

DRAFT NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN

As Revised

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Overview

- Staff presented the draft 2023 National Capital Region Freight Plan to the Transportation Planning Board at the July 19, 2023 meeting
 - This also began a comment period on the draft plan through August 21
 - Comments were raised both at the July 19 meeting as well as subsequently
 - Staff also took the opportunity to address typos and minor wording changes
- This presentation summarizes comments received and staff's proposed responses and/or associated changes to the draft Freight Plan
- The TPB will be asked to approve the Freight Plan (as revised) at its September 20 meeting

Comments & Changes Reflected in the Revised Plan

- Added reference to TPB Greenhouse Gas Goals and Strategies
- Added information on *Transforming Rail in Virginia* and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
- Added an explanation of air cargo volumes at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (<1% of tonnage at BWI or Dulles)
- Updated the list of highway projects important to freight based on a recent modification to the TIP

Future/Referred to Freight Subcommittee

- For some comments, either information was not available or staff recommends they be addressed in the TPB's ongoing planning activities rather than in the static plan
- Safety: gather and analyze more recent safety/truck-involved fatality data (when data become available)
 - Also recommended for discussion at the Transportation Safety Subcommittee
- Freight labor best practices: discuss at Freight Subcommittee
- Multiple freight deliveries in neighborhoods and potential efficiencies: discuss at Freight Subcommittee
- Environmental/greenhouse gas considerations: coordinate with dedicated COG/TPB activities
- Next plan (3-4 years): enhanced maps and graphics; more safety data/information; reflect changes to TPB membership and boundaries based on 2020 Census

Next Steps

- Consider any additional minor edits by September 12
- Provide updated draft plan in read-ahead materials for the September 20 TPB meeting
- Propose for TPB approval on September 20

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