Private Sector Outreach and Awareness Meetings

Private Sector Outreach and Awareness Meetings are intended to provide the TSW Study with insight into the needs of the freight community and the potential responses to changes in truck size and weight laws. Based on a series of interviews conducted throughout the State with a wide variety of carriers and shippers, some highlights include:

- Impact on drivers is important (need better pay and working conditions)
- Changes should be across the board
- Need economic justification in order to see investment in new equipment
- Significant interest in increased weight, some interest in increased size

Public Agency Outreach

A variety of representatives from public agencies affected by TSW laws were gathered in Waukesha on Wednesday, September 17 for the first of two Public Agency Outreach Workshops. These Workshops include representatives of county and local government and are intended to raise awareness of the project and proposals and identify needs, issues, and policy positions regarding TSW laws. Some of the discussion highlights include:

- Concern about the impact of overweight trucks on local roads
- Emphasis on lack of enforcement and minimal fines creating an “incentive for noncompliance”
- Any changes to TSW law should be equitable and understandable

Additional Scheduled Events

The outreach effort is ongoing. Private sector individual and group interviews are being conducted and the following events are planned.

- Public Agency Outreach Workshop #2 Tuesday, October 28 Wausau, WI
- Safety Issues Workshop Monday, November 3 Madison, WI
- All Stakeholders Workshop Tuesday, December 2 Madison, WI

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