

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN

Briefing

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Presentation Items

- Overview of Freight Plan status and next steps.
- Dry run of TPB presentation.



Freight Plan Status and Next Steps

- Full document and Executive Summary
- Executive Summary in new TPB Report Template
- Final version of the full document will be in the new Template
- Most comments have been addressed
- “Summary of Key Points” to be added to front of full document

- Informational item at June 15 Board Meeting
- Action item at July 20 (or later) Board Meeting



Why do Freight Planning?

- Freight transportation is vital to the economy of the Region and to the quality of life of its residents
- Hundreds of millions of tons of freight worth \$ billions move over the Region's roadways and railways and pass through its airports each year
- Growing employment, population, and wealth will continue to drive demand for freight
- Economic growth will result in greater quantities of goods moving into, out of, and through the Region
- Evolving supply chain practices, expansion of the Panama Canal, and increasing urbanization are some of the factors impacting freight flows
- Ensuring the safe transport of freight is a primary concern of the TPB



The NCR Freight Plan

Two separate documents:

Full Document	Executive Summary
<p>Seven sections plus Appendices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• The Multimodal Freight System• Freight Demand• Freight Trends and Issues• Regional Freight Policies• National Capital Region Projects Important to Freight• Recommendations and Next Steps	<p>Summary review of the full document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary information from 6 of the 7 sections of the Plan• No project lists or appendices
117 pages	24 pages
Custom template (final version to utilize new TPB report template)	New TPB report template

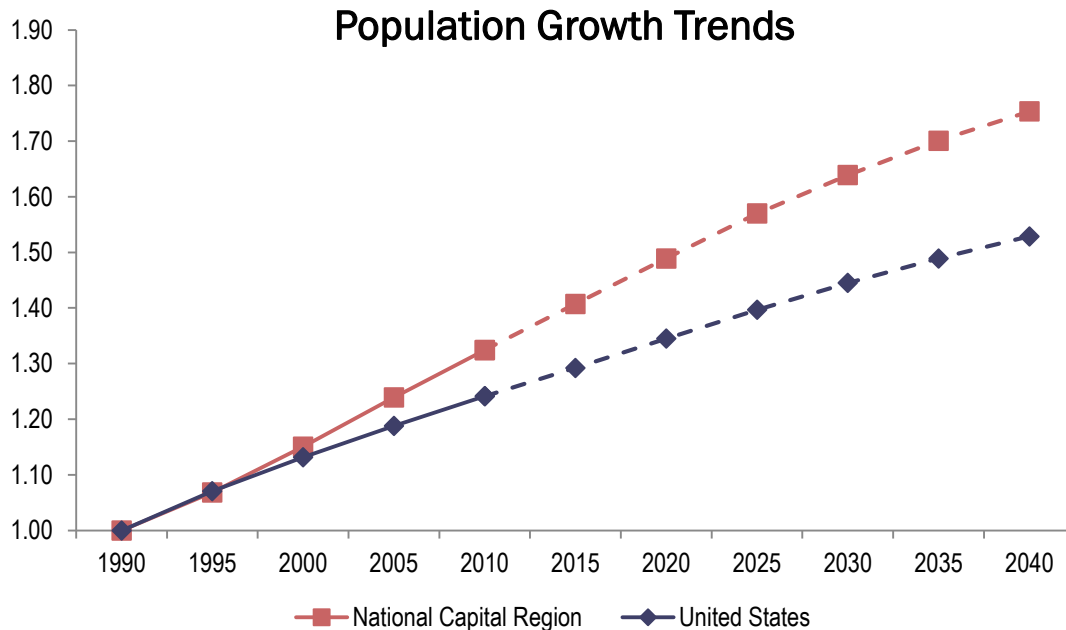


The NCR Freight Plan...

- Builds on the 2010 edition
- Supports MAP-21 and FAST requirements
- Is a technical reference and a guide to future TPB planning activities
- Describes the role of freight in the Region
- Defines a regional freight-significant network
- Describes the drivers of freight demand and resulting freight flows
- Identifies significant freight issues
- Includes regional freight policies
- Identifies projects that are important to goods movement
- Recommends future freight planning actions



