

43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the  
**IOWA FREIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

December 15, 2023  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Courtyard by Marriot  
2405 SE Creekview Dr, Ankeny, IA 50021

**Meeting input objectives**

1. Give initial input to DOT on the development of the State Rail Plan.
2. Discuss the challenges and opportunities surrounding new electric vehicles and renewable fuels.
3. Discuss how ag transportation has changed over the last decade.

**10:00 AM Safety Briefing**

**Amanda Martin**  
**Iowa DOT**

**Welcome & Introductions**

*Ice breaker: Provide any comments, updates, notable items, etc.*

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**10:15 AM DOT Update**

General update from the Department including the 2024 legislative session and the sustainability of the Highway Trust Fund

**Stu Anderson**  
**Iowa DOT**

**10:45 AM State Rail Plan Kickoff**

Presentation from the rail team on the creation of the State Rail Plan and engagement activity for FAC members.

**Maria Hobbs**  
**Iowa DOT**

**11:15 AM Discussion: Industry Response to Electric Trucks & Renewable Fuels**

Group discussion about the challenges and opportunities with electric trucks and renewable fuels, as well as how the industry is responding to the changes.

- Marty Wadle, Ruan Transportation
- Bob Rafferty, Truckstops of Iowa
- Abbie Christophersen, Iowa Economic Development Authority

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**12:00 PM Networking Lunch**

**12:45 PM Panel: Changes in Ag Transportation**

Panel discussion of how transportation of agricultural goods has changed over the last decade.

- Chad Hart, Iowa State University
- Mike Hadley, Keokuk County
- Ty Rosburg, Rosburg Livestock
- Wayne Johnson, AGP

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**2:00 PM Adjourn**

**2024 meetings: March 8, June 14, September 20, December 13**