



Announcing a New Freight Course

Integrating Freight in the Transportation Planning Process

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Office of Freight Management and Operations and Office of Planning are offering a new two-day course, **Integrating Freight in the Transportation Planning Process**. This course is part of FHWA's Freight Professional Development and Transportation Planning Capacity Building (TPCB) Programs. These complementary programs provide technical training to the freight transportation and planning workforce to broaden their knowledge base and develop new skills.

Why Attend?

Freight transportation issues are complex, involving many stakeholders who have different views on and approaches to resolving the issues and challenges facing the freight transportation industry. Today, one of the biggest challenges facing public sector transportation professionals is incorporating freight perspectives into the transportation planning process. This course is one step in meeting this challenge.

Course participants will gain greater knowledge about freight transportation trends, identify key freight stakeholders, and discuss common issues that hinder freight from being fully incorporated in the planning process. The course will also identify key resources to help guide statewide and metropolitan planners in their freight planning efforts.

Course Information

Integrating Freight in the Transportation Planning Process (Course No. 139001) is offered through the National Highway Institute (NHI). Initial course offerings are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on or about December 2003.*

State departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, FHWA division offices, and private sector businesses can sponsor the two-day NHI course. A minimum of 20 participants is needed to sponsor the course, and classes are limited in size to a maximum of 35 participants. To find out about sponsoring and registering for this course, please go to <http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/default.asp> and select "NHI Training Programs."

An executive freight-planning seminar, aimed at transportation decisionmakers, is also available through the Planning Technical Service Team at the FHWA Resource Center. This 30- to 60-minute course can be tailored to your state's or region's needs and is an effective approach for educating elected officials and other stakeholders who cannot attend the full two days of instruction. For more information on technical assistance programs available from the FHWA Resource Center, please visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter>.

*The number of free courses will be determined at a later date.

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