



Working together to plan for the future

Work group: Freight Advisory Workgroup (FAWG)
Staff Liaison: Austin Miller

Purpose:

The purpose of the Freight Advisory Workgroup is to advise and provide input on freight-related issues and needs, and to help integrate freight into the development and implementation of the regional long-range transportation plan. The workgroup will facilitate information sharing and coordination among organizations, and advocate for freight considerations in transportation project prioritization and funding.

Tasks:

1. Help identify and implement regional freight priorities.
2. Review freight improvement projects for the 2024 Resource Development Plan for submittal by December 2023.
3. Identify needs and goals for rail freight in the region.
4. Develop scope of work and workplan for Freight Rail Study.
5. Share information about regional freight and the long-range transportation plan with constituents; provide feedback to COMPASS.

Deliverables, Schedule:

1. Review freight improvement projects included in the Resource Development Plan (December 2023).
2. Freight Rail Study workplan (August 2024).

Membership:

Membership in the FAWG will be drawn from local and/or regional producers and processors, trucking companies and major shippers, rail companies, chambers of commerce, highway districts, and other agencies as appropriate.

Charter recommended by Executive Committee: June 13, 2023

Charter approved by COMPASS Board: August 21, 2023

Next planned review of charter by Executive Committee: June 2024

All decisions and recommendations of COMPASS workgroups are reached through consensus and there are no quorum requirements for workgroups. All workgroup meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Individuals interested in attending should contact the staff liaison to obtain the scheduled meeting dates and planned agendas.