

Operating Procedures
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments
Freight Advisory Group

Article I. Advisory Group Authorization

The Freight Advisory Group is established in Article X of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board (MPO Policy Board) Operating Procedures.

Article II. Purpose

The Freight Advisory Group is an advisory group of the MPO Policy Board. The Freight Advisory Group is responsible for advising, assisting, and supporting the MPO Policy Board of TMACOG on freight-related concerns and opportunities. The Freight Advisory Group has no decision-making power but rather was created primarily to provide advice and bring specialist skills or knowledge to TMACOG.

Article III. Duties And Responsibilities

The Freight Advisory Group recommends to the MPO Policy Board actions, programs and policies that will support improvements to all modes of freight transportation in the region. The advisory group should be comprised of individuals who are active and knowledgeable in their fields and can work with TMACOG to assess the current state of programs, identify gaps, and work to obtain necessary resources to meet the changing needs of freight transportation.

The advisory group has the following responsibilities:

- Provide input for local and regional freight planning efforts.
- Promote discussion, coordination, and problem-solving for freight-related concerns.
- Raise public awareness of freight transportation concerns and opportunities.
- Provide a venue for sharing information, identifying problems, and developing solutions.

The Freight Advisory Group shall meet at least four (4) times during the year to undertake its regular business.

The Freight Advisory Group will annually review the group's purpose statement and its achievements, and report to the MPO Policy Board regarding its progress and accomplishments.

Article IV. Composition of the Advisory Group

The Freight Advisory Group shall be constructed to provide opportunities for stakeholders

and the public to participate and provide input on improving freight transportation.

Individuals who would be an asset to this advisory group include, but are not limited to, individuals with technical skills and abilities associated with planning for the efficient movement of freight.

Article V. Duration Of Advisory Group

The Freight Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of TMACOG pursuant to MPO Policy Board Operating Procedures.

Article VI. Accountability

The Freight Advisory Group reports to and is responsible to the MPO Policy Board and makes periodic reports as requested. TMACOG staff are tasked with keeping notes and providing reports when necessary.

Article VII. Amendments

These procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the MPO Policy Board and ratification by TMACOG Board of Trustees.