

# TPB Focus on Freight

## A Monthly Newsletter

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### TPB Freight Program

- **TPB Freight Subcommittee** The TPB Freight Subcommittee met on August 9th to finalize the Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects list. The list will be presented to the Tech and TPB in September. Our next TPB Freight Subcommittee meeting will be held on September 12th.  
[TPB Freight Web Site](#)
- **Save the Date! September 18th TPB Meeting**  
Two freight items will be presented at the September 18th Transportation Planning Board's (elected officials of the National Capital Region) meeting, from noon to 2pm in the MWCOG Board Room.
  1. CSX Long Bridge Study
  2. Top 10 Freight Project List(The same two items will be presented at the TPB Technical Committee meeting on September 6th, MWCOG Training Center, 9am to noon.)
- **Freight Around the Region Project.** TPB freight staff continues to work with jurisdictions to develop content for the Freight Around the Region jurisdiction Freight Stories.

### Intermodal on the Rise

At the AASHTO/FHWA Freight-Partnership V conference (held July 30-August 2), John Gray of the American Association of Railroads, noted that intermodal is on the rise (containers). 2013 is expected to be a record year for intermodal in terms of the volume of containers and trailers handled. Intermodal now accounts for about 25% of rail business. 2006 was the previous record year for intermodal volumes. This represents an uptick in intermodal in a slowly recovering economy.



### CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel DEIS Comment Period Extended

In response to public request, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project an additional thirty days. The public comment period will now be 75 days, having started July 12, 2013 and ending September 25, 2013.

[www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com](http://www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com)

### FHWA Vehicle Probe Data

FHWA Office of Operations has acquired a National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) for use to support its Freight Performance Measures (FPM) and Urban Congestion Report (UCR) programs. Data set to be ultimately shared with State Departments of Transportation and MPOs under specific terms.

### Upcoming Freight Events:

- [Last Mile Freight Delivery-Use of Cleaner Vehicles](#) conference sponsored by NY State DOT and Univeristy Transportation Research Center, October 4th
- [METTRANS 5th Annual Urban Freight Conference, October 8-10](#)
- [SHRP 2 "Innovations in Freight Demand Modeling and Data Improvement," symposium, Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, October 21-22](#)
- [AMPO Annual Conference, October 22-25](#)
- Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, [National Capital Area Roundtable](#) and [Baltimore Roundtable](#) events posted. -[August 29th, CSCMP National's Game-Logistics discussion](#)

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