

# Colorado Freight Advisory Council

## 1 Freight Advisory Council Intent

In an effort to better address goods movement, create a more collaborative environment, and respond to guidance provided in federal transportation legislation, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in collaboration with the private sector and planning partners, has formed the Colorado Freight Advisory Council (FAC). The FAC will provide a continuing platform for the freight industry, other parties interested in freight, and the public to raise issues so CDOT and the FAC can make well-informed decisions and/or recommendations based on multiple freight perspectives.

The FAC is entirely advisory in nature, and has no governmental powers in and of itself. The FAC will conduct its business in an open manner, whereby any interested person is permitted to attend and observe these meetings.

### 1.1 Mission of the Freight Advisory Council

The Freight Advisory Council will serve as a forum for the private sector to advocate for commercial transportation needs, influence transportation policy, and collaborate with partners to develop a transportation system which supports the economic vitality of Colorado by providing for the safe, efficient, coordinated and reliable movement of freight.

### 1.2 Purpose

The FAC will:

- a) Advise CDOT on freight-related issues, priorities, projects, and funding needs.
- b) Educate the public and other stakeholders on the importance of freight, its connection to the economy, and its reliance on the transportation system.
- c) Serve as a forum to discuss opportunities and strategies to influence freight-related decisions.
- d) Seek opportunities for leveraging partnerships to improve freight movement.
- e) Collaborate with other agencies and organizations on data and information sharing to promote informed decision making.
- f) Identify short and long term initiatives that will benefit the freight industry and promote a healthy transportation system.
- g) Advise CDOT and other public organizations during transportation planning efforts.