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Summary of the DATCP Interim meeting on Freight and Logistics

July 20, 2022, 9 a.m.

Nexus Container Solution – Charles Wachsmuth, Chippewa Valley Bean

The company has privately leased ocean containers and are contacting steamship lines directly to try to solve some of the logistics challenges shipping to Europe and other markets.

The company contracted 200 climate controlled containers from [Nexyst 360](#) to ship the containers from the newly opened Duluth, Minnesota port facility to travel the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway on to ports in Europe where 70% of their exported red kidney beans are exported. Wisconsin Public Radio reported on this story: [Fed up with supply chain delays, Wisconsin company turns to Twin Ports shipping service to move goods | Wisconsin Public Radio \(wpr.org\)](#).

Charles also presented information on this solution at the Wisconsin DOT Freight Advisory Committee meeting in June 2022.

Freight Advisory Committee and State Freight Plan – Matt Umhoefer, WI Dept. of Transportation

The new plan update is scheduled to be completed in December 2022, with an initial draft plan released to the public in summer 2022. Public and stakeholder participation is encouraged throughout the development of the plan.

<p>Winter-Spring 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 2018 Freight Plan • Identify areas of previous plan that need to be updated • Begin developing draft State Freight Plan 	<p>Summer 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release draft plan and engage stakeholders • Incorporate stakeholder feedback into draft plan • Finalize draft plan
<p>Spring 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue data gathering • Finalize draft plan 	<p>Fall 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release final plan and engage stakeholders • Incorporate stakeholder feedback into final plan • Submit final plan

[2022 Wisconsin State Freight Plan Web Page](#)

[2018 Wisconsin State Freight Plan](#)

Discussion of freight and logistics challenges –

- Shipping costs continue to be high, and container supply while improving, is still limited
- Sustainability – ethical supply chain audit and carbon audit
- WEDC survey of where companies are shipping

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