

# Urban Truck Ports

## Unlocking the Benefits of High-efficiency Truck Operations

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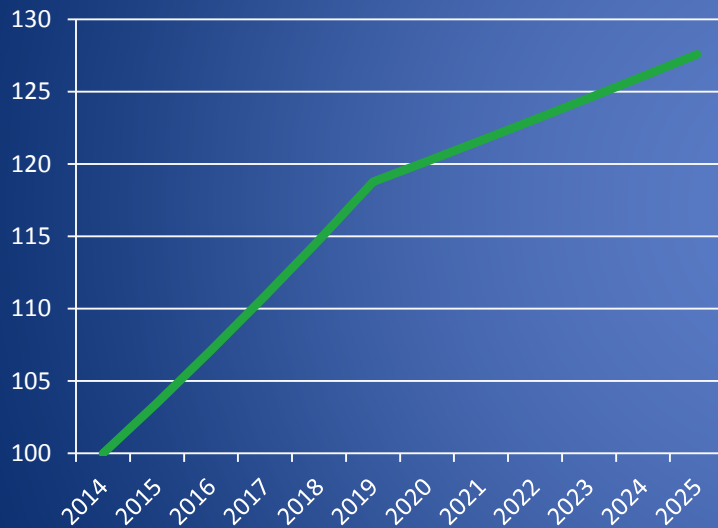
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# The Truck Freight Challenge

Increasing truck freight

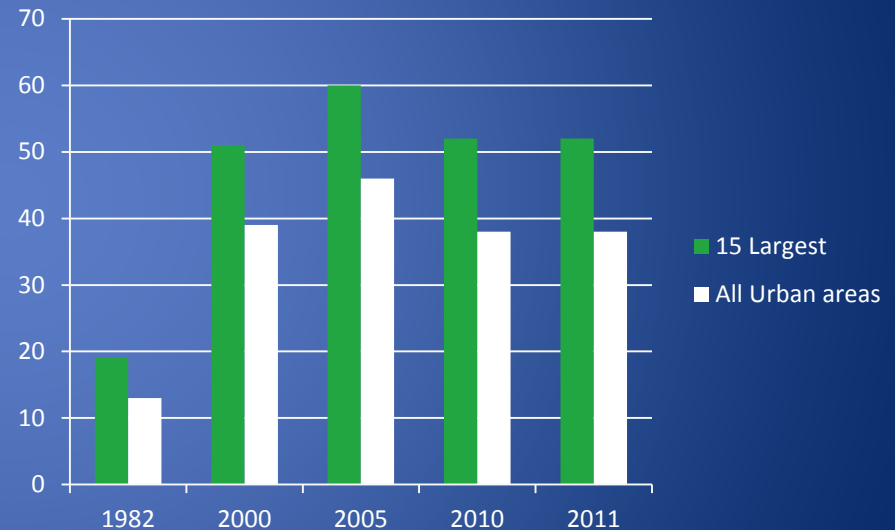
Worsening congestion

**Truckload Freight**  
2014 volume = 100



Source: ATA U.S. Freight Transportation Forecast to 2025

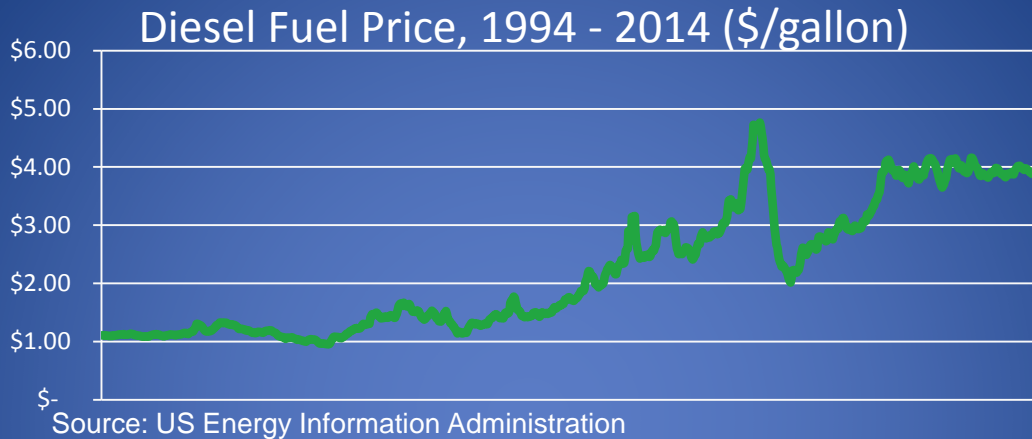
**Average Annual Hours of Delay in Urban Areas**



