengthen economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, reduce the costs of freight transportation, improve reliability, and increase productivity
 2. Safety, security, efficiency, and resilience – urban and rural
 3. Network state of good repair
 4. Use innovation and advanced technology to improve safety, efficiency, and reliability
 5. Economic efficiency and productivity of networks
 6. Improve State flexibility to support multi-state planning and address highway freight connectivity, and
 7. Reduce environmental impacts
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Source: WSP adapted from <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/nhfp.cfm>



Truckers regard highways as their factories and trucks as their work tools. We need highways to be improved so that the channels of commerce can work effectively.
—Oklahoma Trucking Association member

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND NATIONAL FREIGHT GOALS

Table 2 lists Oklahoma’s freight goals in the priority order determined by the Oklahoma Freight Advisory Committee (FAC). The table shows how freight goals correspond to an established LRTP goal area and to established national freight goals listed in Table 1.

Table 2. Oklahoma’s Freight Goals and Correspondence to Long-Range Transportation Plan Goals and National Freight Goals

LRTP Goal Area	OFTP Freight Goals	National Freight Goal #
Safe and Secure Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement and its interaction with other vehicles. ▪ Ensure the ability of urban and rural highways to safely accommodate growth in freight traffic. 	2
Infrastructure Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet freight transportation needs by maintaining the Oklahoma State Highway System in a state of good repair. ▪ Support the preservation of Oklahoma multimodal freight networks through appropriate polices and initiatives. 	3, 5
Mobility: Choice, Connectivity and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foster a diverse portfolio of modal choices for Oklahoma’s freight shippers and receivers in urban and rural areas. ▪ Support end-to-end operations of industry supply chains in Oklahoma markets for Oklahoma’s industries. 	1, 5
Economic Vitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote competitive access to domestic and international markets for Oklahoma’s industries. ▪ Direct freight-related transportation investments to support the state’s economy. 	1, 6
Environmental Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support the growth of Oklahoma clean energy by promoting clean fuel use by freight providers. ▪ Avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse environmental impacts related to freight transportation. ▪ Consider the impacts of freight movement on underserved and historically disadvantaged communities. 	7
Efficient Intermodal System Management and Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure the competitive performance of the Oklahoma freight system. ▪ Safeguard industry supply chains by improving resiliency of the freight transportation system to withstand disruptions. ▪ Promote use of innovation and advanced technology to enhance system performance. 	2, 4
Fiscal Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capitalize on federal funding and finance programs to aid investment in the freight transportation system. ▪ Coordinate freight corridor development programs with neighboring states. 	6

Source: Oklahoma Freight Advisory Committee