

Freight Plan Purpose Statement

On December 10, 2008, the Freight Plan Steering Committee meeting advised the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to create one overall purpose statement and a series of implementing statements:

Freight Plan Purpose

Improve freight connections to local, state, regional, national and global markets to increase trade-related jobs and income for Oregon workers and businesses.

To achieve this purpose, the freight plan will:

- a. Establish a process for identifying, prioritizing and facilitating investments in Oregon's highway, rail, marine, air and pipeline transport infrastructure in furtherance of a safe, seamless multimodal and interconnected freight system.
- b. Identify institutional and organizational barriers to an efficient and effective freight transportation system in Oregon and develop prioritized strategies for overcoming these barriers.
- c. Interpret OTP goals and policies related to the development of the freight system.

As the committee writes the plan, it may issue clarifying statements or modifications as appropriate. These clarifications will be documented in the Freight Plan.

Background Technical Memos

ODOT has signed contracts with consultants to prepare two background technical memos related to economic forecasting and freight planning regulations. Two additional contracts will soon be signed to generate technical memos on commodity flows and freight infrastructure.

First Working Group Meeting

The first Freight Plan Working Group meeting was held March 12. The Freight and the Economy Working Group discussed developing economic and commodity flow forecasts and the unique elements of the Oregon economy that distinguish this planning effort from national ones. Additional Working Group meetings are scheduled in the next several months (see reverse for meeting information).

Background

ODOT is developing a statewide freight plan to help support the transportation of goods to meet the needs of Oregon and Oregonians. As a part of the system-wide 2006 Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP), the Freight Plan is the next step in an ongoing discussion of freight movement in Oregon, and it builds on the efforts of ODOT, the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee, the State's ports, shippers and railroads, and other stakeholders.

The Freight Plan Steering Committee will provide overall direction to the effort. Three Working Groups will provide focused reviews of consultant work products: Freight Infrastructure and Traffic Issues; Policy and Process; and Freight and the Economy. Two meetings were held in 2008, including a joint Committee and Working Group kick-off meeting in October and a Steering Committee meeting in December.

The Steering Committee and Working Groups will advise ODOT on developing a plan that will document the goods transportation network in Oregon from a physical, operational, and economic perspective and recommend actions that will support the continued development of the state's freight system.

This is the first of a monthly publication that will report on the efforts of those involved in creating Oregon's Freight Plan.

Group and Planned Agenda	Date
Freight and the Economy Working Group 1	3/12/09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and overview of freight plan. • Discuss freight plan scope. • Discuss economic forecasts and technical memos. 	
Policy and Process Working Group 1	4/16/09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and overview of freight plan. • Discuss freight plan scope. • Review draft existing regulations technical memo 	
Freight and the Economy Working Group 2	4/29/09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft freight and the economy technical memos. 	
Traffic and Infrastructure Working Group 1	5/7/09 (Tentative)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and overview of freight plan. • Discuss freight plan scope. • Discuss definitions of freight system and concepts for multimodal review. 	
Freight and the Economy Working Group 3	6/11/09 (Tentative)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft commodity flow technical memos and output. • Discuss freight plan scope 	
Traffic and Infrastructure Working Group 2	6/24/09 (Tentative)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing conditions technical memo review. • Strategic infrastructure technical memo review. 	
Freight Plan Steering Committee 2	7/15/09 (Tentative)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freight plan scope • Review completed freight planning technical memos. 	
Policy and Process Working Group 2	7/22/09 (Tentative)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of major regulations technical memo review. • Interagency coordination technical memo review. 	
Freight Plan Steering Committee 3	9/16/09 (Tentative)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss freight plan strategies and initiatives 	
Freight Plan Steering Committee 4	10/14/09 (Tentative)
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Freight Plan Steering Committee 5	11/18/09 (Tentative)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft freight plan review 	

Please note: Working Group meetings have not been scheduled after July, however, ODOT anticipates the need for each working group to meet approximately three times in the fall of 2009 to discuss the Draft Freight Plan contents.



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