



## Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee (MFAC): *Your One-Stop Resource for All Things "Freight"*

The Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee, established in 1998, was recently restructured to increase awareness of freight transportation issues, facilitate quick response to freight questions and issues from the Minnesota legislature, MnDOT and other organizations, and provide a focal point for freight transportation expertise in Minnesota. Following a strategic planning process completed during the development of MnDOT's recently-released Statewide Freight System Plan, structural changes made in 2016 to MFAC included the formalization and development of a diverse membership.

MFAC's new member roster (see back side) includes representation from all freight modes of transportation and many major industries statewide, and relevant public sector organizations – forming an expert freight resource. The committee members are available to respond to inquiries regarding specific freight-related issues, industry needs, and trends, and provide input into state and local freight plans and activities. The committee also serves as a conduit for other freight industry and business contacts.

In late-2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation released a draft of the first-ever National Freight Strategic Plan, including a national freight policy and designated multimodal freight network, and new federal FAST Act legislation includes freight program investment opportunities to address state and local needs. An active state Freight Advisory Committee, such as MFAC, is now more critical than ever for states to have in place and engage. MFAC provides important expertise to guide public sector decision-making, helping to ensure an efficient, reliable and safe freight transportation system serving Minnesota's communities.



### **New Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee -- March 11, 2016 Inaugural MFAC Quarterly Meeting Attendees (L to R)**

**Seated:** Ron Seifried (*for James Carver*), Land O'Lakes; Mark Wegner, Twin Cities & Western Railroad; Dan Murray, American Transportation Research Institute; Bill Gardner, MnDOT OFCVO; Chair Bill Goins, FedEx; Vice-Chair Ron Dvorak, Lake Superior Warehousing Co., Inc.; Kurt Wayne, MN Assn. of Regional Development Organizations; John Hausladen, MN Trucking Assn.; Vanta E. Coda II, Duluth Seaway Port Authority; Brian Sweeney, BNSF Railway.

**Standing:** Mike Norton, Transportation Club of Mpls. & St. Paul; Steve Elmer, Metropolitan Council; Randy Brown (*for George Schember*), Cargill; Robert "Chip" Smith, Bay & Bay Transportation; Tom Clark, The Schwan Food Company; Shelley Latham, Perkins STC; Jon Huseby, MnDOT District 8; John Brumbaugh, Canadian Pacific Railway; Tracie Walter, Bemidji Aviation; Scott Hutchins, Greater MN Cities (Moorhead); Bruce Abbe, Midwest Shippers Assn.; Neal Young, MN Dept. of Employment & Economic Development; Jason Craig, C.H. Robinson; Dave Cashman, Spee-Dee Delivery Service; Ryan Hanson, Target Corporation; Kathryn Sarnecki, St. Paul Port Authority; Neil Ralston, Metropolitan Airports Commission; Dean Zuleger, Valley Cartage; Capt. Jon Olsen, Minnesota State Patrol.

**Attendees not pictured:** Brad Emch, MPLS/STP Council of Supply Chain Mgmt. Professionals (CSCMP); James McCarthy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Lee Nelson, Upper River Services, LLC; Bob Zelenka, MN Grain and Feed Association.

## For More Information

Visit: [www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/mfac](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/mfac)

**For assistance or input from MFAC**, please contact: Laurie Ryan, MFAC / Freight Partner Relations / MnDOT Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations at (651) 366-3658 or [Laurie.Ryan@state.mn.us](mailto:Laurie.Ryan@state.mn.us).



MFAC EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP & MEMBER ROSTER

1/1/2017

NOTE: EXEC = MFAC Executive Committee

Air:

- 1 Bemidji Aviation
2 Metropolitan Airports Commission
Tracie Walter, Vice President/Director of Operations
Neil Ralston, Airport Planner

Associations:

- 3 American Transportation Research Institute
4 Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (MPLS/STP)
EXEC Midwest Shippers Association
5 Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
6 Minnesota Trucking Association
7 Transportation Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul
Dan Murray, Vice President
Eric Sieve, President
Bruce Abbe, Executive Director
Bob Zelenka, Executive Director
John Hausladen, President
Mike Norton, Board of Directors Member

Carriers:

- EXEC Bay and Bay Transportation
EXEC FedEx
8 Perkins STC
9 Spee-Dee Delivery Service
10 Valley Cartage
Robert "Chip" Smith, Advisor
Bill Goins, Worldwide Account Manager
Shelley Latham, Business Development Manager
Dave Cashman, Corporate Secretary
Dean Zuleger, Executive Vice President and General Manager

Industry Workforce:

- 11 UTU-SMART-TD (Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transit Union)
Phillip Qualy, Minnesota Legislative Director

MnDOT:

- EXEC Minnesota Dept. of Transportation, Central Office
EXEC Minnesota Dept. of Transportation, District 8
Bill Gardner, OFCVO Director
Jon Huseby, District Engineer

Pipeline:

- 12 Enbridge Energy Company, Inc.
TBD

Ports:

- 13 Duluth Seaway Port Authority
EXEC Lake Superior Warehousing Co., Inc.
14 Upper River Services, LLC
Vanta E. Coda II, Executive Director
Ron Dvorak, Marketing Director
Lee Nelson, President

Rail:

- 15 BNSF Railway
16 Canadian Pacific Railway
17 Minnesota Regional Railroads Association
Brian Sweeney, Legislative Counsel
TBD - Interim: John Brumbaugh, Transload Services Manager
Mark Wegner, President

Shippers:

- 18 Cargill
19 Land O'Lakes
20 Medtronic
21 Target Corporation
22 The Schwan Food Company
23 TBD
George Schember, VP Transportation & Logistics
James Carver, Director of Transportation
Michael Loney, Sr. Logistics Manager, Global Supply Chain
Ryan Hanson, Sr. Director of Domestic Operations
Tom Clark, Sr. Vice President of Logistics

Statewide / Regional Organizations & Economic Development Reps

- 24 Greater Minnesota Cities Representative
25 Greater Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
26 Minnesota Association of Regional Development Organizations
EXEC Minnesota Dept. of Employment & Economic Development
27 Minnesota State Patrol
28 St. Paul Port Authority
EXEC Twin Cities' Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Scott Hutchins, City of Moorhead
Ron Chicka, Metropolitan Interstate Council Director
Troy Schroeder, Northwest RDC Transportation Director
Neal Young, Economic Analysis Director
Jon Olsen, Captain
Kathryn Sarnecki, VP of Redevelopment & Harbor Management
Steve Peterson, Metropolitan Council Highway Planning Manager

Third Party Logistics Providers:

- EXEC C.H. Robinson
29 Murphy Warehouse
Jason Craig, Manager, Governmental Affairs
Richard Murphy, President and CEO

Tribal Government:

- 30 Advocacy Council for Tribal Transportation (ACTT)
Ed Fairbanks, MnDOT Tribal Liaison

U.S. DOT

- 31 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
James McCarthy, Traffic Operation Engineer