

TPB Freight Planning

23 U.S.C. 134(h)(1) and 23 U.S.C. 134 (i)(6)

TPB Process

The TPB's freight planning activities have integrated freight mobility needs into the metropolitan transportation planning process. The process considered freight activities and infrastructure, incorporated consideration of equity, and included information gathering and sharing and discussions among stakeholders.

TPB has maintained the [National Capital Region Freight Plan](#), as a technical reference on the region's freight network and trends, for local jurisdictions and state partners, and based on analyses of national and locally-sourced data. The most recent 2016 update of the plan added 17 policies that guide freight planning and decisions at the jurisdictional and state levels.

The freight planning process additionally worked to ensure appropriate consideration of freight in Visualize 2045 (2022) and biennial [Congestion Management Process \(CMP\) Technical Reports](#). Results are described in Visualize 2045's [Chapter 6: Strategies for a Brighter Future](#).

The TPB has additionally encouraged member jurisdictions to consider freight in their planning and land use decisions. Since 2008, the TPB's [Freight Subcommittee](#) has served as a forum for information sharing and coordination on freight topics, and advised the TPB Technical Committee and the Transportation Planning Board on freight issues. Bi-monthly subcommittee meetings featured presentations that centered on specific freight themes, such as truck parking, land use and its freight implications, curbside management, and supply chain disruptions. The Subcommittee engages a diverse group of stakeholders, including private sector freight shippers and industry representatives, and actively invited private sector representatives to present and share their perspectives.

What Is New?

- The TPB hosted a [Regional Curbside Management Online Forum](#) in June 2020, which highlighted trends that impact the curb and various approaches to curbside management among freight, transit, bicycling, walking, parking, and other needs. The event featured speakers from the public, private, and academic sectors.
- TPB worked with the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia on maintaining designated Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) in accordance with federal law and regulations. TPB originally designated the region's CUFCs in 2017, and amended these designations in coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation in September 2021.

Products/Studies/Projects

- With consultant support, staff are currently developing an update of the 2016 National Capital Region Freight Plan with input from members of the Freight Subcommittee, Technical Committee, and TPB. The update is expected to be complete by Summer 2023.
- The TPB has begun coordination with its state partners to designate additional CUFCs in the region in accordance with new provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- A new curbside management forum is planned in the FY 2024 UPWP.