

Iowa Freight Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
March 4, 2016
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center
5000 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines

10:00 AM Safety briefing (Tammy Nicholson)

Welcome and introductions (Ron Lang)
(Council ice-breaker: *How does winter weather impact your business or sector? Does the DOT provide enough weather and road condition information?*)

FAC representative for Moving Iowa Forward Conference
(Tammy Nicholson)

10:30 AM State Freight Plan input exercises (Sam Hiscocks, Theresa McClure)
(*Handout A*)

Exercise 1: Modal Improvement List Review - Air, Waterways
Facilitators will explain the process for identifying air and waterways improvements. After the introduction, facilitators will ask participants to identify any fatal flaws with the process and/or changes to the lists of improvements. (*Handout B*)

Exercise 2: Value, Condition, and Performance (VCAP) Matrix Highway Improvement Discussion
Prior to the start of the activity, facilitators will explain the VCAP process and participants will have time to review the entire highway VCAP list and the corresponding maps by district.

Maps of each district will be placed around the room. Technical experts will be able to provide background and answer questions. Participants will have time to walk to review the maps. At the end of the time, facilitators will ask participants to identify any fatal flaws with the process and/or changes to the list of improvements. (*Handouts C & D*)

11:15 AM State Rail Plan input exercises (Amanda Martin, Theresa McClure)
(*Handout A*)

Exercise 1: Railroad Capital Investments and Projects in Iowa
Facilitators will employ a round robin facilitation approach to solicit participants to share their organization's internal priorities for rail projects or types of rail projects within the four main project categories:

- Capacity and mitigation of operational chokepoints

- Safety
- Economic Development
- Modal Connectivity

Participants will receive a set of voting stickers to use during this exercise. For each category, participants will receive and use three red voting stickers to identify types of projects to be prioritized. Participants will also receive and use three blue voting stickers to indicate short-term and three green voting stickers to indicate long-term projects.

Exercise 2: Rail Map Exercise

Large rail maps will be located around the meeting room. Participants will receive voting stickers and painter's tape to place on large rail maps indicating any changes to the following:

- Passenger rail stations in Iowa
- Points of freight rail access in Iowa (i.e. industrial spur, transload)
- Passenger rail services in Iowa (including intercity & commuter rail)
- Freight rail services in Iowa (including new routes or reactivated abandoned routes)

(Handout E)

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| 12:00 PM | Lunch (provided) |
| 12:30 PM | Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (Tammy Nicholson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any feedback on the criteria and/or process used? • Any thoughts on the selected projects? <i>(Handout F)</i> |
| 1:00 PM | Federal Legislative update/FAST Act Update (Dan Franklin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential uses of the National Highway Freight Program funds • Discussion of the 10 percent intermodal funds <i>(Handouts G & H)</i> |
| 1:30 PM | Traffic information – CARS, 511, etc. (Bonnie Castillo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is missing that would be helpful? • Should any existing information be presented differently? |

Upcoming meetings (locations TBD): June 3rd, Sept. 9th, Dec. 2nd