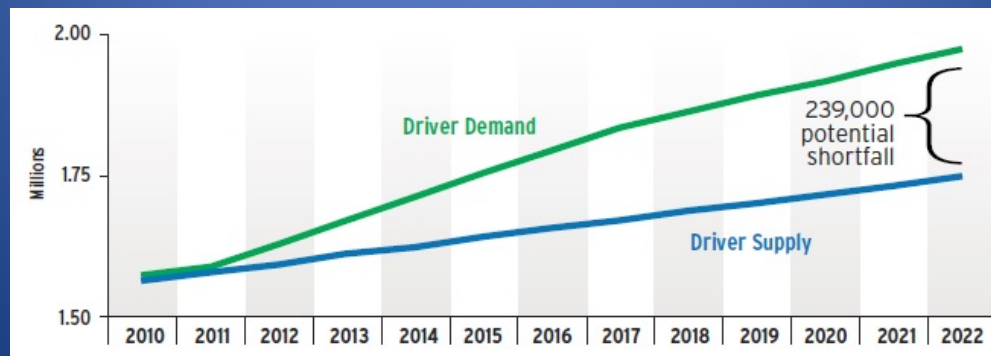
Source: 2012 Urban Mobility Report, Texas Transportation Institute

# The Truck Freight Challenge

## Rising fuel costs



## Labor supply shortage

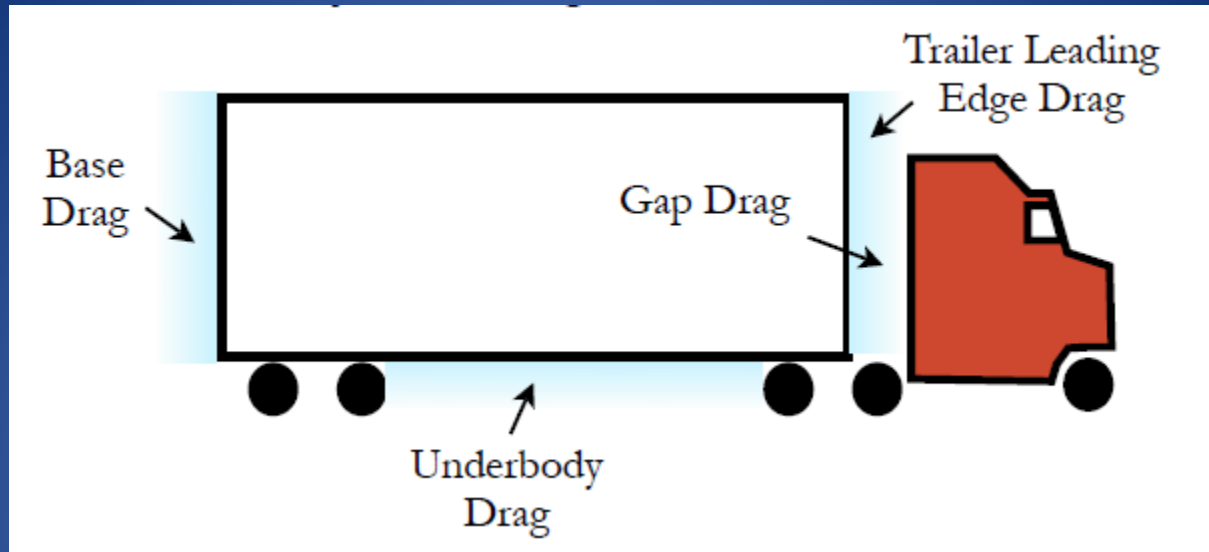


# Urban Truck Port Network (UTPN): Part of the Solution?

A network of strategically located facilities outside key urban bottlenecks to:

