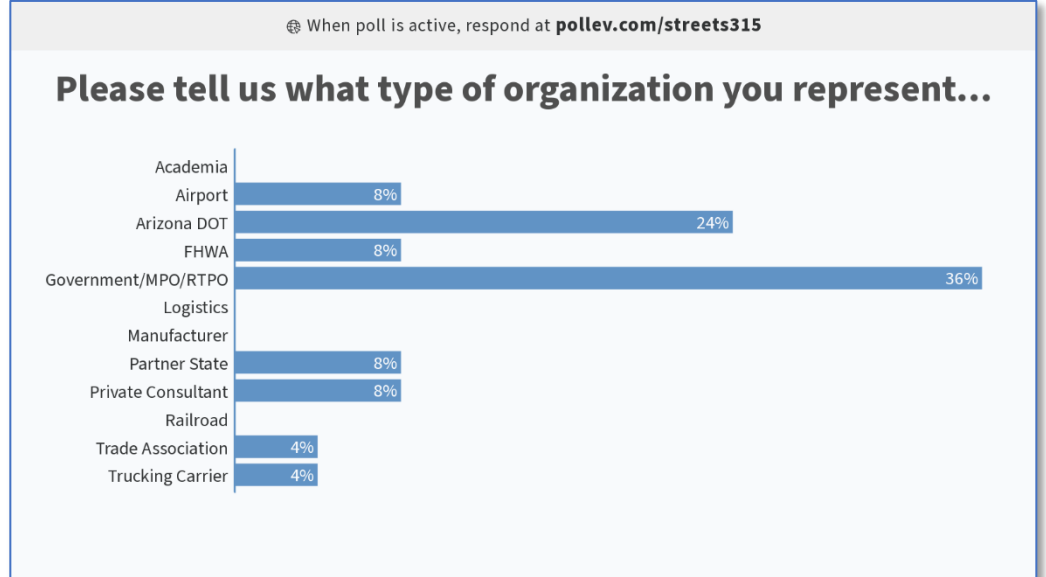


## Summary

More than 40 people, including stakeholders and study team members, attended the fifth Freight Advisory Committee meeting on August 30, 2022, via Zoom. The graphic at right shows the composition of participants.



## Presentation Topics

- Final Arizona State Freight Plan
  - Highlighted Strategies and Policies
  - Draft Freight Investment Plan
- Next Steps

The presentation is available at <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-programs/arizona-state-freight-plan>

## Key Takeaways

### Policies and Strategies

Participants were provided information on the following recommended policies and strategies and how they fulfill the Plan goals of safety, mobility, competitiveness, and stewardship. Participants were then asked to rank the strategies and the ranking was as follows:

1. Analyze the freight network to identify areas with no redundancy, long detours, or lack of connectivity to alternate routes.
2. Complete an update to the ADOT truck parking study to identify specific needs and countermeasures associated with the 2022 Plan's investment strategies and to prepare for the next state freight plan and associated freight plan gap assessment process.
3. Incorporate data-driven scenario planning and robust decision-making frameworks into long-range and freight transportation planning processes to be better prepared for future uncertainties and how they will impact ADOT practices and investments.
4. Prioritize ADOT freight investments that improve quality of life for Arizona residents and reduce freight system impacts on the natural environment including programming and scoping projects that improve

stormwater quality, reduce stormwater runoff, protect or mitigate impacts to wildlife habitats, or incorporate wildlife linkage zones in accordance with Arizona’s Wildlife Linkages.

5. Identify engineering design or specific roadway attributes that contribute to higher rates of heavy truck involvement in crashes. Develop appropriate systematic or project-specific improvements to reduce crashes at these types of locations in coordination with the Strategic Traffic Safety Plan (STSP) Administrator and the Safety Communication Group.
6. Evaluate opportunities to relieve import pressures through ADOT or partner investments in inland ports and airports.
7. Coordinate with stakeholders at multi-modal facilities to identify pain points that may be mitigated through improvements to the multimodal freight system with ADOT partnership.
8. Research emerging technologies to assess how they will impact freight demand and what changes to project selection may be necessary.
9. Enhance tools and information shared with stakeholders to gauge preferences and desired distribution of possible funding.



### Freight Investment Plan

Based on the prioritization framework that was developed in collaboration with the FAC, the study team identified a draft list of projects that may be included in the final Plan. The prioritization framework included identifying freight bottlenecks and applying weighted evaluation criteria to score, prioritize, and select a draft list of potential projects for the approximately \$125 million available in National Highway Freight Program funding.

Next Steps

- Draft Arizona State Freight Plan available for review in late September
- 30-day public comment period
- State Transportation Board Study Session October 6, 2022
- Updates and possible State Transportation Board approval October or November 2022

ADOT noted that FAC engagement is intended to be ongoing, including regular implementation updates and continued opportunities for stakeholder feedback.