



FMSIB Freight Policy and Project Advisory Committee (FPPAC)

Meeting No. 3

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Agenda



- Reminder of the Task and Recap of Meeting No. 2
- Presentation on WSDOT Preliminary Approach for NHFP Freight Plan Update
- Presentation on DRAFT FMSIB Framework for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization
- Committee Discussion
- Recommendation to June 4 FMSIB Meeting
- Next Steps

Reminder of the Tasks



- “Identify the highest priority freight investments for the state, across freight modes, state and local jurisdictions, and regions of the state.” (SSB 5165)
 - By Dec. 1, 2021: Submit a preliminary report providing a status update on the process and methodology for identifying and prioritizing investments.
 - By Dec. 1, 2022: Submit a prioritized list of freight investments that are geographically balanced across the state and can proceed to construction in a timely manner.
 - “The ...
 - ... prioritized freight project list (FMSIB proviso)
 - ...investment plan component (WSDOT proviso)
 - ...for the state portion of national highway freight program funds must first address shortfalls in funding for connecting Washington act projects.”

Recap of Meeting No. 2



- Reviewed various statewide project identification and prioritization processes in Washington, including FMSIB's process.
- Evaluated four case studies (i.e., WAFAC 2016, WAFAC 2017, and Road Rail Conflicts Phases 1 and 2) and compiled Lessons Learned from those examples.
- Reviewed and endorsed "*Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization Guiding Principles.*"

Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization - Guiding Principles



- WSDOT and FMSIB should agree upfront on the intent of the budget provisos and on the freight investment identification and prioritization process, criteria (eligibility and prioritization), and desired results.
- The freight investment identification and prioritization process should be collaborative, transparent, understandable, and defensible.
- The freight investment identification and prioritization process should prioritize projects and needs.
- The technical process for freight investment identification and prioritization should have strong policy oversight.
- Other Guiding Principles?



Presentation on WSDOT Preliminary Approach for NHFP Freight Plan Update

Ron Pate and Jason Beloso



Presentation on DRAFT FMSIB Framework for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization

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DRAFT FMSIB Process for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization



- Develop freight investment eligibility and prioritization criteria.
- Develop and implement a joint stakeholder outreach plan with WSDOT that reaches out to and incorporates feedback and investment ideas from:
 - Industry organizations (WTA, BNSF, UPRR, PNWA, shippers, etc.)
 - Governmental organizations (WPPA, AWC, WSAC, etc.)
 - Regional planning organizations (MPO's, RTPO's, EDA's, etc.)

DRAFT FMSIB Process for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization (cont'd.)



- Along with WSDOT, conduct a joint solicitation of freight investment projects and needs from each of the stakeholders.
- Collaboratively review identified freight investment projects and needs and apply threshold and prioritization criteria.
- Evaluate National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funded projects considering Connecting Washington Act shortfalls.

DRAFT FMSIB Process for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization (cont'd.)



- Present prioritization results to the stakeholder community for feedback.
- Present prioritization results to FMSIB and WSDOT for concurrence.
- Submit prioritization results to the Legislature.



Committee Discussion

Presentation to the June 4 FMSIB Meeting



- Description of FMSIB and WSDOT Budget Provisos
- Overview of the three FMSIB FPPAC meetings to date
- Proposed FPPAC Workplan for June - August
- Draft Agenda for September 16 FMSIB Workshop

Discussion of Next Steps



- Staff revisions to the Draft “Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization” process.
- Staff development of preliminary “freight investment eligibility and prioritization criteria.”
- Schedule FPPAC meetings June 14 and 28?
- Upcoming meetings
 - June 4 Board Meeting
 - Sept. 16 Board Workshop



Adjourn