

AASHTO Freight Update

TRB Urban Freight Transportation
Committee (AT025) Committee Meeting
January 11, 2021



Freight at AASHTO

- **Special Committee on Freight**
 - Chair: Luke Reiner, Wyoming DOT
 - Vice Chair: Caroline Mays, Texas DOT
 - AASHTO Staff Liaison: Caroline Kieltyka
- **Council on Water Transportation**
 - Chair: Kevin Thibault, Florida DOT
 - Vice Chair: Cheryl Ball, Missouri DOT
 - AASHTO Staff Liaison: Caroline Kieltyka
- **Council on Rail Transportation (Freight Rail)**
 - Chair: Joseph Giulietti, Connecticut DOT
 - Vice Chair: Matt Dietrich, Ohio Rail Development Commission
 - AASHTO Staff Liaison: Caroline Kieltyka
- **Committee on Transportation System Operations, Working Group on Freight Operations**
 - Co-Chairs: Geno Koehler, Illinois DOT & Dave Huft, South Dakota DOT
 - AASHTO Staff Liaison: Pat Zelinski
- **Committee on Planning, Freight Planning Task Force**
 - Chair: Tom McQueen, Georgia DOT
 - Vice Chair: Mike Vanderhoof, Illinois DOT
 - AASHTO Staff Liaison: William Lusk



Special Committee on Freight

- Regional Representatives
- Modal Representatives
 - Trucking
 - Freight Rail
 - Waterborne Freight/Ports
 - Air Cargo
 - Active (Bike/Ped)



Special Committee on Freight

- **Goal 1:** Develop and support legislation, regulation, and other policy matters related to the efficient, safe, and sustainable multimodal movement of goods.
- **Goal 2:** Improve freight transportation planning practices through the enhancement of freight data and analytical methods and the dissemination of best practices.
- **Goal 3:** Increase the understanding of emerging technologies and issues related to freight transportation and their implications for State DOTs.



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- **Goal 4:** Improve urban, rural, multi-state, cross-border, and international **freight mobility**.
- **Goal 5:** Promote a freight transportation system that supports **community and environmental goals**.
- **Goal 6:** Inform member departments of federal and state **regulatory, policy, and program requirements and funding opportunities** related to freight transportation.



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Priorities

- Surface Transportation Reauthorization
- Tasks
 - MPO Outreach
 - Capacity Building & Webinar Series Development
 - Truck Parking
 - Economic Impacts of Freight System Improvements



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Research

- Truck Parking
- Bridge strikes
- Congestion and freight bottlenecks
- COVID-19 impacts on freight movement
- Rural and urban goods movement
- CAV/AV



NCHRP Program

- Funding: 5.5% of each state's State Planning & Research (SPR) funds
 - SPR is 2% of federal aid funds
 - Total Annual Program: \$40M
- NCHRP is an applied research program
 - Priority 1: Important to State DOTs
 - Priority 2: National, shared issues
- Research is performed by contractors
 - Technical oversight/guidance by expert panels
 - Facilitation and contract management by TRB staff



NCHRP Program

- Research Proposals Submitted by:
 - State Departments of Transportation
 - AASHTO Councils & Committees
 - Federal Highway Administration
- Selected by the AASHTO Special Committee on Research & Innovation (R&I)
- Approved by AASHTO Board of Directors (requires 2/3rds vote on each problem)
- NAS and FHWA also approve



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