

42nd meeting of the
IOWA FREIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 8, 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 ideas for future tours or meetings held at FAC member facilities.
2. Provide input on new agriculture-focused truck guide being developed by Iowa DOT.
3. Provide questions and comments related to intermodal and transloading 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.

Mike Steenhoek, Chair
Soy Transportation
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Future Tours and/or Meeting Locations

Iowa DOT would like feedback from the group for other potential tour locations and or meeting locations, potentially hosted by a member.

10:25 AM Agriculture Truck Guide

Overview of a new guide being developed and opportunity to provide input on information drivers would find useful.

Alex Jansen
Iowa DOT

10:40 AM Railroad Safety: Operation LifeSaver

Overview of Operation Lifesaver and other rail safety initiatives ahead of 2023 Rail Safety Week (Sept. 18-24).

Francis Edeker
Operation Lifesaver

10:55 AM Railroad Safety: Company Perspective

Overview of safety issues from the railroad perspective.

Thomas Skinner CN
Paul Avenarius CPKC

11:25 AM Owner Operators Independent Drivers Association

Overview of the organization and results of the OOIDA annual member survey relating to issues/topics of interest in the trucking industry from the owner-operator perspective.

Dee Studebaker
OOIDA

12:00 PM Networking Lunch

12:45 PM Discussion: Intermodal and transloading operations

A facilitated discussion of ongoing challenges and opportunities in multimodal freight movement. This includes a discussion of volatility in the transload market, developing new facilities, and other issues/topics of interest.

Mike Steenhoek, Chair
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2:00 PM Adjourn

Future meetings: December 15, 2023