- Segment the duty cycle: transfer freight between local and long-distance trucks
- Dis/assemble long-combination vehicles
- Spur innovation in fuel efficient technology and operations
- Promote off-peak delivery

# Technology for the Rural Duty Cycle



Gap Seal



Full Skirt

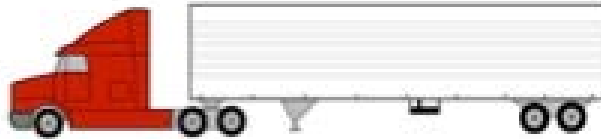


Rear Drag Device



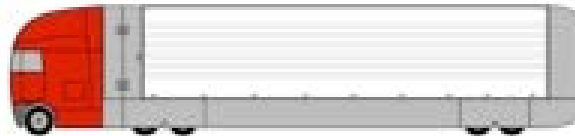
# Long Combination Vehicles (LCVs)

6.5 mpg  
130 ton-mile/gal



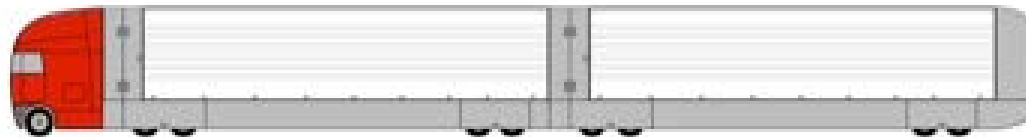
Reduce energy consumption of the vehicle

12.5 mpg  
275 ton-mile/gal



Maximize delivered cargo per vehicle and trip

8.7 mpg  
335 ton-mile/gal



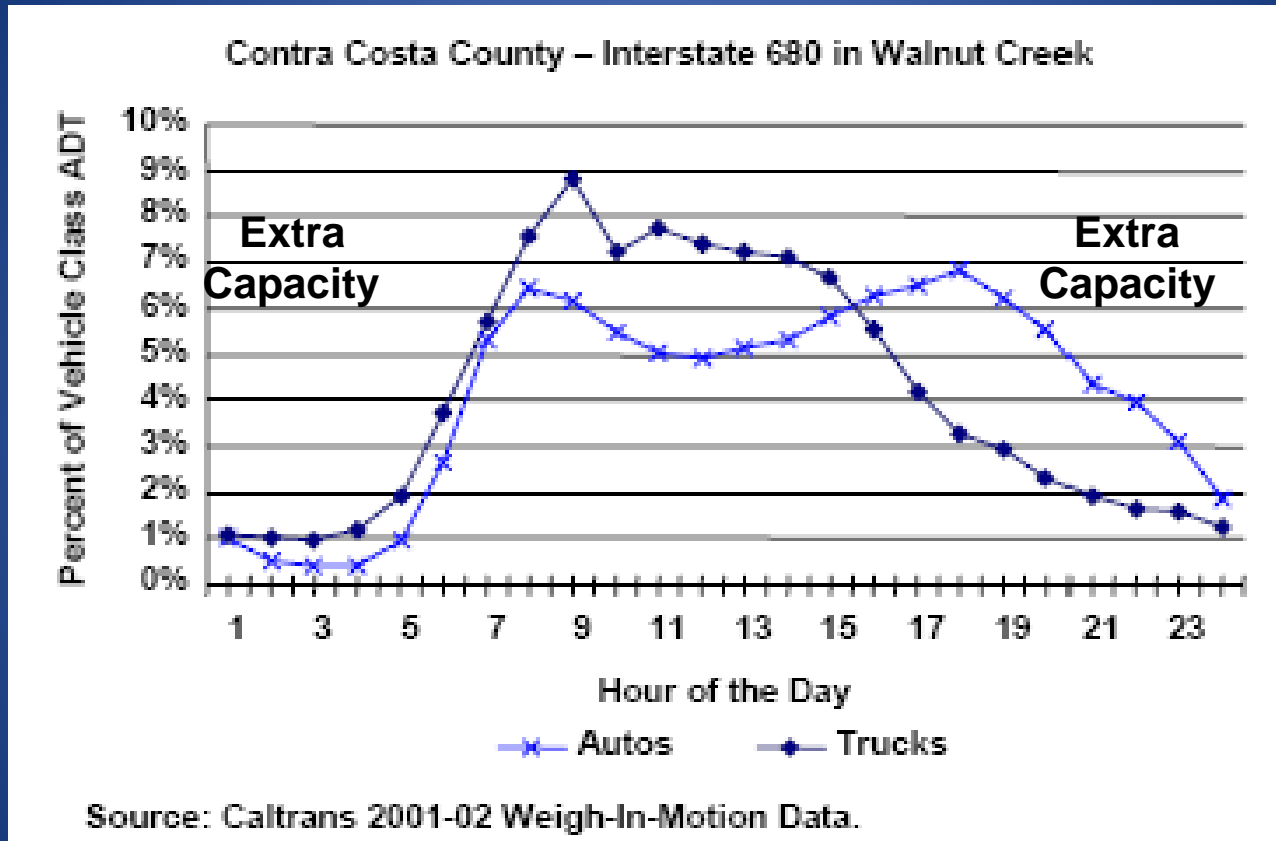
Source: RMI Analysis, NPTC, 2008 Benchmarking Survey

