

## Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board

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### ***Agency Responsibilities:***

- Enhance freight mobility in the State by directing public and private funds toward freight projects on statewide strategic freight corridors.
- Develop and maintain statewide freight strategy.
- Establish and maintain rigorous project selection and prioritization process to ensure highest freight mobility benefit.
- Employ relative small amount of State funds as seed money for maximum leverage from private sources and other public sources.
- Communication hub for freight community throughout the state.
- Provide public outreach emphasizing the importance of freight mobility
- Work to get freight needs identified in state, regional and local planning
- Advocate for project funding to the legislature
- Measure and report project performance by removal of barriers
- Advise the Governor and Legislature of strategic freight needs
- RCW 47.06A

### ***Organizational Chart:***

#### ***Board:***

#### **Dan O'Neal**

Citizen Member  
Chairman

#### **Pati Otley**

BNSF Railway  
Railroads

#### **Jim Toomey**

Port of Pasco  
Ports

#### **Cliff Benson**

Pacific Maritime Shipping  
Steamship

#### **Don Lemmons**

Interstate Lumber  
Trucking

#### **Dick Marzano**

Port of Tacoma  
Ports

#### **Ross Kelley**

Spokane Co. Engineer  
Counties

#### **Mark Asmundson**

Mayor Bellingham  
Cities

#### **Doug MacDonald**

Secretary WSDOT  
Washington DOT

#### **Eric Johnson**

Lewis Co. Commissioner  
Counties

#### **Rebecca Francik**

Mayor ProTem Pasco  
Cities

#### **Andrew Johnsen**

Gov. Policy Advisor  
Governor's Office

#### ***Staff:***

#### **Karen Schmidt**

Executive Director

#### **Sandy Lockhart**

Confidential Secretary

*Budget:*

**2003-05 Administrative Budget**

\$617,000

Motor Vehicle Fund

2003-05 Capital Projects included in WSDOT Program Z funding

*Most Pressing Issue:*

**Loss of ongoing state funding for capital projects** - In 1999 the Freight Board received dedicated capital project funding through passage of R-49 averaging about \$100 million per biennium. This funding was lost in the passage of I-695 and has never been replaced. Some projects have been funded since then on a case-by-case basis but project development has been adversely impacted due to a lack of predictability. The Freight Board needs the re-establishment of a predictable ongoing funding source dedicated to Freight Mobility Board selected projects.

Freight Board selected projects have undergone a rigorous evaluation involving both public and private sector interests. Proposed projects are objectively evaluated, since board members represent a broad spectrum of interests from the private and public sectors. Projects receive multi-partner financing, including funds from the private sector, reflecting the benefits achieved by construction. Projects typically have more than 60% - 70% of their funds from sources other than the Freight Board. Many projects have also attracted substantial federal funding through competitive grant programs that require state match funds. As the most trade dependent state in the nation, it is important to our economy that our freight corridors provide a smooth unencumbered flow allowing our manufacturers and growers to compete in global markets.

Ocean borne cargo is anticipated to double by 2020 stressing already congested freight corridors, and additional cargo is currently being diverted to Washington ports from other west coast locations adding to the urgency to address this deficiency. The Board has a six-year list of projects that will provide substantial relief statewide. Funding partners need certainty to remain committed to individual projects without retracting support and diverting funds to other programs. The Board is holding earmarked project funds it obtained from one railroad partner that is more than 5 times the agency's biennial budget and must be spent within the next 5 years or returned to the railroad.

The ports, cities, counties and state roads comprising the strategic freight corridors as well as the private freight movers are the key stakeholders. We have letters of support from numerous public and private sector partners supporting a reinstatement of committed ongoing funding.

Reinstatement of dedicated funding for the Freight Mobility capital program will be controversial because it requires funds from a new revenue proposal requiring additional tax funding. The fact that dedicated funding for FMSIB competes with funding needed for other purposes is the principle "controversy". This request is not unlike the funding provided to all other transportation agencies allowing each agency to administer its program efficiently. The Freight Board is merely requesting equal consideration for the statewide freight program.



## Board Member Listing by Board Position

### FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD (FR020)

Agency 405 - Department of Transportation	Senate Conf. N	Positions: Maximum 012
Authority	Public Disc. N	Minimum 012
Authoriztn. RCW 47.06A	Term Length 048	Actual 012
Rem. Auth. ??	Meetings/Yr. 06	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Toomey, Jim Port of Pasco PO Box 769 Pasco, WA 99301	A	C	07/01/2002	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Port District		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Marzano, Richard P. 6402 Gregory Street West University Place, WA 98466	A	C	07/01/2004	06/30/2008
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Port District		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Francik, Rebecca 3114 Wilcox Dr. Pasco, WA 99301	A	C	08/01/2004	06/30/2008
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	City Rep.		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Asmundson, Mark (The Honorable) Second Floor, Bellingham City Hall 210 Lottie Street Bellingham, WA 98225	A	C	02/25/2002	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	City Rep.		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Kelley, Ross 1026 West Broadway Spokane, WA 99260	A	C	07/01/2002	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Wa Assoc of Counties		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
006	Johnson, Eric 370 Blanchard Rd. Centralia, WA 98531	A	C	08/01/2004	06/30/2008
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Wa Assoc of Counties		

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007	Johnsen, Andrew PO Box 43113 Olympia, WA 98504	A	C	07/01/2004	06/30/2008
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	OFM		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
008	Lemmons, Don 2308 Talley Way Kelso, WA 98626	A	C	07/01/2004	06/30/2008
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Trucking Industry		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
009	Otley, Patricia 2545 Occidental Avenue South #1A Seattle, WA 98134	A	C	07/01/2002	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Railroad Industry		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
010	Benson, Clifford A. 5631 61st Avenue SE Snohomish, WA 98290	A	C	07/01/2004	06/30/2008
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Steamship Industry		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
011	O'Neal, A. Daniel danoneal@wavecable.com , WA	A	C	07/01/2002	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Chair		