



***Delta Regional Authority  
DRA Multimodal Transportation Assets, Needs and Recommendations Report  
Interactive Compact Disc  
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The [Delta Regional Authority](#) (DRA) was established by Congress in 2000 to enhance economic development and improve the quality of life for residents of this region. The DRA region includes portions of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. The DRA region is an important component of the global multimodal transportation system and plays a vital role in the national and regional economy.

On August 10, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU authorizes the Federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety and transit for the 5-year period 2005-2009. [Section 1923 of SAFETEA-LU](#) mandated that the DRA complete a multimodal assets, needs and recommendations report and present to the Secretary of Transportation and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate. This interactive compact disc contains the largest collection of multimodal assets and needs data for a region of the U.S. The DRA is grateful to the hundreds of federal, state and local stakeholders for making this a successful and comprehensive report.

Over the last year, thousands of hours, thousands of discussions and millions of bits of data have been collected to develop the [DRA Multimodal Transportation Assets, Needs and Recommendations Report](#). The report documents the multimodal transportation assets, needs and recommendations for the DRA multimodal transportation system, which includes highways, bridges, intelligent transportation systems, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, public ports and locks. The multimodal assets and needs documented in this compact disc can be easily viewed using Adobe Acrobat software. The CD also contains interactive maps of the DRA region that provide the assets and needs for public airports, port authorities and passenger rail stations by clicking on the transportation facility or owner name.

To ensure all assets, needs and recommendations were identified an intensive effort to engage stakeholders in the DRA region was undertaken. A total of 600 DRA regional partners attended the 18 meetings conducted throughout the region. All needs discussed during the state meetings were identified on DRA maps to ensure the needs were documented and included in the final *DRA Multimodal Transportation Assets, Needs and Recommendations Report*. [Appendix A](#) of the report provides the needs and issues discussed at the regional coordination meetings in each of the eight states or through correspondence after the meetings were completed. During the two meetings in each of the eight states, numerous participants formally spoke and provided written

reports to the group highlighting important multimodal needs and recommendations. These reports are included in this CD and can be viewed by clicking on the title.

Identifying and collecting multimodal transportation assets and needs required continual coordination between federal, regional, state and local agencies. [Chapter 5](#) in the *DRA Multimodal Transportation Assets, Needs and Recommendations Report* describes the methodology used to collect the multimodal transportation assets and needs in the DRA region. [Appendix B](#) contains asset certification letters provided to the DRA from state and local agencies.

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