

## 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.