# Technology for the Urban Duty Cycle

- Braking allows for hybrids with significant fuel savings
- Better low-speed torque reduces effect on congestion
- Quieter and less polluting
- Better visibility and shorter wheel base for increased safety
- Lower weight reduces damage to surface streets



# Why Truckers Drive Through Congestion



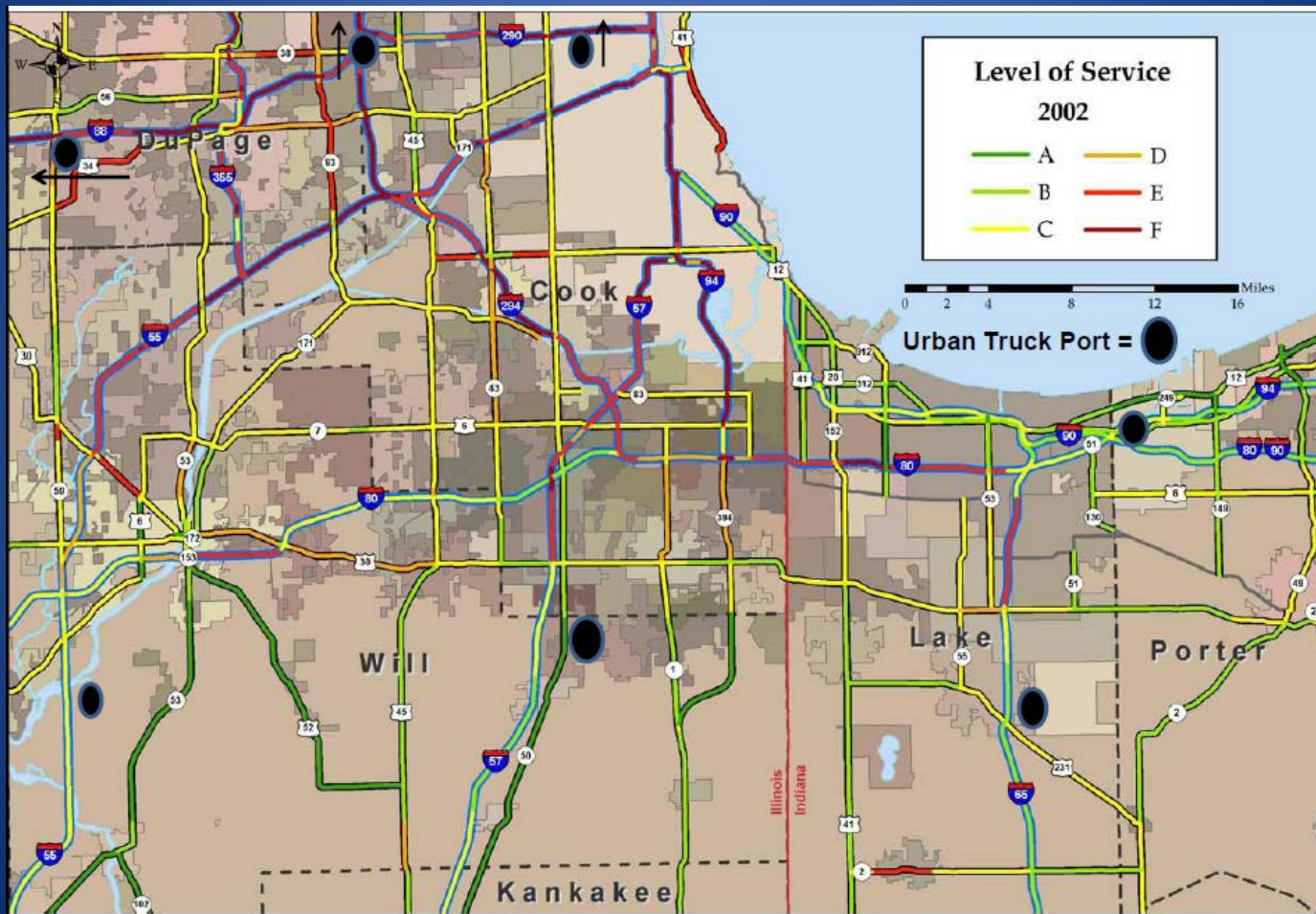


# Off-Peak Delivery

- Truckers prefer less congested conditions but cannot avoid them due to appointments and hours of service (HOS)
- Much truckload freight is going to large facilities that are open 24 hours a day
- Value of off-peak delivery systems has been demonstrated:
  - Port of LA/Long Beach has moved 40 percent of container pick-ups to off-peak hours
  - NYC off-peak pilot program recently completed received great reviews from truckers and their customers

# Urban Port Sites

Congestion Levels and Urban Truck Port Locations for Chicago



# Benefits of an Urban Truck Port Network

- Cuts congestion
  - Reduces fuel consumption, air pollution, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - Reduces the need for new infrastructure
- Improves safety
  - Reduces hours of service (HOS) violations and driver turnover
- Sets the stage for innovation
  - Improves ROI for fuel efficiency technologies on long-distance trucks
  - Allows for the use of new fuel and vehicle technologies for short-haul trucks
  - Reduces barriers to LCV use
