

41st meeting of the
IOWA FREIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 16, 2023
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Ramada Des Moines Tropics Resort & Conference Center
5000 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, IA 50322

Meeting input objectives

1. Provide questions, comments, and recommendations for multimodal hazardous materials transportation and incident response.
2. Provide questions and comments related to shortline railroad operations in the state and identify any opportunities for Iowa DOT to enhance.

10:00 AM Safety Briefing

Amanda Martin
Iowa DOT

Welcome & Introductions

Ice breaker: Provide any comments, updates, notable items, etc. related to your business since the last meeting.

Mike Steenhoek, Chair
Soy Transportation
Coalition

10:30 AM Iowa DOT Update

Update on transportation items from the 2023 legislative session.

Alex Jansen
Iowa DOT

10:50 AM Transport of Hazardous Materials

Overview of awareness of haz mat transport in Iowa, mitigation of risks involved, and response strategies for potential incidents from the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD)

Dave Johnston
and Joe Ascherl
Iowa HSEMD

12:00 PM Lunch

12:45 PM Panel: Shortline Railroads

A discussion of ongoing challenges and opportunities for Iowa shortline railroads.

Mike Steenhoek, Chair
Soy Transportation
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- Jillian Walsh, Traverro/CRANDIC Rail
- Joe Parsons, Iowa Interstate Railroad
- Amy Homan, Iowa Northern Railroad

2:00 PM Adjourn

Future meetings:

- September 8, 2023
- December 15, 2023