

# Draft Wisconsin State Freight Plan



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is asking for input on its draft state freight transportation plan.

## What is Freight Movement?

Freight movement is the transport of goods, including commodities or cargo. Goods may be transported by truck, train, boat, airplane or pipeline. Wisconsin's economy is heavily dependent on the movement of freight for agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing and other key industries.

## Freight Movement in Wisconsin

Wisconsin's transportation network plays a critical role in the distribution of goods.



**ROADWAY:** 11,800 miles of state, federal and interstate highways support freight valued at approximately \$445.7 billion, moved by truck from, to, or through Wisconsin each year. Wisconsin's 103,447-mile local road system provides the connection between the state highway system and freight generators, including over 100 transload facilities and 200 major warehouse and distribution centers.



**RAIL:** 3,300 miles of railroad tracks support 207 million tons for freight shipped by rail from, to, and through Wisconsin each year, valued at approximately \$179 billion.



**WATER:** 29 commercial ports provide access to the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. Approximately \$2.2 billion of freight is transported by water in or adjacent to Wisconsin.



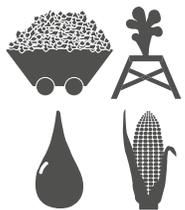
**AIR:** Twelve airports in Wisconsin account for approximately 105,000 tons of air cargo shipped annually.



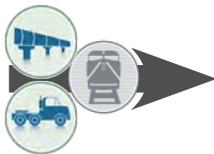
**PIPELINE:** Pipelines throughout the State of Wisconsin transported over 29 million tons of freight in 2012, with a value of \$15.8 billion.

*Source: "2013 Information Handling Services (IHS) Transearch" 2013 and "CPCS Analysis of the Freight Analysis Framework" 2012*

## How Freight Moves



Raw  
Material



Manufacturer



Distribution  
Center



Retail  
Store

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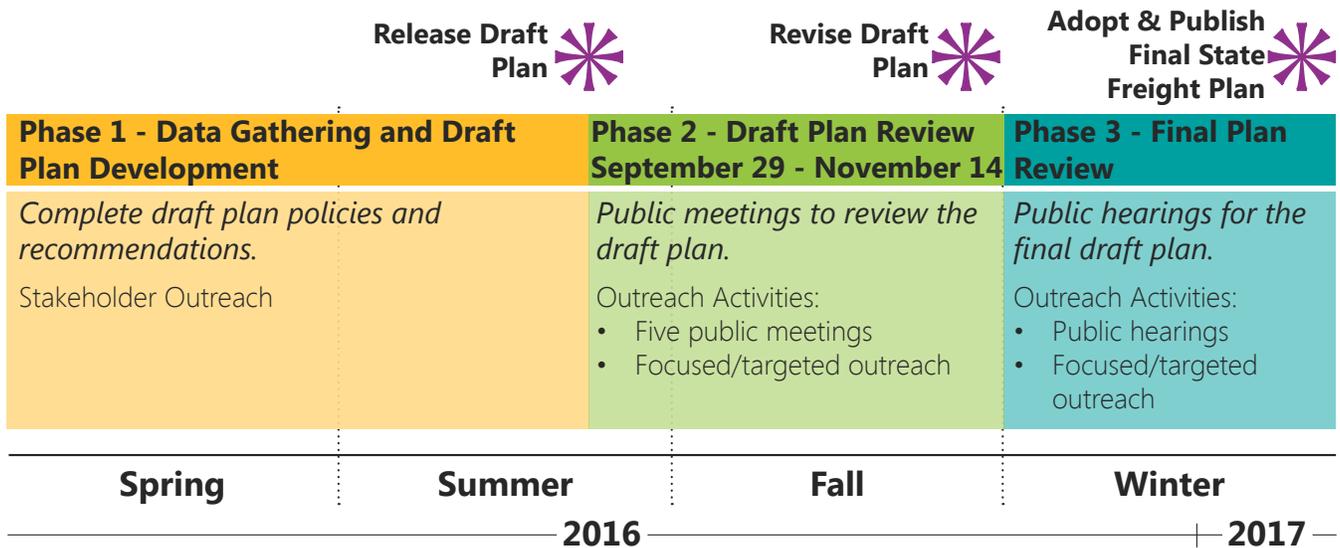
The Draft Wisconsin State Freight Plan is the state's first long-range multimodal freight plan. It will provide the policy framework to guide investment decisions relative to freight mobility. The freight plan will provide a comprehensive overview of Wisconsin's transportation system, analyze potential investment strategies, recommend performance measures and discuss an implementation strategy.

# How can you participate?

The draft plan will be available for a 45-day comment period, starting September 29, 2016 and ending on November 14, 2016. WisDOT welcomes you to attend meetings, check the website and send in feedback. Contact information is listed below. Outreach to individual stakeholder groups and the general public will occur throughout the plan's development process.

**We welcome your input. Join the discussion on the future of Wisconsin's freight network.**

## Draft Wisconsin State Freight Plan Development Process



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## Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, October 5th - Eau Claire, WI

Thursday, October 6th - Appleton, WI

Tuesday, October 11th - Wausau, WI

Tuesday, October 18th - Middleton, WI

Thursday, October 20th - West Allis, WI

