

December 15, 2017

Dear Freight Stakeholder,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking your input on future designations to the National Multimodal Freight Network.

The network will consist of the major highways, large ports, railroads, inland and intracoastal waterways, seaways, oceanways, and large airports that carry domestic freight across the nation.

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is creating this network as part of the requirements enacted in the FAST Act of 2015 intended to strategically direct resources toward improving the national system performance of freight movement, intermodal connectivity and future investments.

An interim version of the network was published by the USDOT in 2016 and an updated final version is being drafted for completion in 2018. MnDOT is required to gather a limited list of additional designations to certify as part of the network beyond those already identified by the USDOT.

While there are numerous routes and sites that are important to the freight system across the country, federal law strictly limits the number of miles and types of facilities that may be recommended by the state for potential addition to the network. The state may only request to designate an additional 20 % of the mileage already defined by the USDOT in the interim network.

For these reasons, we are asking for your potential designations and input as to facilities that should be considered as part of the final National Multimodal Freight Network. Please send us your designations to:

Email: FreightPlans.DOT@state.mn.us or

Mail: Andrew Andrusko, Freight Planning
Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations
395 John Ireland Blvd., Saint Paul, MN, 55155

A full description of this effort and the federal notice on the network is available electronically at: <https://www.transportation.gov/freight/InterimNMFN>. If you should have any comments or concerns regarding this letter please email Mr. Andrew Andrusko of my staff at andrew.andrusko@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



William Gardner,
Director, MnDOT Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations