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’Brien, 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.