

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Freight Roundtable

–
3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2018 Des
Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**.....Page 2
 - Approve the September 19, 2018, meeting minutes.
5. **REPORT: Des Moines Transload Facility Update**.....Page 5
 - Discussion regarding the recent developments of the proposed transload facility in Des Moines.
6. **PRESENTATION: Statewide Freight Transportation Network Optimization Strategy**.....Page 6
 - A presentation will be given discussing the findings of a report created by the company Quetica for the Iowa Department of Transportation.
7. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
8. **Next Meeting Date**
 - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2018, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
9. **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 September 19, 2018, Freight Roundtable meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the September 19, 2018, Freight Roundtable are included on the immediately following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018, Freight Roundtable meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Freight Roundtable (FRT)
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Des Moines Area MPO Large Conference Room**

The MPO Freight Roundtable (FRT) held a meeting at 3:00 p.m., on September 19, 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 September 12, 2018.

Representatives Present:

John Wahlert, Bridgestone
Andy Laurent, Iowa Interstate Railroad
Ryan Carroll, Greater Des Moines Partnership
Kelli O'Brian, Union Pacific
Michael Johns, Progressive Rail
Greg Dickinson, Merchants Distribution
Jack Sawyer, Des Moines Transportation
Peggy Kerr, IEDA
Ron Devries, Ruan Transport
Dave Kolbe, Ruan Transport
Ted Brackett, Neuman Brothers
James Windsor, Citizen

Staff Present:

Andrew Collings, Senior Planner
Zach Young, Principal Planner

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the September 19, 2018, meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The group introduced themselves to one another.

3. Approval of Agenda

No issues were reported with the September 19, 2018 agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

No issues were reported with the July 18, 2018 meeting minutes.

5. Des Moines Transload Facility

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

6. Container Locator Project Update

Staff gave an update on the Container Locator project.

7. Urban Freight Initiatives: State of the Art and State of the Practice

ISU professor Johanna Amaya Leal presented on the findings of a series of two papers that analyze the state of the art and state of the practice of Urban Freight Initiatives.

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

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday November 14, 3:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The FRT meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Item No. 5

ISSUE: Des Moines Transload Facility

REPORT: Update from staff on the proposed transload facility in Des Moines.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide an update on the status of the proposed transload facility on the SE side of Des Moines and answer questions from FRT members.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 6

PRESENTATION: Statewide Freight Transportation Network Optimization Strategy

REPORT: A presentation will be given discussing the findings of a report created by the company Quetica for the Iowa Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND:

A presentation will be made by representatives from Quetica about the results of the Statewide Freight Transportation Network Optimization Strategy.

The primary objective of the Statewide Freight Transportation Network Optimization Study is to effectively identify and prioritize investment opportunities that will reduce transportation costs for Iowa's businesses and to promote business growth in Iowa. The study area includes all counties in the State of Iowa. Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), the study uses a demand-based supply chain network design and an optimization methodology to evaluate the efficiency of Iowa's freight transportation network, in order to make informed investment decisions. The approach, used for decades in the private sector to optimize complex global supply chain networks for large corporations, is adopted for this project to optimize both public and private elements of the freight transportation network in Iowa.

A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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