

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Freight Roundtable

—
10:00 a.m., Friday, April 19, 2019
Des Moines Area MPO Mead Conference Room
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**.....Page 2
 - Approve the November 13, 2018, meeting minutes.
5. **PRESENTATION: Soy Transportation Coalition**.....Page 5
 - Mike Steenhoek, Executive Director of the Soy Transportation Coalition will present on his organization and other freight related activities happening across the state and country.
6. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
7. **Next Meeting Date**
 - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
8. **Adjournment**

The established protocol for minutes of this meeting will be to list all attendees, and with each item on which a vote is conducted in the ordinary course in order to take formal action, those voting nay or abstaining will be identified by name. Any member who is absent from the meeting for any period of time during which a vote of the body is taken, is expected to notify the recording secretary at the conclusion of the meeting so that the absence can be duly noted in the minutes. Roll Call votes will be taken as required by law or upon the request of any member that is approved by the chair, and the vote of each member for or against the proposition, or abstention, will be incorporated in the minutes or recorded on a separate sheet attached to the minutes.

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Item No. 4

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

REPORT: Approve minutes of the November 13, 2018, Freight Roundtable meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the November 13, 2018, Freight Roundtable are included on the immediately following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018, Freight Roundtable meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Freight Roundtable (FRT)
3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Des Moines Area MPO Large Conference Room**

The MPO Freight Roundtable (FRT) held a meeting at 3:00 p.m., on November 13, 2018, at the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Burnham Conference Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to the MPO FRT representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on November 8, 2018.

Representatives Present:

John Wahlert, Bridgestone
Andy Laurent, Iowa Interstate Railroad
Ryan Carroll, Greater Des Moines Partnership
Greg Dickinson, Merchants Distribution
Ted Brackett, Neuman Brothers
James Windsor, Citizen
Amanda Martin Iowa DOT
Laura Hutzell, Iowa DOT
Clifford Leonard, Citizen
Rita Conner, City of Des Moines
John Rider, BNSF Railway
Ron Devries, Ruan Transportation
Joseph Rude, IEDA
Tim Woods, Woods Development
Weiwen Xie, Quetica LLC

Staff Present:

Andrew Collings, Senior Planner
Zach Young, Principal Planner

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the November 13, 2018, meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The group introduced themselves to one another.

3. Approval of Agenda

No issues were reported with the November 13, 2018 agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

No issues were reported with the September 19, 2018 meeting minutes.

5. Des Moines Transload Facility

Zach Young was present to give an update on the proposed transload facility.

6. Statewide Freight Transportation Network Optimization Strategy

Weiwen Xie from Quetica LLC was present to give a report on the statewide freight transportation optimization strategy that the Iowa DOT commissioned several years ago. He reviewed the methodology and discussed findings for the State and Des Moines region.

7. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday January 16, 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The FRT meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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PRESENTATION: Soy Transportation Coalition

REPORT: A presentation will be given discussing activities undertaken by the Soy Transportation Coalition and freight activities across the state and country.

BACKGROUND:

The Soy Transportation Coalition is an organization comprised of thirteen state soybean boards, the American Soybean Association, and the United Soybean Board. The thirteen participating states encompass 85% of total U.S. soybean production. In addition, the National Grain and Feed Association and the National Oilseed Processors Association serve as ex-officio members on the Soy Transportation Coalition's board.

The Soy Transportation Coalition Goal and Objectives are:

Goal: Position soybean industry stakeholders to benefit from a transportation system that delivers cost effective, reliable, and competitive service.

Objectives:

1. Seek a cost effective transportation system for soy shippers and customers
2. Seek reliable transportation service for soy shippers and customers
3. Work to ensure the U.S. transportation system has the infrastructure and capacity necessary for the long term competitiveness of the soybean industry
4. Build and maintain collaborative relationships
5. Ensure the soybean industry understands the impact of transportation issues on their profitability and competitiveness

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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