



# FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Draft Freight Advisory Committee Framework

### Committee Feedback Required

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

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

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

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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members may designate an alternate to participate in the meeting in their absence</li> </ul>		
<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularly scheduled Committee meetings will be held a minimum of four (4) times each calendar year</li> <li>Special Committee meetings may be called as needed</li> <li>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</li> <li>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 15<sup>th</sup> of each year</li> <li>Subcommittee meetings will be held as needed</li> </ul>		
<b>Committee Performance Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levels of stakeholder participation and meeting attendance</li> <li>Annual Freight Summit/Conference</li> <li>Quarterly Progress Reports</li> <li>Annual Report Card: key successes, challenges, and opportunities</li> <li>Freight Advisory Committee Action Plan</li> </ul>		
<b>Committee Other</b>			