

Responding to the Growth of E-Commerce

Freight Committee

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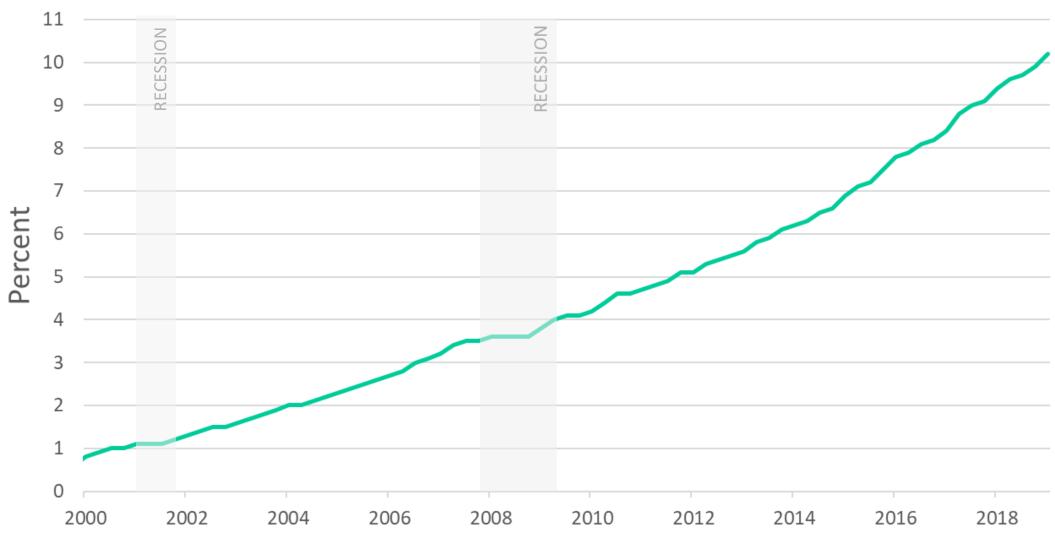
Goals

Understand the impacts that growing e-commerce may have on transportation, land use, fiscal condition, and the environment

Develop local, regional, and state policies, investment strategies, and other responses to direct impacts and take advantage of opportunities



E-Commerce Retail Sales as a Percent of Total Sales



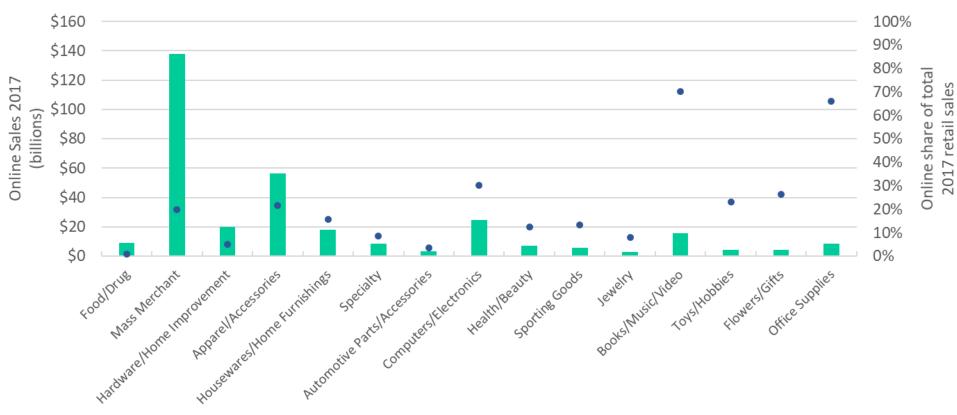
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

What's being sold online?

