



What is the Freight Peer-to-Peer Program?

The Freight Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Program facilitates information sharing between public sector freight transportation professionals and provides technical assistance on an as-needed basis. By providing an opportunity for public sector freight professionals to learn from their peers, the Freight P2P Program identifies and expands state and regional noteworthy practices in the freight transportation field and builds relationships, understanding, and cooperation among key stakeholders. The Freight P2P Program is the latest addition to the ongoing Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Freight Professional Development (FPD) Program.

To learn more about the Freight P2P Program, visit www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/fpd/p2p.

Who Can Participate?

The Freight P2P Program is open to public entities, including State departments of transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

What Does the Program Provide?

The Freight P2P Program provides targeted, customized technical assistance on a wide variety of freight issues related to planning and operations. To accomplish this, the program uses several approaches:

- *Peer/Expert Corps* with a wide range of expertise and experience are available to respond to requests.
- *Peer work sessions* offer an agency or individual the option to work with a technical expert one-on-one to develop specific tools and skills or to address particular challenges. These sessions may be conducted at a location determined by the agency and/or Peer, or conducted via videoconferencing or web-based applications. Freight P2P Program staff are also available to provide information.
- *Peer roundtables* provide an opportunity to discuss innovative solutions to freight challenges and issues of regional and national interest rather than specific agency needs. Discussion topics are selected based on customer needs and may focus on issue identification, noteworthy practices, and solution-based methods in freight planning and operations.

- *Peer dialogues* facilitate information sharing among freight transportation professionals through the Freight Planning Listserv and the Talking Freight Seminar series (<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/assistance.asp>).
- *Freight scans* observe freight operations first hand, providing useful insights into new and innovative solutions for increasing the efficiency of freight movements so they may be implemented elsewhere.

What are the Areas of Focus?

The Freight P2P Program focuses on a broad range of topics, including planning, operations, and policy. A list of eligible topics is provided here as a guideline.

- Working with freight data
- Developing a regional freight and logistics profiles
- Developing a Transportation Improvement Plan or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program with freight components
- Financing freight improvements
- Multimodal approaches and coordination
- Freight planning outreach
- Vehicle size and weight
- Multijurisdictional planning efforts
- Establishing public-private partnerships
- Intermodal freight technology

How Can We Participate?

To arrange for a peer exchange or other technical assistance, discuss participating as a peer/expert, or obtain additional information, please send an email or call:

Email: FreightPeerExchange@fhwa.dot.gov

Call Toll Free: 1-888-FRT 4 YOU (1-888-378-4968)

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