

MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Freight Roundtable (FRT)
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Virtually**

The MPO Freight Roundtable (FRT) held a meeting at 3:00 p.m., on February 17, 2021, virtually.

Representatives Present:

John Wahlert, Bridgestone
Jack Sawyer, Des Moines Transportation
Sam Hiscocks, Iowa DOT
Ryan Carroll, Greater Des Moines Partnership
Tim Woods, Woods Development
Amanda Martin, Iowa DOT
Andrew Hoth, Burlington Junction RR

Shane Isley, Toggle
Joseph Rude, Iowa Economic Development
Authority
Nate Koenig, ExodusDirect
Greg Dickinson, Merchants Distribution Service
Kevin Foley, Des Moines International Airport
Kayla Kovarna

Staff Present:

Andrew Collings, Principal Planner
Zhi Chen, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the February 17, 2021, 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 February 17, 2021 agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

No issues were reported with the December 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

5. Freight Roundtable Chair

John Wahlert gave an update on the status of identifying a new chairperson for the Freight Roundtable.

6. Transload Facility Update

Andrew Collings gave an update on the status of the transload facility.

7. Purple Heart Highway Update

Andrew Collings gave an update on the status of the Purple Heart Highway.

8. Critical Urban Freight Corridor Designation

Andrew Collings and Sam Hiscocks gave an update on the Critical Urban Freight Corridor Designation.

9. Goods and Movements Study and Freight Impediments

Andrew Collings gave an update on the Goods and Movements Study, Freight Impediments, and Truck Routes.

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

Andrew Collings gave an update on transitioning the Freight Roundtable to Zhi Chen.

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday May 19, 2021 3:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The Freight Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.