

**Freight Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2016**

**Location:** CDOT HQ Auditorium, 4201 E. Arkansas Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80222

**Date/Time:** June 9, 2016, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**FAC Chair:** Jenyce Houg

**Attendees:** See Attached

Agenda Items Presenters/Affiliations	Discussion Highlights	Actions
<b>Welcome and Introductions (Jenyce Houg)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jenyce welcomed FAC members to the meeting and had attendees introduce themselves.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Last FAC Meeting Minutes Adoption (Jenyce Houg)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The notes taken from the April 28, 2016 FAC meeting were approved with one minor comment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDOT to Finalize notes for April 28, 2016 FAC Meeting after addressing the one comment received.</li> </ul>
<b>CDOT Updates (Jason Wallis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Key Freight Facilities map is being revised based on comments from FAC members in terms of intermodal facility locations and industry identified definitions for the facilities. Additional comments are still welcome from the FAC at large for this map.</li> <li>Gross Vehicle Weight Signage on Wolf Creek Pass – As of June 8<sup>th</sup> – signs will be installed in the next few weeks.</li> <li>National Primary Freight Network (NPFN) Colorado designations – Concern over designation of E-470 from I-70 to Pena Blvd – designations not aligned with National Highway System network as they should be. FHWA has no plans to amend designations until 2020.</li> <li>Multimodal Freight Plan and State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan Update – Consultant Contract was awarded to Cambridge Systematics and FHU; Kick-off begins in mid-June; a joint oversight committee with FAC members included will be a component of this project contract to develop the two freight-related plans. A handout of the Together We Go public outreach campaign was</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAC members were requested to review the information distributed related to the planning process, freight projects in the pipeline from the STIP and Development Program and provide comments or submit questions to the FAC Secretary.</li> <li>FAC members may review and provide additional comments on the Key Freight Facilities map.</li> <li>Announce sign installation at Wolf Creek when it occurs.</li> <li>Letter to be drafted to US DOT to document FAC concerns about the E-470 NPFN designation.</li> <li>A revised Key Freight Facilities map will be presented to the FAC at the next FAC meeting.</li> <li>Share FASTLANE grants with FAC once awards are announced.</li> <li>Share award of Smart City Challenge once announced and if Denver is awarded – identify a process to engage the FAC and have freight be a consideration for this project.</li> <li>Share FHWA summary of Freight Roundtables once they are available.</li> <li>FAC desired to develop guiding principles for projects that CDOT delivers.</li> </ul>

