

Freight Advisory Council
June 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Iowa Motor Vehicle Division Building
6310 SE Convenience Blvd, Ankeny

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

	Terry Bailey	x	Ron Lang
	Joel Brinkmeyer	x	Don McDowell
x	Andy Cernin for Kevin Burke		Delia Moon-Meier
x	Dennis Hamilton for Col. Craig Baumgartner	x	Dan Sabin
	Tom Determann	x	Scott Stabbe
	Kevin Ekstrand	x	Mike Steenhoek
x	Murry Fitzer		Brent Vanderleest
	Natalie Hammer	x	Ron White
	Bill Horan		Tim Woods
x	Greg Jenkins		

Ex-Officio:

x	Todd Ashby		Robert Palmer
x	Mike Hadley		Joseph Rude
x	Karen Bobo for Sean Litteral		Brett Tjepkes
	Harold Hommes		Jennifer Wright
	Shirley McGuire		Cecil Wright
x	Mike Norris		

Iowa DOT:

	Paul Trombino III		David Lorenzen
x	Stu Anderson		Mark Lowe
	John Adam	x	Craig Markley
	Mike Clayton	x	Amanda Martin
	Mikel Derby		Phil Meraz
	Lance Evans	x	Tammy Nicholson
x	Susan Wallace for Dan Franklin	x	Garrett Pedersen
x	Phou Baccam for Tina Hargis		Denise Said
x	Sam Hiscocks		John Selmer
	Laura Hutzell		Kim Snook
	Sandra Larson	x	Brad Hofer
	Phil Mescher	x	Diane McCauley
x	Kyle Barichello	x	Mike Jackson

Guests:

x	Darla Hugaboom (FHWA)	x	Neal Hawkins (InTrans)

1) Welcome and Introductions (10:00 am): Amanda Martin provided an opening safety briefing. Ron Lang, Chair, welcomed the members of the Freight Advisory Council. The Council members introduced themselves and were asked the question, “*Is there anything Iowa DOT should consider including on the next agenda or for the next meeting?*” Responses included:

- Update on the I-380 high definition mapping effort
- Update on the Statewide Freight Transportation Network Optimization Strategy
- Iowa Energy Plan
- Utilization of the funding resulting from the 10 cent gas tax increase
- State Freight Plan implementation
- Iowa DOT funding (source of funds and how they are distributed)

Members were then asked to review Iowa DOT’s freight facilities database information. A map and packet listing the intermodal container facilities, transload facilities, distribution centers, public warehouses, and barge terminals that the State is aware of was provided. After briefly reviewing, members were asked to notify the Iowa DOT with any additions or changes. One addition suggested was to include the major rail ports in the state.

2) State Freight Plan and State Rail Plan distribution (10:30 AM): A draft version of the State Freight Plan was provided to each attendee. Sam Hiscocks provided a presentation with an overview of the major plan objectives and how they were accomplished, highlighting where FAC input was utilized throughout. Amanda Martin provided a presentation updating the members on the status of the State Rail Plan. FAC members were invited to comment on both documents and participate in the public input meeting in Des Moines on June 8th, as well as online.

3) International Traders of Iowa (11:00 AM): This presentation was removed from the agenda due to unavailability.

4) FAST Act Freight Funding Update (11:20 am): Stu Anderson provided an update and answered questions relating to FAST Act funding, the Iowa Transportation Commission, and

the recently completed Iowa legislative session. Topics and inquiries from members included the FAST Act freight formula program and the 10 percent reserved for freight projects; the Iowa fuel tax increase and its impact on the 5-year program; city/county funding use; focus on capacity improvements to the Interstate system including I-80 from Iowa City to West Branch, I-80/380 interchange, and I-35 south of Ames; and the Iowa DOT operations funding situation.

5) Overview of Iowa DOT FASTLANE and TIGER Grant Applications (11:40 AM): Craig Markley informed the FAC about three grant applications that were submitted by the Iowa DOT. These included FASTLANE and TIGER grant applications for the Eastern Iowa Logistics Park in Cedar Rapids and a FASTLANE grant application for the I-74 bridge reconstruction in the Quad Cities. Mr. Markley discussed the goal of each project, the timeline of grant submittal, and funding totals.

6) I-80 Planning and Environmental Linkage Study (12:30 PM): Brad Hofer presented on an ongoing effort at Iowa DOT relating to the analysis and improvement strategies along the entire I-80 corridor in Iowa. The working group is looking at public involvement, guiding principles, evaluation of overhead structures, viability of truck only or restricted truck lanes, diversion strategies, connected corridors, climate risk analysis, modal options, and funding options. Members of the FAC were invited to provide feedback and questions.

7) Freight Technology Readiness Study (1:00 PM): Mike Jackson and Neal Hawkins presented on a joint effort between Iowa DOT and Iowa State University Institute for Transportation. This effort involves collecting, organizing, and distributing data to the freight community, primarily the trucking industry, to minimize delay and improve safety. Some of the questions presented to the members included:

- How are you using technology to manage your operations?
- What are your traffic management data needs?
- Are you interested in receiving DOT data feeds (real-time or historical)?
- Where are the opportunities for analyzing data and improving your operations?

8) Tour of the Iowa DOT Traffic Management Center (1:30 PM): Bonnie Castillo led the FAC members in a tour of the Traffic Management Center located in the Iowa Motor Vehicle Division Building. This 24-hour facility is used to address any type of traffic situation that occurs in the state.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.