- Reduces shipping costs
  - Lowers fuel costs
  - Improves travel-time reliability

# Implementation

Why the industry won't do it alone:

- Trucking is a low margin, highly competitive industry
- Truckers are very conservative about new technology
- There is little incentive:
  - Labor is paid by the mile
  - HOS are not enforced in urban areas (e.g. waiting time is not counted)
  - Costs of urban travel (e.g. air pollution, congestion, road damage) are not fully paid by the industry

# Getting Started

We are near a tipping point

- Intermodal is gaining, but there is only so much capacity
- Congestion costs are growing
- Industry is asking for more infrastructure and offering to pay

Infrastructure and operating costs could be paid for by:

- Public sector
  - Tolling peak-period traffic and/or through trips
  - Increased State or Federal fuel tax with refunds for trucks that use truck ports to facilitate off-peak deliveries.
- Private sector
  - Fees for cargo storage, handling, and fuel at the truck port.

# Getting Started

## USDA grant

- Explore how the truck port concept could help farmers access regional markets and improve access to fresh produce in urban areas
- SSTI working with Center for Integrated Ag. Systems and others at UW-Madison
- Partnering with agricultural shippers and logistics professionals
- Engaging public and private sector stakeholders
- Meeting in Chicago – Spring 2015
- Develop pilot project

