



Draft Freight Advisory Committee Framework

Committee Feedback Required

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Committee Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freight transportation is driven by the private sector, and requires a mix of public and private stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Public sector drive the funding, permitting, and programming of projects – Private sector drive the needs identification, prioritization, and buy-in for specific projects and programs • Enable TxDOT better plan for freight transportation mobility by incorporating freight into policy, planning, programming, and implementation activities • Help TxDOT identify freight transportation networks that are critical to the state's economic growth and global competitiveness 		
Committee Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum for discussing transportation decisions affecting freight mobility in Texas • Advise TxDOT on freight- related priorities, issues, projects, and funding • Make recommendations on freight transportation policies and performance measures • Participate in the development of the 1st comprehensive and multimodal Texas Freight Mobility Plan • Communicate and coordinate statewide priorities with other organizations 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help TxDOT understand the concerns of the Freight Industry and business community • Provide input into freight-related studies and programs • Forum for freight stakeholders to identify issues, build consensus, and collaborate on common issues • Forum for private sector and public sector freight stakeholders to discuss how to improve the state's freight transportation system collaboratively • Increase the visibility and importance of freight issues and policies in the State. • Provide a common voice for the State's freight transportation issues • Assist the State in promoting the role of freight to the State's economic competitiveness 		
Committee Mission	Advise TxDOT on freight issues, priorities, projects, funding needs for freight improvements, and elevate freight transportation as a critical component of the state's economic vitality and competitiveness.		
Committee Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a forum for TxDOT's transportation decisions affecting freight mobility • Help TxDOT develop the 1st comprehensive and multimodal Texas Freight Mobility Plan • Generate ongoing, long-term stakeholder involvement and partnership • Develop a strategic vision for the freight advisory committee • Define Committee's priorities • Become "Champions" and develop a statewide coalition to support freight transportation improvements and investments 		
Committee Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure participation of private sector freight stakeholders in TxDOT's freight planning process • Ensure freight transportation is addressed in TxDOT's transportation planning, programming, investments, and implementation processes 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist TxDOT to identify strategic freight transportation projects that facilitate safe and efficient freight movement • Help TxDOT to identify and prioritize freight transportation investments • Provide input into the development of the Texas Freight Mobility Plan • Provide input into freight-related studies and programs 		
Committee Roles and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the development of Statewide freight policies • Help TxDOT understand concerns of the freight industry and business community • Help TxDOT develop Vision and Goals of the Texas Freight Mobility Plan • Contribute to the development of a comprehensive and multimodal Texas Freight Mobility Plan • Actively participate in all activities of the Committee • Help TXDOT develop Quarterly Reports highlighting the accomplishments of the Committee • Foster common understanding about shaping the future of Texas freight transportation system • Assist TxDOT is organizing an Annual Texas Freight Summit/Conference • Assist TxDOT in developing the Committee's Annual Report Card • Assist TxDOT in crafting materials for Texas Transportation Commission quarterly briefings • Develop a Committee Action Plan 		
Committee Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee membership shall consist of twenty four (24) members with full standing • The full Committee membership shall include all modes of freight and other freight stakeholders (Trucking Associations and Firms, Class 1 and Short line railroads, Air Cargo Associations and Carriers, Port Operators and Agencies, and Waterways, Pipelines, Shippers, Receivers, 3PLs, 		

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	<p>Parcel carriers, Manufactures, Warehousing, Distributors, Exporters, Importers, Petroleum and Energy industry, Retailers, Automotive industry, Agriculture, Economic Development, Industrial Development, Inland Ports, International Border)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee shall have Affiliates (MPOs, FHWA, Public Agencies, Academic Institutions, Business Entities, Maritime, private sector, businesses etc.). • Affiliates shall not participate in the Committee’s decision making process • Affiliates can participate in all Subcommittees of the Freight Advisory Committee • Full membership and Affiliates is open to all freight stakeholders within the State • Committee membership and Affiliates shall be diverse and represent all freight modes and sectors and interested stakeholders • Committee membership and Affiliates shall represent all geographic areas of the State • Committee membership and Affiliate shall represent a cross-section of major industries in the states 		
Committee Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Shall be governed by a Chair and Vice-Chair • Chair and Vice-Chair will provide Committee leadership and overall direction • Chair Shall Chair meetings and act as committee spokesperson • Membership includes twenty four (24) members and affiliates • Decisions and recommendations based on the 4-Cs—Consensus, Coordination, Cooperation, and Communication • Committee shall meet quarterly and additional meetings as needed • Each member shall make their best effort to attend all meetings • All committee members have equal opportunity to provide input 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members may designate an alternate to participate in the meeting in their absence 		
Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly scheduled Committee meetings will be held a minimum of four (4) times each calendar year Special Committee meetings may be called as needed Two (2) regularly scheduled meetings will be held at TxDOT offices in Austin and other two (2) meetings will be held in other locations within the State Committee meeting dates will be developed with consensus from the Committee and submitted to the Committee by the Chair and Vice Chair no later than January 15th of each year Subcommittee meetings will be held as needed 		
Committee Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levels of stakeholder participation and meeting attendance Annual Freight Summit/Conference Quarterly Progress Reports Annual Report Card: key successes, challenges, and opportunities Freight Advisory Committee Action Plan 		
Committee Other			