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	<p>distributed. Telephone Town Halls are occurring as part of this effort to check-in with the public a year after the Statewide Transportation Plan was adopted (March 2015). Interested parties can text register from cell phones for telephone town halls at 1-877-229-8493 PIN #112034 – to receive calls on their cell as the calls start.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimodal Freight Plan will include more detailed link to the economy and FAC members identified that local communities have data on freight flows in their community that would help with the economic analysis.</li> <li>• Smart City Challenge – Denver is in the running. If Denver is selected – freight needs to be a component of this project. The CDOT RoadX Program which includes a variety of pilot projects to test infrastructure, vehicle and ITS technology, may be where freight can be incorporated. The Last Mile issue should be a consideration for the Smart City Challenge. Walmart now has its own delivery system to customers that will influence goods movement in the state.</li> <li>• I-70 at Idaho Springs exit project did not consider large trucks in its design – need to address this. Ninety-degree turns and roundabouts provided not truck-friendly. Need signage at this location to give truck drivers advance notice of the tight configuration.</li> <li>• Executive Deputy Director of CDOT stressed the importance of the FAC focusing on high-level issues CDOT should keep in mind when designing and delivering projects vs. individual project focus.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAC Work Group and Joint Oversight Committee for freight plans to be developed and brought to next FAC meeting and/or shared with FAC next month.</li> <li>• During Multimodal Freight Plan development identify how to involve and gather information and data from local communities with freight flow information for their areas. Regional statistics are also an interest to the FAC to learn more about.</li> <li>• FAC members to review and comment on the proposed process to identify critical freight corridors.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eisenhower Johnson Memorial Tunnel – Commercial Vehicle Improvement Opportunities – Fire suppression system has been installed. This will help improve safety and support commercial vehicle access (large trucks) to the tunnel. A Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study will evaluate options that would permit all vehicles to use the tunnel.</li> <li>• FASTLANE Grant Applications – A total of 212 grants totaling \$ 9.8 billion of projects were received by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - total funds available are \$800 million – very competitive; CDOT submitted a total of 3 projects approved by the FAC: US 85 betterments, US 287 Lamar Reliever Route, and Truck Parking Information Management System; La Plata County submitted US 550 improvements too. Awards are anticipated to be announced in September.</li> <li>• Smith/Chambers Intersection Improvements – A PEL study to evaluate this intersection is currently underway. FAC will be able to review the PEL study or get involved during the study if interested.</li> <li>• FHWA Roundtable Summary is pending, awaiting all roundtables to occur nationwide.</li> <li>• CDOT Project Selection Process - a handout explaining the project selection process along with the projects in the STIP and the Development Program that occur on the Freight Corridors identified in the State Highway Freight Plan (2015) was distributed. FAC members were requested to review this information and provide comments at the next FAC meeting.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors handout was distributed to the FAC for review and comment. The handout proposes a process to identify and select critical freight corridors as part of the FAST Act.</li> </ul>	
<b>Work Group Breakout Session Set Up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAC would like to see Freight Project Program List similar to Transit Project Program List</li> <li>• Freight Projects need a definition, as transportation projects generally are multi-faceted (addressing safety, all vehicle mobility, maintenance, etc.) versus specifically freight.</li> <li>• The planning process with urban Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and rural Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) already includes a multitude of stakeholders, but now that the FAC is formed, the freight needs to be an overlay for the planning process.</li> <li>• FAC desires to have a subgroup that serves as a team to work more closely with CDOT on identification and selection of projects.</li> <li>• Need to develop work groups that conduct the “heavy lifting” with updates to the entire FAC.</li> <li>• FAC members desire to know the correct person to convey their issues to in the planning process.</li> <li>• A freight model is needed to identify freight flows and needs of the transportation system.</li> <li>• FAC would like to see a process identified on how to obtain freight data- work groups could address this issue of identifying a process.</li> <li>• Locals have knowledge of this as indicated in discussion regarding the multimodal freight plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish FAC Work Groups – a long-term issues group and a short-term issues group.</li> <li>• Consider work groups meeting monthly while full FAC meets quarterly.</li> <li>• Conducting a truck driver survey regarding truck parking to identify issues and concerns would be a desired activity.</li> <li>• Identify core group from FAC to serve on Joint Oversight Committee for freight plans.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warehouse space is limited as marijuana industry is buying up a large quantity of warehouse space.</li> <li>• 2007 Truck Parking Study vantage point was from the view of the general public – how to deal with trucks – the perspective of the truck parking study update will take into account the perspective of the freight industry and truck drivers.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Truck Parking Work Group Breakout Session</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All meeting attendees participated in the Truck Parking Work Group. A survey with a list of questions was distributed to attendees and each question was answered by attendees going around the table for answers.</li> <li>• Meeting attendees were asked to review a draft high-level scope of work for the upcoming truck parking study within the next two weeks.</li> <li>• Need to identify the amount of parking spaces needed as part of the solution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Freight Issues and Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shippers not always accommodating to various hours of load drop offs.</li> <li>• Truck parking and staging in communities has negative impacts in terms of safety and mobility as truck use areas not intended for truck parking due to limited parking spaces.</li> <li>• Trucks parked on shoulders for 8-foot shoulders are partially in the general purpose lane and impede traffic movement.</li> <li>• State-owned facilities not always best areas for truck parking as commercial competition is an issue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAC to review and comment on the draft truck parking study scope of work in two weeks – June 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truck drivers need to know in advance the location and availability of spaces prior to arriving in a given location.</li> <li>• More public-private partnerships (P3) are needed to find solutions.</li> <li>• Need good freight data for existing conditions and future conditions (like goods flow into Denver International Airport [DIA] now and to the Aerotropolis in the future).</li> <li>• Security issues for women truck drivers is different than for men. All truck drivers need to feel a sense of security when parking overnight.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Proposed Options to Address Issues</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get a group of truck drivers to identify key issues and potential methods to address issues – a survey is one method to obtain this information.</li> <li>• Work with American Truck Association.</li> <li>• Meet with technology experts and identify ways to address freight issues, the associated costs and how to implement them.</li> <li>• Work with local communities to determine areas to accommodate truck parking.</li> <li>• If roadways can't be widened, then provide more frequent pull offs with jersey barriers for safety.</li> <li>• Provide signage to alert drivers of where pull offs and how far to the nearest truck parking spaces (in the next 100 miles).</li> <li>• Include truck parking elements along Freight Corridors for Multimodal Freight Plan.</li> <li>• Consider use of industrial parks for parking space.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New design guidelines for roundabouts to accommodate trucks.</li> <li>• Freight Planning Guidebook/Manual like what is available for PEL (PEL Manual).</li> <li>• Review regulations that exist that limit freight and determine new ways to write them to accommodate freight.</li> <li>• Provide strategically wider shoulders at the base of climbing lanes.</li> <li>• Consider Park-N-Rides as a potential location for truck parking during nighttime.</li> <li>• Ideal would be rest areas just for trucks like Nebraska facilities</li> <li>• It is important freight stakeholders and FAC meeting with city and county planners to ensure freight issues and needs are understood and planners understand appropriate steps to take to resolve issues.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wrap-up/Next Meeting (Jason Wallis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> at CDOT HQ Auditorium.</li> <li>• Will be in touch with FAC (in a month or so) prior to the next FAC meeting to identify work group membership and process for how FAC work groups will work.</li> <li>• Next FAC may occur in September, if quarterly meetings become the norm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the date of the next full FAC meeting – potentially in September.</li> <li>• Determine schedule and members of FAC work groups</li> <li>• Identify agendas and potential schedule for Short-term and Long-term FAC work groups.</li> <li>• May eventually be one work group focusing on both long and short term projects. Still to be determined.</li> </ul>