# Comments/Questions

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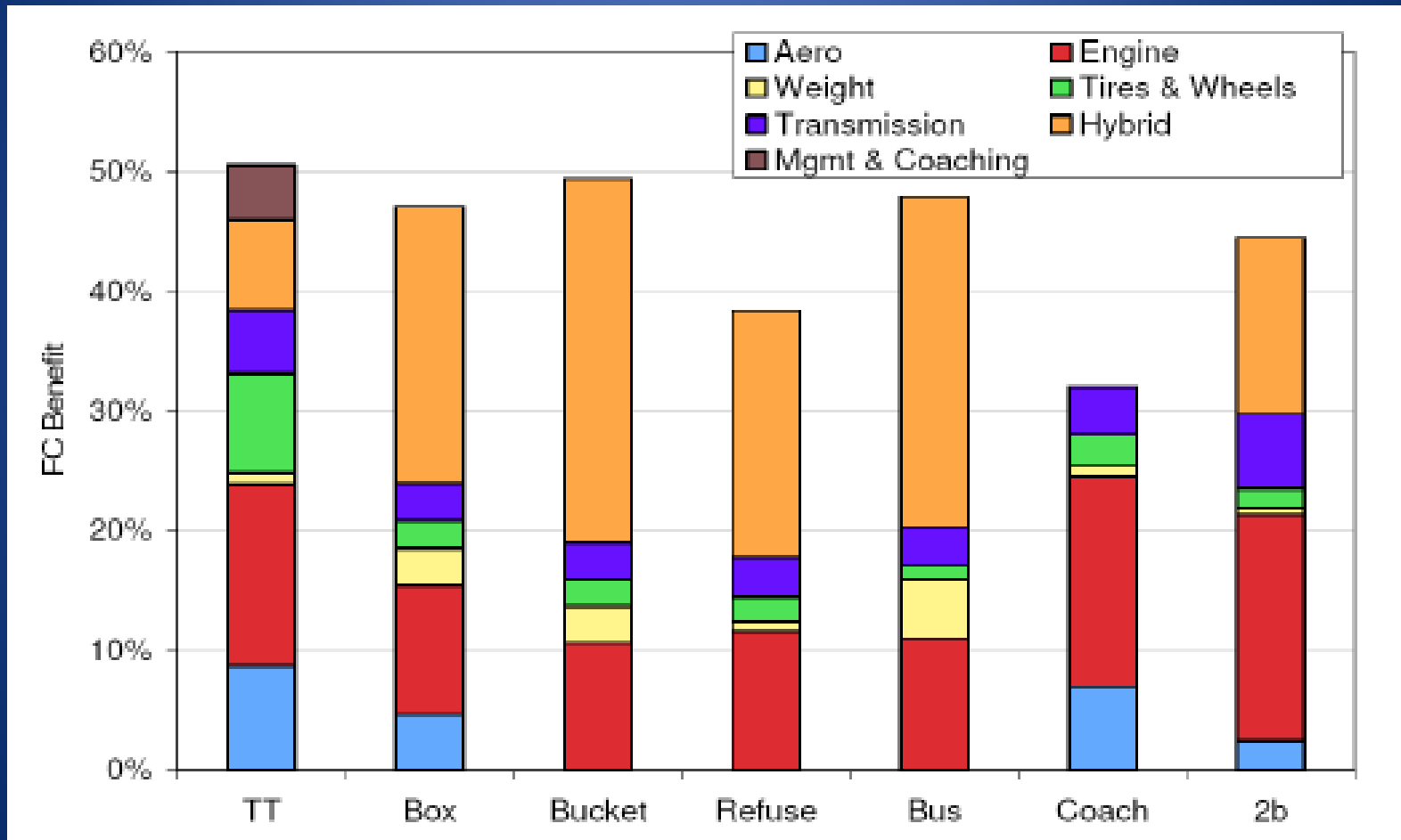
## Extra Slides