Online Sales 2017

Online and Total Sales

by Retailer Category for North America's 500 Leading Retailers by Web Sales



Online share of total retail sales



Transportation Impacts

Urban VMT

Roadway congestion

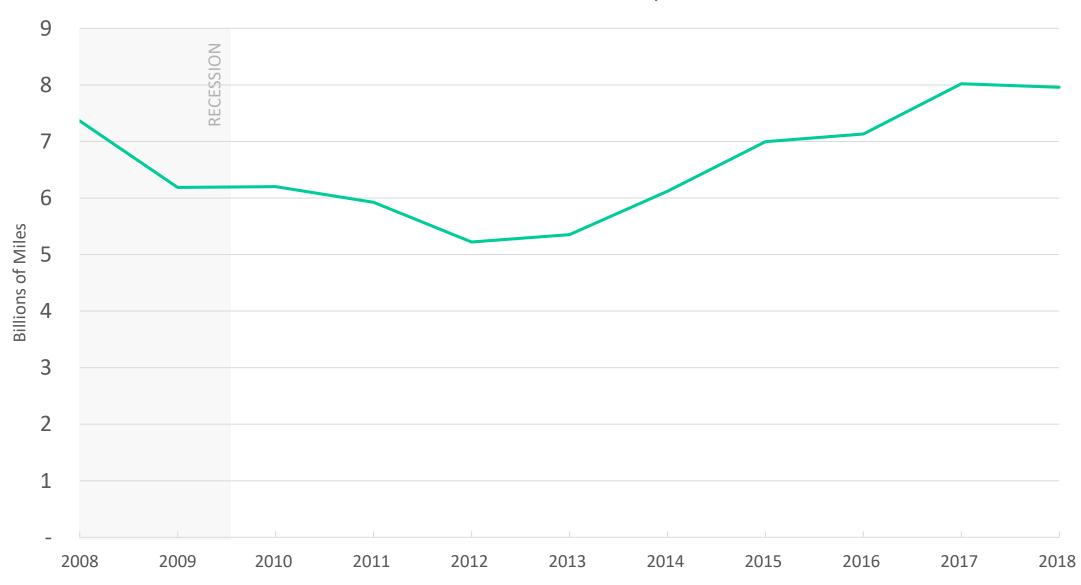
Curb congestion and use conflicts

Wear and tear on roads



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Annual Urban Truck VMT, Illinois







Communities

Retail vacancy and redevelopment

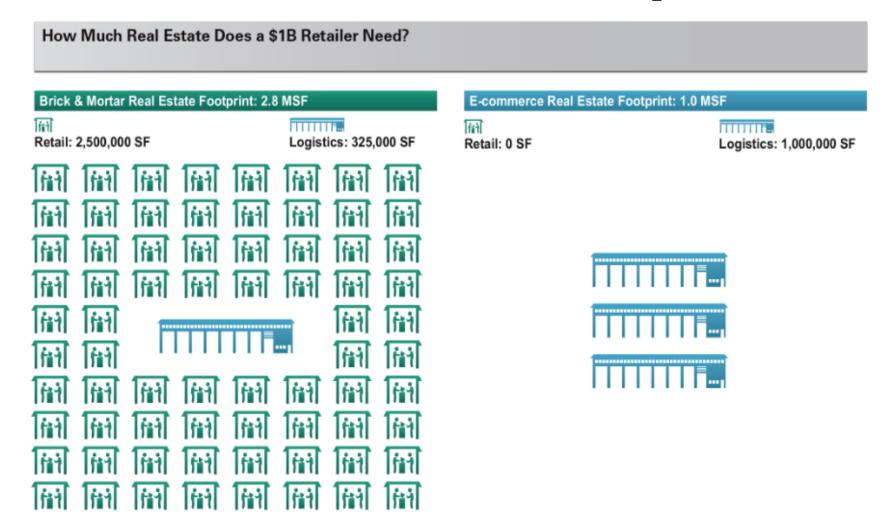
Increased distribution facilities at the edge of the region and now in urban areas

Delivery traffic in downtown and mixed use areas

Fiscal impacts of a changing land use mix



Uncertain Land Use Impacts



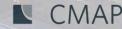


Environment

Idling and emissions

Lower energy consumption in warehouses/distribution facilities vs retail stores

Unclear potential for increased land consumption in a switch from retail space to distribution space



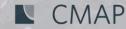
The industry is changing

Increased omnichannel approaches (mix of physical and online outlets)

Adaptation by traditional brick and mortar retailers

Shifting distribution strategies and the addition of urban delivery hubs

Changing regulatory environment (sales taxes)



Data resources

ATRI and INRIX data on truck movement

State of Illinois sales tax data, U.S. Census retail sales data

Industrial and retail development trends from CoStar

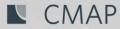


Further Research

What trends and impacts do you think are most critical to further understand?

Are there transportation, land use, or environmental impact issues that we have not included?

What resources could help analysis of these issues?



Next steps

Scoping and informational interviews Summer 2019

Report by end of FY20



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