## Freight Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting Attendance

06-09-2016

Check (if in Attendance)	Member Last Name	First Name	FAC Member Status
X	Houg	Jenyce	Chair
	Ogborn	Mike	Vice Chair
X	Bailey	Grier	General
	Beedy	Gary	General
X	DeWitt	Bill	General
X	Dhuru	Sarod	General
	Douglas	Kevin	General
X	Fulton	Greg	General
X	Goetz	Andy	General
X	Howes	Brandon	General
	Kiely	Joe	General
X	Kirkmeyer	Barbara	Ex Officio
X	Lathrop	Mason	General
X	Lewis	Mike	Ex Officio
	McCarthy	Dennis	General
	Morgan	Jason	General
	Pelton	Rod	General
X	Rich	Tim	General
	Ruppel	David	General
X	Spaulding	Carl	General
	Steen	Norm	General
	Thompson Cassidy	Sara	General
	Tinsley	Frances	General
	Wagner	Howard	General
X	Wallis	Jason	Secretary
	Perkins-Smith	Debra	Alternate
X	Stoll	Lindsay	Alternate
X	Rickerhauser	Pete	Alternate
X	Karasko	Becky	Partner
X	Helfant	Matthew	DRCOG Partner Alternate
	Riger	Jacob	Partner
X	Bustow	Aaron	FHWA
X	Collins	Kathleen	CDOT Statewide Planning
X	Deselnicu	Oana	CDOT Freight Program Economist
X	Kellner	Grace	CDOT Freight Program GIS Specialist
X	Greco	Aaron	CDOT Policy and Government Relations
	King	Mike	CDOT Regional and MPO Planning
	Kirby	Tim	CDOT Regional and MPO Planning
X	Krutsinger	David	CDOT Division of Transit and Rail
X	Scheuerman	Michelle	CDOT Multimodal Freight Plan PM
X	Streisfeld	Lisa	CDOT Traffic Operations

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X	Sudmeier	Jeff	CDOT Multimodal Planning
X	Terranova	Sharon	CDOT State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan PM
	Ulane	David	CDOT Aeronautics Division
X	Enarson-Hering	Evan	Cambridge Systematics
X	Kirby	Evan	Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig
X	Hoftiezer	Scott	CDOT Project Development
X	Martindale	Rob	CDOT ROW and Survey
	Papsdorf	Ron	CDOT Policy and Government Relations
X	Wilson	Bob	CDOT Communications
	Imhoff	Mark	CDOT Division of Transit and Rail