



MINNESOTA FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Friday, September 21, 2018
8:45 a.m. to Noon

AI Johnson Great Room
McNamara Alumni Center
University of Minnesota

8:45 a.m. Registration and Networking with Full Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Call to Order – Ron Dvorak, MFAC Chair, Duluth Cargo Connect
Members will introduce themselves.

9:40 a.m. MFAC Member Updates – Ron Dvorak, All
Members are invited to share a brief update or announcement with their fellow MFAC members.

Note: This agenda item ties to SWFSIP's Action Agenda item #3 – Ongoing Freight Forum: Convene an ongoing dialog between public- and private-sector freight stakeholders.

10:00 a.m. Trade Policy 101 Presentation – Jason Craig, MFAC Vice-Chair, CH Robinson

Note: This agenda item ties to SWFSIP's Action Agenda item #1 – Education: Educate the public on the critical role freight plays in the economy and everyday life of Minnesotans.

10:15 a.m. Impacts of Trade Policy Changes on Minnesota Panel
Moderator: Jason Craig, MFAC Vice-Chair, CH Robinson
Panel Members:

- Ron Dvorak, MFAC Chair, Duluth Cargo Connect
- Bruce Abbe, Midwest Shippers Association
- George Schember, Cargill

- Tracey Hester, Target (*Invited*)

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11:00 a.m. Break

11:10 a.m. Local and Regional Rail Update

- Curtis Schuck, Great Northern Corridor Coalition
- Lydia Bjorge, BNSF Railway
- Andy Cummings, Canadian Pacific
- Mark Wegner, Twin Cities & Western

Note: This agenda item ties to the SWFSIP's Action Agenda item #2 – Partnerships: Engage and partner with Minnesota's public agencies and with producers, shippers/receivers, carriers and other private-sector freight stakeholders to address Minnesota's freight issues together.

11:55 a.m. Closing Remarks – Ron Dvorak

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Upcoming MFAC Member Meetings:

In conjunction with the Freight and Logistics Symposium at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Minneapolis Northeast:

- ***Friday, December 7, 2018***

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