



# Great Lakes Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (GLRTOC)

## Partnership Statement

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**Mission:** The Great Lakes Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (GLRTOC) is a partnership of transportation agencies that collaborates on initiatives to improve cross-regional transportation systems management and operations in support of regional economic competitiveness and improved quality of life.

**Background Statement:** This coalition will provide opportunities for operating the megaregion's transportation network on a large scale, collective, and consensus basis. This megaregion transportation operational approach addresses the challenges of economic competitiveness, quality of life, traffic congestion, and aging transportation infrastructure.

**Membership:** Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana Toll Road Concession Company LLC, Iowa Department of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Michigan Department of Transportation, Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Missouri Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Transportation, Skyway Concession Company LLC, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

**Benefits of GLRTOC:** The benefit of this collaboration is to leverage joint funding, compete more effectively for national resources and funding, share and expand best practices to improve travel time and economic competitiveness of the megaregion, benchmark efficient operating models, and, ultimately, improve transportation operations for freight movement and travelers throughout the Great Lakes megaregion.

### Benefits of Membership:

- Access to a forum for key decision and policy makers to address transportation management and operations issues of common interest.
- Improved access to shared transportation data with coordinated information management.
- Improved access to federal funding for large scale transportation operations research and implementation projects.
- Improved operational coordination and customer focus through usage of common standards, measures, protocols, and traveler information.
- Improved operational coordination through coordinated work zones.

### **Expectations of Member Agencies:**

- Periodic staff participation in coalition activities through meetings, webinars, teleconferences, peer-to-peer meetings, etc.
- Commitment of staff time to develop and implement agreed upon initiatives.
- Commitment to provide prorated matching funds when applicable and acceptable to the agencies involved with a particular joint project. There are no formal agreements or payment of dues.
- Commitment to work together with neighboring states/provinces.

### **Strategies:**

#### Enhancing reliable cross-regional mobility through:

- Leveraging available traffic data, including national probe data, to monitor and coordinate cross-regional interstate operations, evaluate mobility performance measures, and provide visualizations
- Assisting member agencies in identifying locations that would benefit from application of operational strategies
- Coordinating best practices for rapidly evolving connected and automated vehicle technologies and policies
- Assisting member agencies in understanding and complying with federal performance rules and regulations

#### Improving cross-regional customer travel experience through:

- Continuing and expanding the sharing of traveler information across the megaregion, and exploring strategies to integrate ATMS/ATIS across agencies
- Continuing and expanding the coordination of significant work zones, an annual work zone review, and online high impact work zone mapping
- Continuing to maintain and expand connections between traffic operations centers throughout the megaregion, including high impact alert notifications
- Supporting implementation of cross-regional operations strategies, such as Truck Parking Information Systems, etc.

**Additional Partners:** GLRTOC recognizes the region's complex and growing operations issues that must be addressed through partnerships with established organizations such as the Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance (LMIGA), AASHTO, MAASTO, ITS America, ITS Midwest, ITS Heartland, Federal Highway Administration, Transport Canada, Transportation Association of Canada, and ITS Canada. The coalition recognizes the value of the continued operational leadership and activities of LMIGA and proposes to work together as complementary organizations.

**Moving Forward:** It is expected that the coalition will continue to develop and evolve to effectively serve the needs of the traveling public and its member agencies. Future revisions to this Partnership Statement are possible.