

Focus on Freight– September 2009

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



Freight Subcommittee Update

Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at MWCOG offices in Room 3 (Lunch will be provided). We will have presentations on the Norfolk Southern Railroad operations in our region and on the CSX National Gateway Initiative in our region. For detail on the meeting click on the links below.

[Freight Subcommittee September 10th Meeting Agenda](#)

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CSX Request for TPB Support of National Gateway

CSX Transportation has combined a number of proposed grade separation and track improvements across six states into a large project called the National Gateway. The purpose of the Initiative is to create a double-stack rail network along key corridors to improve the flow of freight between the Mid-Atlantic and the Midwest. Thirteen of the proposed projects fall in the National Capital Region. [CSX National Gateway Projects](#)

CSX has briefed the Freight Subcommittee, Technical Committee, and Transportation Planning Board on the issue, and will present again to the three committees this month.

-September 4, 2009-Technical Committee-Detailed presentation on projects and benefits

-September 10, 2009-Freight Subcommittee-Recap on process and overview on Initiative

-September 16, 2009-Transportation Planning Board-Board will consider approving support

Upcoming Events

MDOT-Maryland Freight Summit, Monday September 14, 2009, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Location: Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport, 1739 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD

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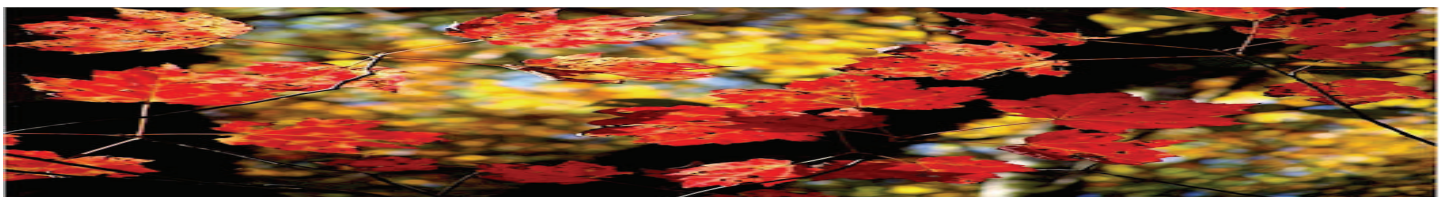
Agenda:

Opening Remarks/ Welcome- Beverley Swaim-Staley, Secretary, MD Dept. of Transportation

This will be followed by four panels:

1. Federal Legislative Update
2. Mid-Atlantic Region and State Plan Updates
3. Freight Logistics and the Economy-Doing Business Today and Tomorrow
4. Emerging Issues

Closing Remarks- Caitlin Hughes Rayman, MDOT Assistant Secretary for Policy and Freight



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