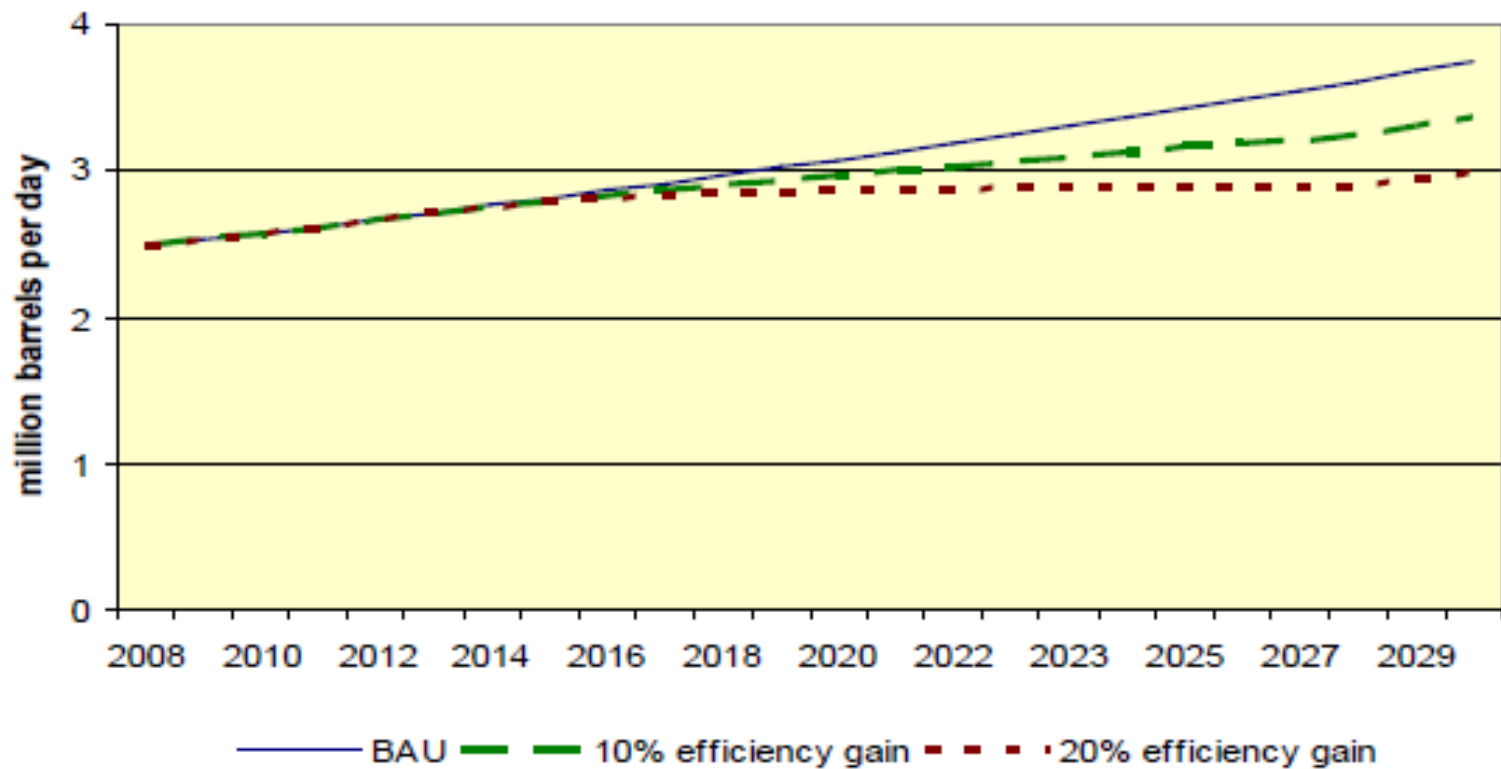
# Benefits of Available/Near-Term Technologies by Type of Trucks

