

PROGRAM

MOVING FREIGHT FORWARD: PREPARING MICHIGAN FOR 2025
MSU CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 8:45 – 9:00 AM WELCOME REMARKS**
Rex LaMore, Director, MSU Center for Community and Economic Development
- 9:00 – 9:45 AM OPENING KEYNOTE**
Global Trends and Michigan Logistics: Something to Think About NOW!
Gerhardt Muller, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY (retired)
- 9:45 – 10:30 AM OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN FREIGHT LOGISTICS**
Moderator // Josh Lunger, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Michael Hurlbutt, Meijer Global Logistics
Jack Grinwis, Pickands Mather Group
Paul C. LaMarre, Port of Monroe
Joe Colyn, Originz LLC. and Shippers Alliance of Michigan.
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM COFFEE AND NETWORKING**
- 10:45 – 12:15 PM OTHER DIMENSIONS OF FREIGHT LOGISTICS**
Moderator // Jon Allan, MI Office of the Great Lakes
Nick Little, MSU Railway Management Program
Tim Hoeffner, MI Dept. of Transportation, Office of Rail
Joseph Kane, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
Dan Lynch, Center for International Trade and Transportation, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 12:15 – 1:15 PM LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE**
Roger Huff, Ford Motor Company and MI Logistics & Supply Chain Commission
- 1:15 – 2:45 PM TOWARD 2025: STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS AND CATALYSTS OF EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POLICIES**
Moderator // J. D. Snyder, MSU Center for Community and Economic Development
Laura Mester, Chief Administrative Officer, MI Dept. of Transportation
John Loftus, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority
Peter Anastor, MI Economic Development Corp. Logistics & Supply Chain
Mark Fisher, Council of the Great Lakes Region.
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM BREAK**
- 3:15 – 3:45 PM VISUALIZING EFFICIENT LOGISTICS FOR MICHIGAN IN 2025: HOW DO WE GET THERE?**
Moderator // Gerhardt Muller
Josh Lunger, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce
J. D. Snyder, MSU Center for Community and Economic Development
Jon Allan, MI Office of the Great Lakes.
- 3:45 – 5:00 PM NETWORKING RECEPTION**
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