# Freight Committee Charter

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## **MPO Charter**

- Mission- To articulate a vision and goals for transportation in the region.
- Develop, evaluate and implement strategies for achieving them.

### RTAC Freight Committee-

- Mission- To advocate for an effective freight management architecture and system for all freight modes within the Boston MPO to the Advisory Council
- Support freight planning as an integral part of the MPO's vision and goals
- Update the Advisory Committee on freight issues and make recommendations to the Council for their review and decision

#### Freight Committee- *Methodology*

- Develop and maintain a knowledge base relating to:
  - Advances in freight and transportation technology
  - Current and planned legislation, rules and regulations
  - Knowledge and attitudes of key officials and leaders
  - Plans and strategies of companies
  - Programs of leading states in freight systems
  - Identify barriers to effective systems
  - Grant programs and sources
  - Public/private partnerships

#### Freight Committee Goals Discussion

- Develop freight management architecture
  - What would it look like?
  - Present it to Advisory Council to build understanding and support
- Support MPO's vision and goals
  - Identify and list those that are in sync with freight management
  - Develop strategies and list of programs to support them
- Build knowledge base of freight/transportation systems
  - Plans and programs of leading states

- Advocate for effective freight management for
  - Economic development
  - Business/industry
  - Consumers etc.
  - Understand and support State's goals for:
    - Economic development
    - Transportation
    - Air quality
    - Energy
- Advocate for and support transportation planning at state and local levels