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On Monday, June 16, 2008 the first meeting of the Mayor's Intermodal Advisory Committee was held. The group discussed the focus of the meetings and organized the objectives to accomplish.

The Advisory Committee will be looking at all aspects of intermodal transfers: air, truck, rail, water and pipeline. The group is looking forward to working with all parties involved in intermodal development. These discussions are intended to develop an understanding for what will best prepare Northwest Ohio for further intermodal activity.

The task force is considering not only Toledo locations; but researching all possibilities in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Regional economic development is important to the committee and they will be looking to Toledo's suburban partners, in all directions, for regional collaboration.

Several members of the group were able to attend the Toledo City Council Economic Development Committee Hearing held today, June 18, 2008. The task force is looking forward to the cooperative and collaborative focus on intermodal strategies in the region.

Also, the group had the opportunity to meet with Brian McMahon who briefed the task force, and provided insight and information on the intermodal research that he has done.

The Intermodal Committee is also scheduling meeting with other interested parties, including but not limited to: the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, the Regional Growth Partnership, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, the University of Toledo Intermodal Institute, and others. The meetings will work towards developing and financing intermodal facilities in the region, if such facilities are in demand.

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