3A: Supply Chain Interdependencies

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Five Key Points

- 1. Users of supply chain data/information need to crystallize their objectives.
 - Regional/economic benefits, jobs
- 2. Logic models underline concept of *achievable* progress.
 - See Davenport
- 3. We need to brainstorm ways for better sharing of data and analytic tools.
 - Share with sibling agencies as well as outside the federal government
 - Non-disclosure rules, confidentiality concerns
- 4. We need to consider the dynamics and incentives that define actors in the public vs. private sector.
 - Profit motive vs. serving the public
- 5. Standardizing performance measures across transportation modes and systems is a priority.
 - This allows us to better complex interdependencies
 - e.g., seaways
 - No silver bullet
 - See Hutson

The supply chain is an effective economic lens through which the MTS is analyzed as one system, as opposed to a collection of disparate elements.