

## Coordinating the Freight Plan

ODOT is working with other state agencies to develop the information that will provide the basis for the freight plan. These agencies include the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis for forecasts of the state's economy and population, the Oregon Department of Economic and Community Development for port information and planning, and the Oregon Department of Aviation for airport information.

### Working Group News

Freight and the Economy Working Group met on May 12 to discuss three consultant-produced technical memos. Topics included baseline economic data and forecasts; the relationship between freight and the economy; and commodity flow forecasts. The group agreed that consultants need to include more Oregon-specific data. Based on the group's comments, ODOT is requesting changes to these memos.

On May 18, the Freight Infrastructure and Traffic Issues Working Group held its first meeting. The group discussed potential multimodal and mode-specific freight data, the development of a freight infrastructure inventory, conditions assessment, and the definition of strategic freight network elements. Members also reviewed the approaches used by other states to identify freight facilities.

Find more information at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FP\\_Working\\_Groups.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FP_Working_Groups.shtml).

### Freight Plan Steering Committee News

The Freight Plan Steering Committee will meet July 22. Topics include a review of the completed technical memos, the Freight Plan Scope of Work, a discussion of the statewide scale of the project, and the Steering Committee's scheduled work.

For more, visit [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FP\\_Steering\\_Committee.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FP_Steering_Committee.shtml).



## Technical Memos

ODOT continues preparing a series of background technical memos that will provide information to help develop the freight plan. These memos will provide key information that will be incorporated into the freight plan.

The Freight Regulations Technical Memo, documenting the main federal, state, and local regulations and policies that affect freight mobility in Oregon, is now complete. However, we have more work to do on this piece in the area of freight infrastructure finance.



The Economic Forecasting and the Freight and the Economy technical memos are currently in draft status. The Freight and the Economy Working Group has reviewed these drafts and ODOT is working with the consultant to revise them. A commodity flow memo is planned that will detail the methodology and appropriate use of the planned update of the ODOT commodity flow data.

The Freight Infrastructure Literature Review and the Defining Strategic Freight Infrastructure technical memos are also in draft status. The next steps for these memos include collecting of feedback from the Freight Infrastructure and Traffic Issues Working Group.

In addition to these technical memos, ODOT has contracts out for technical memos on inventorying existing conditions and identifying strategic freight infrastructures in Oregon.

For the latest meeting schedule and other information, visit  
[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FREIGHT\\_PLAN.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FREIGHT_PLAN.shtml)



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