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.