

**Freight Advisory Council  
June 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Rastrelli's Restaurant  
Clinton, IA**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:**

	Joel Brinkmeyer		Ron Lang
X	Kevin Burke		Don McDowell
X	Gary Menden for Col. Mark Deschenes		Delia Moon-Meier
X	Tom Determann	X	Dan Sabin
	Randy Draper	X	Scott Stabbe
	Kathy Evert	X	Mike Steenhoek
X	Murry Fitzer		Brent Vanderleest
	Natalie Hammer	X	Ron White
	Bill Horan		Tim Woods
	Greg Jenkins		

**Ex-Officio:**

X	Nathan Goldberg for Todd Ashby	X	Mike Norris
	Mike Hadley	X	Joseph Rude
X	Lubin Quinones for Becky Hiatt		Brett Tjepkes
	Harold Hommes		Jennifer Wright
	Shirley McGuire		Cecil Wright
	Dustin Miller		

**Iowa DOT:**

X	Paul Trombino III		David Lorenzen
X	Stu Anderson		Mark Lowe
X	John Adam	X	Craig Markley
	Mike Clayton	X	Amanda Martin
X	Mikel Derby	X	Phil Meraz
X	Lance Evans	X	Tammy Nicholson
X	Dan Franklin	X	Garrett Pedersen
	Tina Hargis	X	Denise Said
X	Sam Hiscocks		John Selmer
X	Laura Hutzell		Kim Snook
	Sandra Larson		Lee Wilkinson

**Guests:**

X	Jim Dougherty	X	Tracy Troutner
X	Rachel Ong		

- 1) Welcome and Introductions (10:00 am):** Tammy Nicholson provided an opening safety briefing. Dan Sabin, Chair, welcomed the members of the Freight Advisory Council. The Council members introduced themselves. Each member was asked what locations along the transportation network cause the most significant delay (what freight mobility issues exist). Some answers included rail congestion due to a ripple effect from Chicago and Kansas City, changes in regulations on transport of hazardous materials, rush hour in metropolitan areas, lack of transload/intermodal facilities, federal funding, oversize/overweight permits, construction, barge efficiency, funding for locks and dams, state funding, not enough money for all the good transportation projects, and the condition of inland waterway system. Members were reminded that an exercise involving freight bottlenecks and mobility issues would take place later in the morning.
  
- 2) Overview of Iowa DOT organizational structure (10:15 am):** Director Trombino presented a chart of the Iowa DOT organizational structure and discussed the role of each division and office in the department. Director Trombino also highlighted the numerous ways in which the divisions and offices are working together to accomplish goals and objectives. Director Trombino noted that while freight isn't explicit in the organizational structure, it touches many different aspects of the department's functions.
  
- 3) Safety update: Follow-up to February hazardous materials discussion (10:30 am):** Major Lance Evans, Special Operations Commander from the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE), presented information on hazardous materials in Iowa related to the presentation he gave at the February Freight Advisory Council meeting. Major Evans provided a thorough presentation related to MVE's role in hazardous materials transport and incident response. Major Evans also discussed the availability of the "Emergency Response Guidebook."

**4) Freight Strategic Plan (10:45 am):** Garrett Pedersen introduced the presentation and explained what kind of feedback was desired from the members for development of the Iowa Freight Strategic Plan. Mr. Pedersen explained the requirement of aligning with the national freight goals for state freight plans by USDOT guidance. Mr. Pedersen then presented the six national freight goals and explained an exercise that would be carried out following the presentation. As part of this exercise, members were asked to write what each national freight goal means to them/their business/Iowa on a sticky note. Sam Hiscocks then presented the requirement of freight mobility issue identification for state freight plans by USDOT guidance. Mr. Hiscocks explained how DOT staff had compiled a preliminary list of freight mobility issues for three modes: highway, railroad, and water, as well as operational and regulatory issues. Mr. Hiscocks then transitioned to an explanation of an exercise to be carried out following the presentation in which members were asked to review the draft lists and make any additions. Then, members were asked to prioritize the most critical bottlenecks using 12 stickers. The two exercises were completed following the presentation.

**5) Boat tour: A water-based tour of freight facilities along the river (12:30 pm):** After lunch, members were invited on a boat tour of the Mississippi River near Clinton. Ron White, Artco Fleeting Service Upper Mississippi River Regional Manager, and Jim Dougherty, ADM Upper River Operations General Manager, gave a joint presentation describing the roles of the many freight facilities along the river. The tour began at the Camanche Marina and proceeded up river to Lock and Dam 13. Along the tour route were the ADM Camanche Terminal, ARTCO Fleeting Service Terminal, Alliant Energy's M.L. Kapp Station, ADM Clinton Terminal, the Clinton Swing-Span Bridge, and downtown Clinton. The tour concluded with locking through Lock and Dam 13 before returning back down river to the Camanche Marina.

Tour ended and meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.