



# Colorado Freight Advisory Council

Transportation Legislation Review Committee | August 21, 2023

# Colorado Freight Council (FAC) Intent

- In partnership with the private sector and planning partners, CDOT has formed the FAC creating a collaborative environment to provide a comprehensive freight voice to CDOT, the General Assembly, and other state transportation agencies aimed to give guidance regarding state and federal transportation legislation.
- FAC meetings provide a platform for the freight industry, other interested parties, and the public to raise awareness for CDOT and FAC to together make well-informed decisions and recommendations based on multiple freight perspectives.
- FAC is entirely advisory in nature and has no governmental powers in and of itself.
- FAC will conduct its business in an open manner, whereby any interested person is permitted to attend or observe meetings.
- Through an approved charter the FAC members are able to regulate and maintain membership and actions to stay in line with the goals of the council.

# FAC Purpose

- Promote initiatives and strategies to promote and improve the safe movement of freight
- Advise CDOT on freight-related issues, priorities, projects, and funding needs.
- Educate the public, decision-makers and other stakeholders on the importance of freight, its connection to the economy, and its reliance on the transportation system.
- Serve as a forum to discuss opportunities and strategies to influence freight-related transportation decisions.
- Seek opportunities for leveraging partnerships to improve freight movement.
- Collaborate with other agencies and organizations on data and information sharing to promote informed decision making.
- Identify short and long term initiatives that will benefit mobility and efficiency for the freight industry and promote a healthy transportation system.
- Advise CDOT and other public organizations during transportation planning efforts.
- Advise CDOT staff on federally funded programs, including the National Highway Freight Program Project selection and Federal Railroad Project selection and on rail freight issues, opportunities, including freight-related grants and loans

# FAC Mission

The FAC will serve as a forum for public and private sector freight experts and business owners to advocate for commercial transportation needs, influence transportation policy, and collaborate with partners to develop a transportation system that supports the economic vitality of Colorado by providing for the safe, efficient, coordinated and reliable movement of freight.





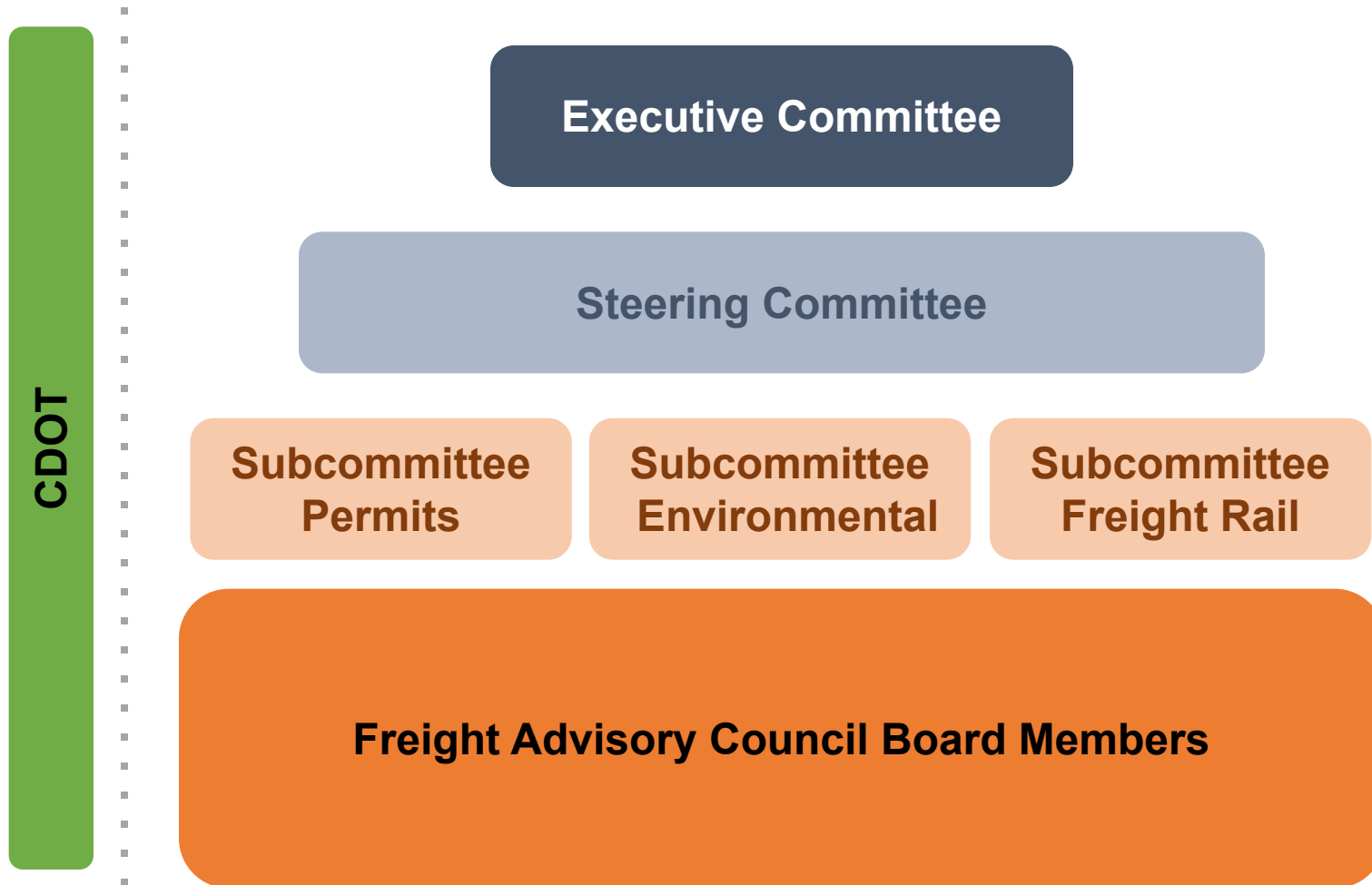
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# Stakeholder Engagement

- Established in 2016
  - Federally recommended in the 2015 FAST Act
- Members represent various sectors of the Colorado freight industry -
  - Truck lines
  - Railroads
  - Air freight
  - Colorado Highway Patrol
  - Inland ports, government
  - Freight associations
  - And More....
- Currently it has 40 active members
- Members serve on subcommittees on Freight Rail Policy, Permits, and Environmental Policy
- Recognized as one of the top FAC boards in the country

# FAC Organizational Structure



# Meeting Frequency

- **Subcommittees:** Quarterly, or as needed
- **Steering Committee:** Quarterly
- **Executive Committee:** Monthly
- **Full Board:** Quarterly







Advocate.

Collaborate.

Connect.

Deliver.



**Thank you!**