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## ■ Advisory Committee

An Advisory Group was convened of key freight leaders from across the state and from a variety of industries to provide insight to freight issues in Kansas. Meetings were held at key milestones, giving the Advisory Committee the opportunity to provide insights regarding the operational and political realities of proposed strategies and tactics. Meetings and topics included:

- **May 8, 2008** - Introduced project goals and objectives and discussed roles of the Advisory Committee.
- **July 17, 2008** - Reviewed existing conditions and initial data collection efforts and began discussing emerging themes.
- **September 17, 2008** - Reviewed technical memorandum and discussed potential solutions/recommendations for emerging issues.
- **December 10, 2008** - Review and discuss preliminary recommendations included in the interim report.

## ■ Web Site Information

In order to build upon the established communication tool of the LRTP Web site, the site was enhanced to house information on the other modal studies that KDOT is conducting. Information developed in the freight study included web compatible and site pages developed to augment existing information. The site enables stakeholders, the public, the media, and others to have the ability to gain meaningful information and provide actionable input to team members.

During the study information was updated following meetings. All reports were placed in Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) form on the web site.<sup>1</sup> The freight study web site pages were activated in June 2008. Visits to the freight study pages averaged about 300 a month, with a spike in January 2009, with the release of the Interim Report.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.kansaslrtp.org/ListFreightStudyDocuments.do>.

## ■ Regional Meetings

The goal of the eight workshops was to share the preliminary findings developed through our technical analysis, interviews, and study coordination group. Participants discussed the freight issues from a regional and statewide perspective, and helped identify potential technical, economic, and political concerns that need to be addressed in the final plan. Representatives from across the state included:

- Manufacturers;
- Distributors;
- Shippers;
- Commercial vehicle operators;
- Class I railroads and short line rail representatives;
- Airport freight representatives;
- Emergency services;
- Chamber and other economic development agencies and organizations; and
- Environmental and other quality of life organizations.

The regional meetings were held in September of 2008 in conjunction with the eight T-LINK meetings across the state in order to capitalize on the transportation forum. Overall attendance for the eight sessions across the state was approximately 900 with attendance to the freight specific breakout groups totaling nearly 150.

## ■ Freight Summit

The Freight Summit was held in February 2009 to rollout the draft preliminary recommendations of the Statewide Freight Plan. Approximately 45 freight transportation stakeholders attended to hear the recommendations and discuss specific concerns around the implementation of the recommendations in the target areas. The freight summit presented:

- Status of the state and national freight system;
- Review the draft finding and recommendations;
- Gather suggestions necessary refinements; and
- Facilitated discussion of issues and priorities.

## ■ Interviewees

### *Public Agencies*

- City of Pittsburg, KS – Mark Turnbull and Todd Kinimer
- Garden City C of C – Paul Joseph
- KC SmartPort – Chris Guttierrez
- Kansas City Aviation Department – Gary Bartek
- KS Corporation Commission – Mike Hoeme
- KS Dept of Commerce – Carol Jordan
- KS Dept of Revenue – Deanne Williams
- KDOT, Bureau of Aviation – Ed Young
- KDOT, District 1 – Larry Thompson
- KDOT, District 4 – Mike Stringer
- KS Department of Transportation, District 5 – Robert Cook
- KS Farm Bureau – Brad Harrelson
- KS Highway Patrol – Captain Dan Meyer
- KS Livestock Assoc. – Allie Devine
- KS Turnpike Authority – David Jacobson
- KS Wheat Commission – Dana Petterson
- Lawrence/Douglas County MPO – Scott McCullough
- MARC – Ron Achelpohl
- MODOT – Linda Clark
- Overland Park C of C – Kent Eckles and Andrew Nave
- Salina C of C – Dennis Lauver

- St. Joseph (MO)/Elwood (KS) MPO – Andy Clements and Kelsey Marr
- Topeka C of C – Steve Jenkins
- Topeka MPO – David Thurbon
- WAMPO – Nancy Harvieux and Brendon Holper
- Wichita Metro C of C – Bryan Derreber
- Wichita Mid-Continent Airport – John Oswald

### *Shippers-Receiver*s

- American Subcontractors Association – Tom Isenberg
- ADM Grain – Pete Groetzeman
- Allen Group – Bill Crandall
- Ash Grove Cement Co. – Glenn Gumb
- Boeing – Lyle Winters
- Cattle Empire Feedyard – Matt Selee
- Chemstar – Lyle Thorn
- Conestoga Energy Partners, LLC – Tom Willis
- East Kansas Agri-Energy – Steve Gardner
- Excel Beef Cargill – Jon Meier
- Garden City Coop – Lynn Teeter
- KS Aggregate Producers Assoc. – Wendy Harms and Woody Moses
- KB Grain and Feed Association – Tom Tunnel
- Koch Industries – Karen Klein
- Monarch Cement – Carol Bauer
- Morton Salt – Michael Procter

### ***Shippers-Receiver (continued)***

- Ottawa Co-op Association – Adrian DeRousseau
- OxyChem – Doug Webb
- Pawnee County Coop Assoc. – Hugh Mounday
- Prairie Horizon Agri Energy – Joe Kreutzer
- Proctor and Gamble – Bree Heitman
- Wal Mart Distribution Center #6035 – Martin Walker
- Windriver Grain, LLC – Dan Huber

### ***Carriers***

- BNSF Railway – Dennis Kearns and Chris Bigoness
- FedEx – Bill Primeaux
- Frontier Trucking – Mike Varnes and Dean Alling
- Groendyke Transport, Inc. – John Prather
- Kansas Motor Carriers Assoc. – Michael Top and Tom Whitaker
- KCS Railroad – Warren Erdman
- Miller Trucking Company – Mike Miller
- NCRA – Galen Menard
- Salina Airport Authority – Tim Rogers
- Wagner Industries – John Wagner
- WATCO Companies – Pat Cedeno and Shellie Currier
- YRC Logistics – Duncan Hopwood

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