

# Focus on Freight– May 2010

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



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## **\*\*Freight Plan Update\*\***

At our May 6, 2010 Freight Subcommittee meeting, the Freight Plan was distributed for comment. The Draft document can be found at the link below. The anticipated schedule for the Freight Plan is as follows:

- June 4, 2010 TPB Technical Committee introduction.
- July 9, 2010 Return to the TPB Technical Committee for review.
- July 21, 2010 Presentation to the Transportation Planning Board.
- [Draft National Capital Region Freight Plan 2010](#)

Following the presentation of the Draft Freight Plan to the TPB, the Freight Subcommittee will take on the task of selecting a list of top priority projects beneficial to freight in the National Capital Region.

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## **District of Columbia “Commercial Curbside Loading Zone Implementation Act”**

The Act was introduced on October 22, 2009. The intention of this legislation is to develop a Commercial Curbside Loading Zone Management Plan which will be administered by the District Department of Transportation’s Motor Carrier Management Program. This Plan studied options to improve the management and operation of commercial loading zones in the District of Columbia.

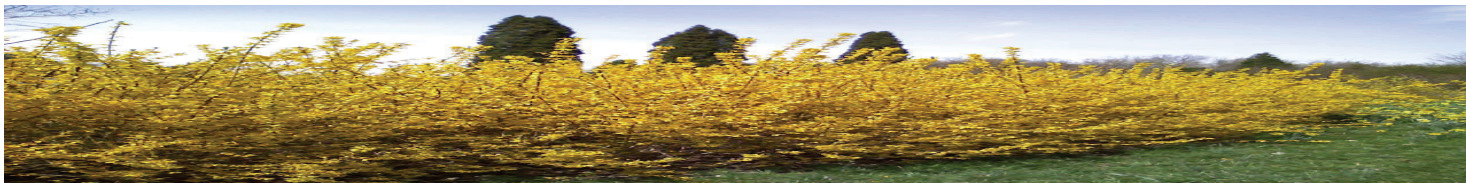
The District of Columbia will analyze the use of loading zones throughout the city and evaluate size, location, and usage. The District will oversee and enforce the use of loading zones to ensure the space is available of carriers to actively load and unload freight. The District is considering a system for fleets to pay for the use of the loading zones to encourage turnover as well. Ultimately, this legislation will result in a comprehensive program that will maximize the use of the loading zone, reduce double parking, decrease traffic congestion and improve carrier operations. A final decision on approach will be made in the fall of 2010.

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## **FMCSA Launches Pre-Employment Screening Program**

The US Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) launched May 11th its Pre-Employment Screening Program. This allows commercial motor carrier companies to electronically access driver inspection and crash records as a part of the hiring process. For more information, click on the link below.

[FMCSA PSP Program](#)



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