

Role of the Iowa Freight Advisory Council

Mission:

To guide the Iowa DOT in fostering a safe, efficient, and convenient multimodal freight transportation system to enhance the competitiveness of Iowa's business and industry.

Goal:

Through education, discussion and review, the Freight Advisory Council will assist and advise the Iowa DOT on freight mobility policies, programs, and investments.

Values:

- Open discussion and respect for a variety of interests and opinions
- Commitment to regular participation and other assigned responsibilities
- Collaborative decision-making that provides the best end result for Iowa's freight transportation system and future economic vitality

Responsibilities may include but are not limited to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Iowa DOT staff involved in freight mobility activities
- Identify obstacles, challenges, and inefficiencies in the current freight transportation system
- Proactively identify emerging trends that may impact freight mobility
- Assist in the development of the Iowa DOT's State Freight Plan, including providing stakeholder input, reviewing draft content, and offering suggestions for improvement.
- Review and comment on modal plans and the state long-range transportation plan as they relate to freight mobility.
- Review and comment on proposals for freight policies, programs, and investments
- Consult with interested constituents as appropriate.
- Suggest potential planning initiatives or research topics
- Advocate for freight mobility issues

Organization:

- Meet on a quarterly basis
- Meetings will be held at a central Iowa location; one meeting per year may be held at another location of the state.
- A chair and vice chair will be elected to serve a two-year term and the vice chair will assume the chair position at the end of the chair's term.
- Agendas will be cooperatively developed by the chair and Iowa DOT staff.
- Meeting arrangements will be the responsibility of the Iowa DOT.
- Iowa DOT will provide other staff support, as needed.