## The Challenge of Increasing Tractor-Trailer Fuel Economy (FC)



## MDHD PETROLEUM CONSUMPTION, 2008-2030

By 2030, MDHD Fuel Consumption Reduced ~ 10% - 25%

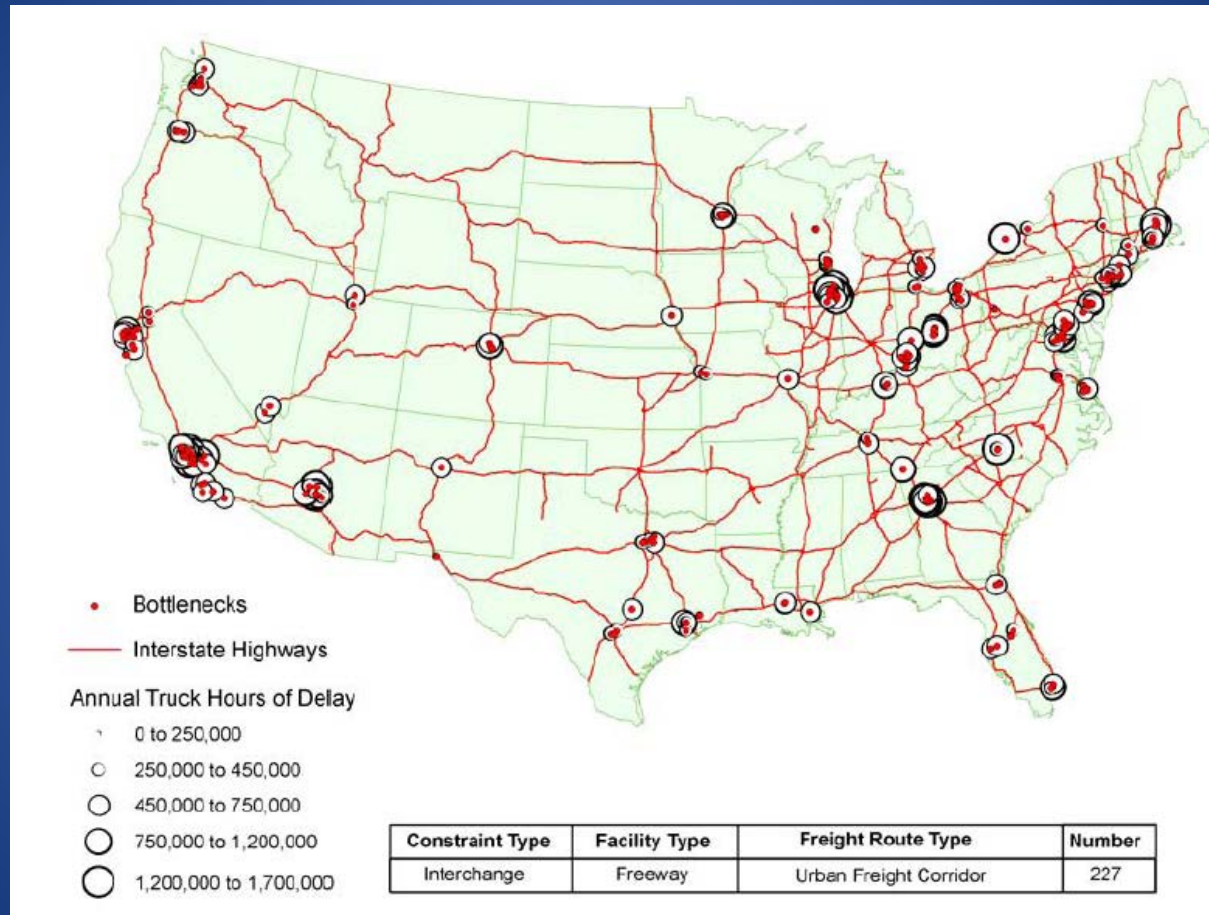


# TECHNOLOGIES & COSTS FOR REDUCING FUEL CONSUMPTION

## Fuel Consumption Reduction Potential for Typical New Vehicles in 2015-2020 & Effectiveness Comparisons for 7 Vehicle Configurations

Vehicle Class	Fuel Consumption Reduction, Percent	Midrange Capital Cost, Dollars	Cost Effectiveness Metric		
			Dollars per percent fuel saved	Dollars per gallon saved per year	Breakeven fuel price, <sup>a</sup> dollars per gallon
Tractor-Trailer	51	\$84,600	\$1,670	\$7.70	\$1.10
Class 6 Box Truck	47	\$43,120	\$920	\$29.30	\$4.20
Class 6 Bucket Truck	50	\$49,870	\$1,010	\$37.80	\$5.40
Class 2b Pickup	45	\$14,710	\$330	\$33.70	\$4.80
Refuse Truck	38	\$50,800	\$1,320	\$18.90	\$2.70
Transit Bus	48	\$250,400	\$5,230	\$48.00	\$6.80
Motor Coach	32	\$36,350	\$1,140	\$11.60	\$1.70

# Major US Freight Bottlenecks



# An Example: Chicago

- Contains six of the twenty-five worst bottlenecks in the US, generating \$556 million in truck delay costs annually.
- In metropolitan Chicago, fully two-thirds of the need for new roads in the next twenty years will be due to increased truck traffic.