

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Freight Roundtable

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3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Des Moines Area MPO Mead Conference
Room -

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
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 - Approve the April 19, 2019, meeting minutes.
5. **REPORT: Transload Facility Update**.....Page 3
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9. **DISCUSSION: Quarterly Meetings**.....Page 7
 - Report on moving from bi-monthly meetings to quarterly.
10. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
11. **Next Meeting Date**
 - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
12. **Adjournment**

Future Meeting Discussion Topics:

- Additional axels/weight on truckload (91K load limit)
- Update on regional freight impediments

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 April 19, 2019, Freight Roundtable meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the April 19, 2019, Freight Roundtable will be provided before the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the April 19, 2019, Freight Roundtable meeting.

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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

ISSUE: Containerlocator Website Update

REPORT: Update from staff on the Containerlocator.com website.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide an update on the status of the Containerlocatr.com website.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: NASCO Presentation

REPORT: Update from staff on the NASCO Presentation that was given in August.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide a review of the NASCO Presentation. A copy of the presentation will be provided before the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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ISSUE: MPO Long Range Transportation Plan Update

REPORT: Update from staff on the draft Mobilizing Tomorrow Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Several weeks ago, staff sent out a link to the draft Mobilizing Tomorrow Plan, the new Long Range Transportation Plan for the MPO. Below is an excerpt from the plan:

Preparing for the future of the regional transportation system is a task that is never done, in today's world of rapidly advancing transportation technologies, aging infrastructure, and constrained resources. Here, in this five-year update to Mobilizing Tomorrow, we lay out a regional vision for how Greater Des Moines continues to prepare for and adapt to future transportation needs and demands.

As with the previous long-range transportation plan of the same name, this iteration of Mobilizing Tomorrow strives to maintain an efficient transportation system, support a strong regional economy, and enhance our quality of life. And it does so in face of considerable change. Notably, the region is expected to add more than 115,700 new housing units by 2050. Such an influx of people has many implications for the region's future, not only in the community's demographics, but also in changing preferences for how they travel throughout the region. Accordingly, the Mobilizing Tomorrow update reemphasizes the priority of maintaining the infrastructure we already have – and getting more use out of it, by offering more choice of travel modes.

The Mobilizing Tomorrow update builds on the previous plan's success, but holds onto the forward-looking title to reflect the ongoing evolution of the future of transportation

Additional discussion will include freight aspects of the plan.

[Click here for a link to the Mobilizing Tomorrow Draft.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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ISSUE: Quarterly Meetings

DISCUSSION: Discuss moving from Bi monthly to quarterly meetings.

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, meetings of the FRT have not been held as often as in the past. It may be worthwhile to meet quarterly, rather than moving meeting times and dates to try and fit the bi monthly schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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