



# **FMSIB Freight Policy and Project Advisory Committee (FPPAC)**

**Meeting #4  
June 14, 2021**

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# Agenda



- What did everyone hear at June 4 FMSIIB meeting?
- What does the Legislature Expect?
- Review and Confirm: *“DRAFT FMSIB Framework for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization”*
- Comparison of Freight Project Identification Approaches (Time permitting)
- FPPAC Work Plan
- Next Steps



# Some June 4 FMSIB “Themes”

- Chance for FMSIB to reinvent itself.
- Proviso recommendations should provide more strategic direction.
- Avoid the term “Call for Projects”
- What else?
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# What does the Legislature expect?

- **A FMSIB recommended list of freight investments/projects that are multimodal, geographically balanced, and can proceed to construction in a timely manner (and that funds CWA shortfalls).**
- Historically, the Legislature doesn't fund ideas/investments/projects that:
  - Have unclear scope
  - Have unclear benefits
  - Are controversial
  - Are high cost
- In addition to “the list,” could FMSIB’s recommendation could include additional freight-related concepts, ideas, programs, strategies, etc.?

# 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 eligibility 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.

# Comparison of Freight Project Identification Approaches



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# FPPAC Work Plan



- Continue meeting over the summer with support from FMSIB and WSDOT staff.
- Meetings scheduled every two weeks or so:
  - June 14 (today)
  - June 28
  - July 12
  - July 26
  - August 9
  - August 23
  - Sept. 6
- Prepare a draft legislative report outline for presentation at the Sept. 16 FMSIB workshop (Walla Walla).
- Incorporate Board input and prepare Final Report for presentation to the Board's Nov. 19 meeting in Tacoma (Fabulich Center).

# Next Steps



- Staff revisions to the “*Draft FMSIB Process for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization.*”
- Staff revisions to “*Comparison of Freight Project Identification Approaches.*”
- Staff development of preliminary “freight investment eligibility and prioritization criteria.”
- Present above work products to June 28 FPPAC meeting.