



CMCOG REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

REGIONAL FREIGHT PLANNING takes a forward-looking effort to assess how trucks, rail, air cargo, and last-mile logistics move through the Columbia region today, and what investments will keep the economy competitive tomorrow.

KEY ELEMENTS INCLUDE

- ✓ Identify bottlenecks and safety challenges on key freight corridors
- ✓ Document infrastructure gaps
- ✓ Develop a prioritized strategy for investments that support economic growth while protecting the quality of life in our neighborhoods

ALIGNMENT WITH EXISTING EFFORTS

Since the last regional freight planning effort in 2017, much has changed in South Carolina and the Columbia metropolitan region.

In coordination with the development of **South Carolina DOT's State Freight Plan (2027)**, CMCOG has begun its plan update to better understand freight movements, infrastructure and opportunities regionally, while ensuring alignment with statewide freight planning, goal setting, and prioritization.

FREIGHT DRIVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

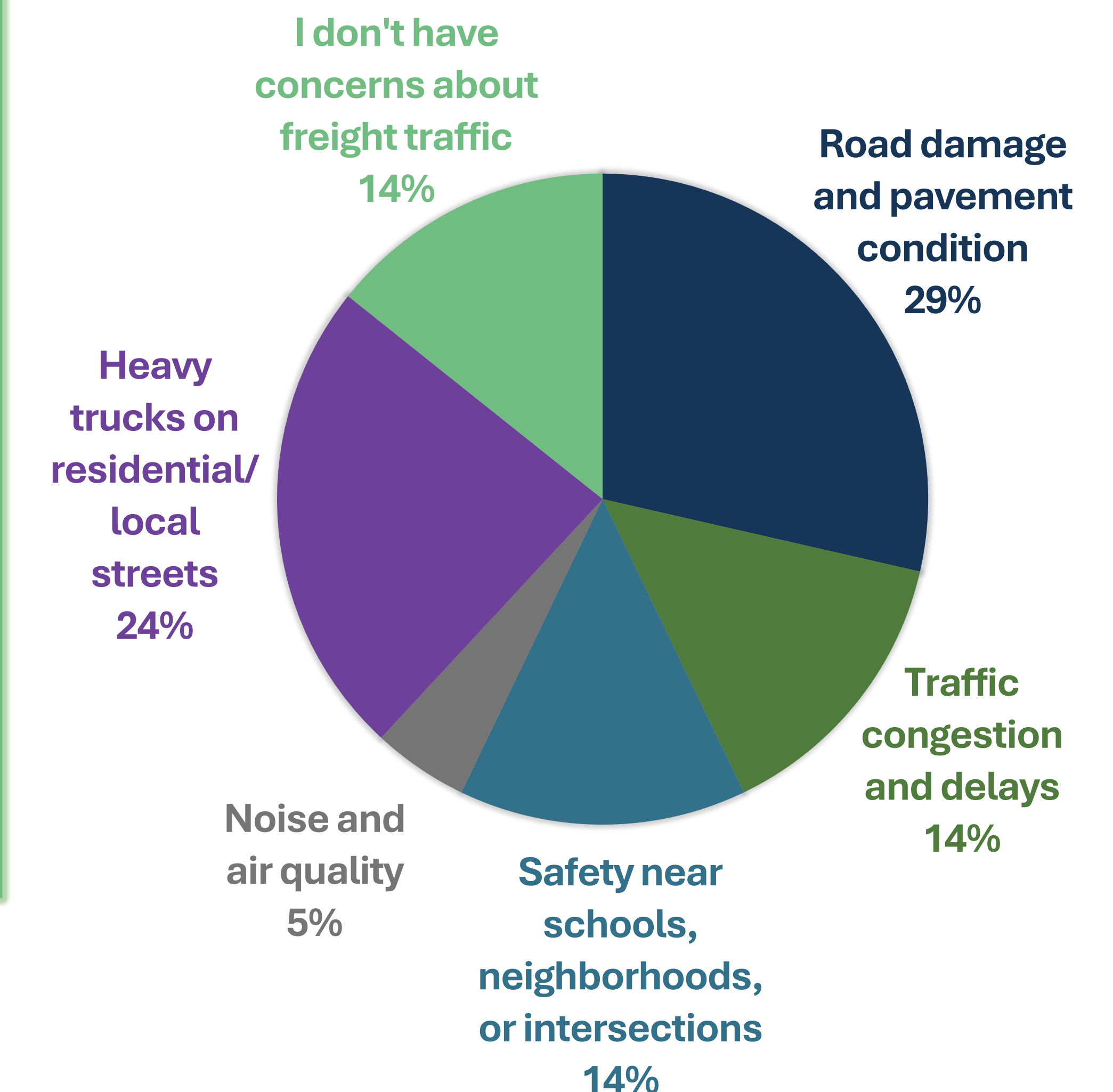
The region has experienced strong growth (30%) in gross regional product over the past decade, outpacing the U.S. (26%).

Freight contributes primarily via **employment opportunities:**

- ✓ As of 2025, freight-intensive industries provided approx. 120,000 jobs throughout the region—**9.3% growth over 10 years.**
- ✓ With investment and policy support, the CMCOG region has opportunities to expand industries like **transportation and warehousing** while maintaining competitive edge in industries like **mining** (not oil & gas), **manufacturing, and construction.**

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT is critical to understand gaps, challenges, and opportunities related to freight.

PUBLIC SURVEYING has provided valuable input to help shape the technical analysis.



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