

SEATTLE INDUSTRIAL AREAS FREIGHT ACCESS PROJECT

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What is the Freight Access Project?

The Freight Access Project (FAP) is a partnership between the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and the Port of Seattle to examine current and future truck freight bottlenecks and problem locations in the Greater Duwamish and Ballard Interbay Northend Manufacturing and Industrial Centers (MICs).

Through the FAP, we will identify a set of cost-effective operational and/or capital improvements to maintain and improve freight access and circulation within and between the MICs. This includes key connections from the MICs to the regional transportation system.

The safe and reliable movement of freight within and through these industrial centers is critical to our local, regional, and state economy. Roughly one-third of regional jobs depend on goods movement. The movement of goods and services is anticipated to grow within the region as the state's population, employment and economic activity grow.

The FAP will result in a set of project and program solutions and an implementation plan to guide future decision making on freight mobility improvements and inform the Seattle Freight Master Plan (currently underway by SDOT in a separate process).

What is the Goal of the Project ?

The goal of the FAP is to identify transportation improvement projects within the project area that will:

- Increase safety for all travel modes
- Maintain and improve freight-truck mobility and access to accommodate expected general traffic, freight, and cargo growth

- Ensure connectivity for major freight intermodal and transload facilities
- Reduce environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions

How will the FAP benefit freight?

SDOT expects to develop a set of prioritized short-, intermediate-, and long-term improvement recommendations to be considered in the Freight Master Plan and the respective agencies' implementation programs.

How are we Coordinating with Stakeholders and the Community?

With members from the manufacturing and trucking industry, the City's Freight Advisory Board (www.seattle.gov/sfab) will serve as the project's sounding board. We will discuss project findings with other boards, commissions, and city departments. We're also interviewing and briefing members of the freight community.

What is the Project Timeline?

The FAP will be completed this fall.

Project Funding

SDOT leads the project, in partnership the Port of Seattle. The FAP is funded by a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant provided by the Puget Sound Regional Council, and City of Seattle funds .

Want to Learn More?

www.seattle.gov/transportation/freight_industrialareas.htm

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