Iowa State Rail Plan and State Freight Plan Updates

Multi-State Coordination Webinar
February 24, 2016
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. CT
Introductions
Agenda

- Introductions (10 Minutes)
- Meeting Purpose (10 Minutes)
- Iowa State Rail Plan Overview (10 Minutes)
- Iowa State Freight Plan Overview (10 Minutes)
- Midwest States Rail / Freight Plan Overview (70 Minutes)
- Discussion on Proposed Iowa Freight Network (20 Minutes)
- Additional Information / Questions (20 Minutes)
Meeting Purpose

To work with neighboring state DOT partners to learn more about trends, best practices, and lessons learned for planning, policy, economic development, and multi-state coordination, and to identify ways in which our states can coordinate to preserve and improve rail service on regional rail corridors.
2016 Iowa State Rail Plan Overview

- Development
- Coordination
## 2016 Iowa State Rail, Freight Plan Task Overview

### Issues-Based Workshop
- **September 24, 2015**

### High Leverage Stakeholder Committee
- **Meeting 1**
  - **November 2015**

### High Leverage Stakeholder Committee
- **Meeting 2**
  - **Winter 2016**

### High Leverage Stakeholder Committee
- **Meeting 3**
  - **Spring 2016**

### Public Meeting
- **Spring/Summer 2016**

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### Outcomes

- **We are here!**

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### Timeline

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**Key Events:**
- Conduct Stakeholder and Public Outreach
- Outreach
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- Describe Coordination and Review Processes
- 45-Day Public Input Period

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**2016 Iowa Rail Plan**

[Logo: Iowa DOT]

**Iowa in Motion**

[Logo: Iowa in Motion]
2016 Iowa State Freight Plan Overview

- Development
- Coordination
Iowa State Freight Plan Objectives

- Develop strategic goals and objectives
- Identify and document the economic importance of freight transportation
- Document freight trends and issues
- Develop freight-related forecasts
- Inventory existing assets
- Describe conditions of the system and develop performance measures
- Identify and develop the decision making process
- Develop solutions, strategies, and improvements
### Iowa State Freight Plan Input Gathering

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- **General freight plan development**
- **Industry trends and issues**
- **Conditions of the system**
- **Performance measures**
- **Implementation strategies and improvements**

**Start of plan development**

**Reset timeline**

2016 IOWA RAIL PLAN
Midwest States Rail / Freight Plan Overview

Passenger Rail Needs and Improvements in Your State:

- Priorities for existing, enhanced, and new passenger rail services and facilities
Midwest States Rail / Freight Plan Overview

Freight System and Freight Rail Needs and Improvements in Your State:

- Priorities for freight and rail
  - Rail system access
  - Capacity / bottlenecks
  - Efficiency
  - Safety
  - Economic development and competitiveness
Midwest States Rail / Freight Plan Overview

Funding Programs in Your State:

- Passenger rail
- Freight rail
- Freight system
Rail Planning and Coordination in Your State:

- Past, present, and future rail planning efforts
- Public / stakeholder outreach and organizations for passenger and freight rail
- Plans for regional collaboration – opportunities to work together to preserve and enhance multi-state rail corridors, implement new passenger rail corridors, etc.
What’s Next?
Discussion on Proposed Iowa Freight Network
What’s Next?
Additional Information / Questions
Thank You