

# NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN UPDATE

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## As Revised

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# Overview

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- 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
- The TPB approved the Freight Plan (as revised) at its September 20 meeting
  - The final plan is pending; the draft approved by the TPB is posted at:  
<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2023/9/20/transportation-planning-board/>
- Today's presentation summarizes comments received including recommendations for ongoing/follow-up discussion by the Freight Subcommittee of identified topics

# Comments & Changes Reflected in the Revised Plan

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- 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

# Comments Referred to Freight Subcommittee

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- For some comments, either information was not available or staff recommended 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 becomes 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

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- Consider topics raised for future Freight Subcommittee meeting discussions
- FY 2024 safety data “deep dive”

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