

State Freight Advisory Structures

Indiana

Conexus Indiana. Indiana has been the “Crossroads of America” since long before it was an official state. Native Americans lived along the White River and Fall Creek, creating trading routes to settlements where the two waterways met in what is now Indianapolis. From the National Road, to the Indianapolis and Madison Railroad, to the Senate Avenue Intermodal and the Ohio River Bridges, Hoosiers have kept their focus on efficiently moving products for more than 200 years.

The result: Indiana entered the 21st Century prepared to capitalize on its central location with significant infrastructure and the public and private assets to benefit from explosive growth in the logistics industry – anticipated to more than double by 2035.

Conexus Indiana’s industry partners are building on that foundation with programs and insights that keep logistics in the foreground of the state’s preparedness for the technological, workforce, public policy and infrastructure needs of today and the future. Developing statewide strategies is at the core of that preparation, and execution of appropriate tactics is the practical road to successful outcomes.

Maintaining Indiana as the “Crossroads of America” keeps Indiana’s economy strong and helps Hoosiers prosper.

Mission: Conexus Indiana is the catalyst to position Indiana as the recognized global leader in advanced manufacturing and logistics. We are building industry partners and exploring new market opportunities, preparing Hoosiers to take advantage of manufacturing and logistics careers, and promoting a better understanding of the importance of these sectors to our economic future.

Vision: Indiana is the recognized global leader in advanced manufacturing and logistics.

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Kansas

The Kansas Freight Advisory Committee advises and assists the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority with identifying freight transportation issues, priority highway and rail freight corridors of significance, and identification of multimodal freight infrastructure improvement needs. The Committee advocates for a seamless multimodal freight transportation system for the efficient and safe movement of Kansas products throughout the state, region, nation and around the globe.

www.ksdot1.ksdot.org/bureaus/burRail/rail/KFAC.asp

Michigan

The Commission for Logistics and Supply Chain Collaboration was created by PA 76 of 2013, signed into law by Governor Snyder in June of 2013. The Commission is housed in the Michigan Strategic Fund and replaces the old Michigan Commission on Supply Chain Management and Development. The 10-member Commission will include members who have education in, experience with, or knowledge of supply chain management and logistics, including, but not limited to, individuals representing commerce, transportation, border operators, warehousing, local economic development agencies, and institutions of higher learning. The Commission is charged with advising appropriate state agencies on methods, proposals, programs, and initiatives involving freight transportation and supply chain management in this state that may stimulate state economies and provide additional employment opportunities for this state, creating avenues of communication between this state and Ontario and the federal government of Canada, as well as other state, regional, and local governments, concerning economic development, trade and commerce, transportation, and industrial affairs concerning supply chain management, surveying and auditing how other states have used supply chain management capabilities to attract industry and determining which industries in this state would benefit from supply chain coordination. Members are terms expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

www.michiganbusiness.org/commission-for-logistics-and-supply-chain-collaboation

Minnesota

The Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee (MFAC) is a partnership between government and business that meets quarterly to exchange ideas and recommend policy and actions.

The goal is to develop and promote safe, productive and sustainable freight transportation in Minnesota.

- Ensure freight transportation needs are addressed in the planning, investment, and operation of Minnesota's transportation system.
- Establish guidelines to measure and manage the state's freight transportation needs.
- Provide input and direction to MnDOT's freight investment committee on freight transportation policies, needs, and issues.
- Recommend program and research areas for MnDOT follow-up and direction.
- Represent the needs and requirements of freight transportation to the public, elected officials, and other public agencies and organizations.

www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/mfac/mfac.html

Oregon

Oregon Freight Advisory Committee. In 2001, the Oregon Legislature formalized the Committee through the passage of House Bill 3364 (now [ORS 366.212](#)). This legislation calls for the ODOT Director to “appoint members of a Freight Advisory Committee to advise the Director and Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on issues, policies and programs that impact multimodal freight mobility in Oregon.” This includes identifying high-priority freight mobility projects for consideration in ODOT’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP) and for the *ConnectOregon* program. The Freight Advisory Committee also advises on transportation policy related to goods movement.

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/pages/ofac.aspx

Texas

Mission: Advise TxDOT on freight issues, priorities, projects and funding needs for freight improvements, and elevate freight transportation as a critical component of the state’s economic vitality and competitiveness.

Goals:

- Ensure the participation of private sector freight stakeholders in TxDOT’s transportation planning process
- Ensure that freight transportation needs are addressed in TxDOT’s transportation planning, programming, investments, and implementation processes
- Provide input into the development of the Statewide Freight Plan
- Help TxDOT identify and target freight investments
- Assist TxDOT in prioritizing freight investments by identifying high priority and strategic freight transportation projects that facilitate safe and efficient movement of freight throughout the state
- Develop TxDOT’s Freight Transportation Action Items on Key Freight Issues

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Washington

In January 2013, FMSIB created the Washington State Freight Advisory Committee (WAFAC) as directed by Section 1117 in MAP-21. The WAFAC is responsible for advising the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on its State Freight Plan that will be submitted to the U.S Department of Transportation (USDOT). This document will also be submitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission in support of the Washington Transportation Plan update. Section 1117 recommends the Advisory Committee include representatives from a cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders, including ports, shippers, carriers, freight-related associations, the freight industry workforce, the state transportation department, and local governments. Members of this broad-based Advisory are listed to the right.

www.fmsib.wa.gov/fac.cfm

