

44th meeting of the
IOWA FREIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 8, 2024
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center
2100 Green Hills Drive, Ames, IA 50014

Meeting input objectives

1. Provide questions and comments related to the state legislative session and IJIA implementation.
2. Provide questions and comments on recent Iowa State University research.
3. Discuss the conditions of the Panama Canal and the state of global trade.
4. Give input to DOT on the development of the State Rail Plan.

10:00 AM Safety Briefing

Amanda Martin
Iowa DOT

Welcome & Introductions

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

Mike Steenhoek, Chair
Soy Transportation
Coalition

10:15 AM Iowa DOT Update

General update from the Department, including the 2024 legislative session and continued implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Stu Anderson
Iowa DOT

CN-IANR Acquisition

Presentation on how FAC members can provide comment to the STB on CN's Acquisition of Iowa Northern Railroad.

Maria Hobbs
Iowa DOT

10:45 AM Important issues in the US trucking labor market

Dr. Jonathan Phares
Ivy College of Business

11:15 AM Panama Canal: Enough to Make You Dangerous

Overview of the history of the Panama Canal, as well as the current conditions of the waterway and global trade.

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12:00 PM Break

Take a break, grab your boxed lunch, and return for a working lunch.

12:15 PM Rail Plan Engagement Exercise

Maria Hobbs
Caleb Whitehouse

1:00 PM "Urban Logistics: Incorporating citizens into logistics strategy and operations"

Dr. William Rose
Ivy College of Business

1:30 PM Adjourn

Future meetings:

- June 14, 2024 – Ankeny
- September 20, 2024 - TBD
- December 13, 2024 - Ankeny

