

Freight priorities

Iowa Freight Advisory Council (FAC)

Private and public stakeholders who assist and advise the Iowa DOT on freight mobility policies, programs, and investments.

- Input exercise (9/18/2020)
 - 19 non-DOT voters rated 34 freight-specific trends, issues, and opportunities
 - Asked to rate on a 5-point scale: 1 is “Not a priority” and 5 is “Critical”
 - Asked for additional topics to consider
 - Input sorted by average rating

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1	Funding	Infrastructure funding for all modes will continue to be a challenge in the future, requiring exploration of other sources.	4.58
2	Agriculture	Increasing agricultural production and changing practices will require reanalyzing the freight network.	4.42
3	Lock & Dams	Lock and dam infrastructure is aging and deteriorating, negatively impacting efficiency and reliability.	4.32
4	Trade	New and ongoing trade negotiations will have impacts on freight trends and supply chains.	4.26
5	Multimodal	There is a continuous need for multimodal coordination and connections to address freight demand.	4.26

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6	Safety	Increased emphasis on safety in rail is yielding positive results but comes at a cost to the industry.	4.21
7	Resiliency	Supply chain issues, vulnerabilities, and resiliency are critical topics for public and private stakeholders.	4.16
8	Truck Cargo	Goods moving by truck are steadily increasing.	4.16
9	Highway Design	Developing freight-specific design guidance and considerations will help protect and enhance the freight network.	4.16
10	Regulations	Better coordination, education, and streamlining of freight-related regulations is needed.	4.11

Other freight priorities

High priority (4.00)	Medium priority (3.99-3.50)	Lower priority (3.49-2.11)	Suggested items to consider
Intermodalism	Human trafficking	Land use	Rural infrastructure
Trucking issues	Mississippi River cargo	Energy	Interstate System
Industry	Manufacturing	Sourcing	Rail crossing safety
	Rail network	Automated trucking	Sustainable investment
	E-commerce	Economics	Container availability
	Rail cargo	Panama Canal	Pipelines
	First mile/last mile	Missouri River cargo	
	Automation	Fuel	
	Oversize/overweight	Aviation trends	
	Biorenewables	Air cargo	
		Coal decline	