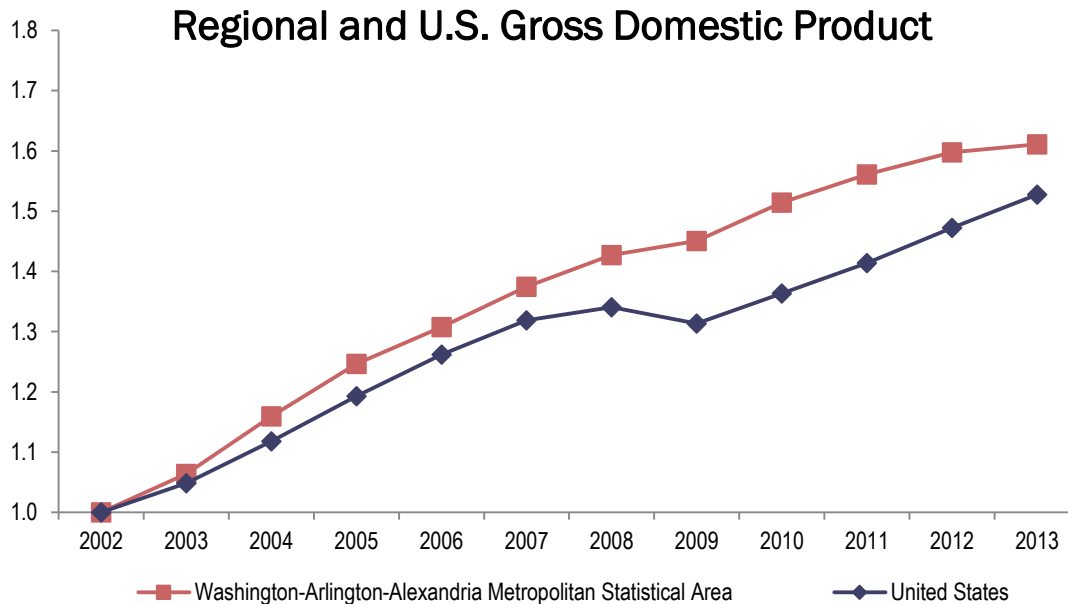
People Drive Freight Demand



- Each new resident creates additional demand for goods and therefore freight.
- Households with higher disposable income generate greater demand for freight.
- The Region is growing at a faster rate than the nation overall.
- Regional median household income is 70% higher than the national average.



Businesses Drive Freight Demand



- There is a direct relationship between growth in economic activity and demand for freight transportation.
- Every marginal dollar of GDP generates an additional 0.38 ton-miles of freight activity.



Top Commodities

Top Commodities by Weight

Rank	Commodity Class	Total (thousands of tons)	Cumulative Share
1	Gravel & crushed stone	41,277	19%
2	Waste & scrap	32,319	35%
3	Nonmetallic mineral products	25,212	47%
4	Petroleum products	14,421	53%

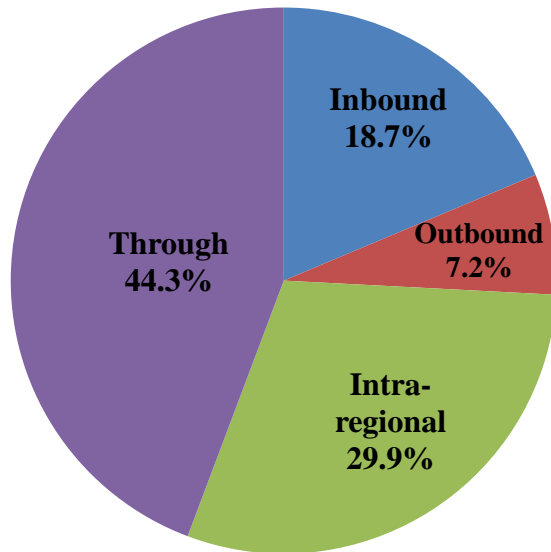
Top Commodities by Value

Rank	Commodity Class	Total (millions of \$)	Cumulative Share
1	Electronic & electrical equip.	31,848	13%
2	Machinery	27,578	25%
3	Mixed freight	22,584	34%
4	Pharmaceutical products	19,225	42%

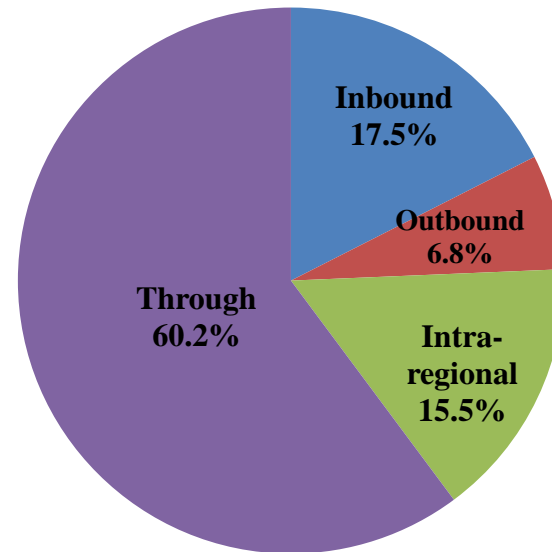


Direction of Freight Movement

Direction (Weight)



Direction (Value)

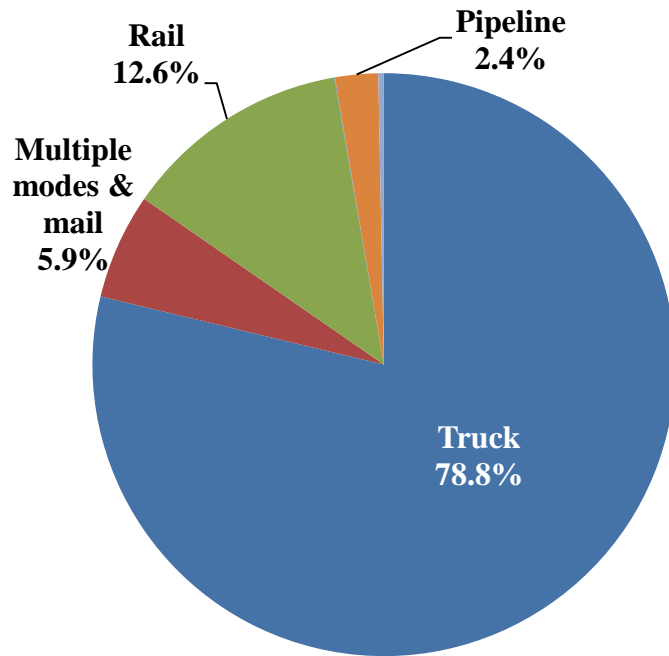


- The Region receives over 2 ½ times more inbound freight than it produces outbound freight.

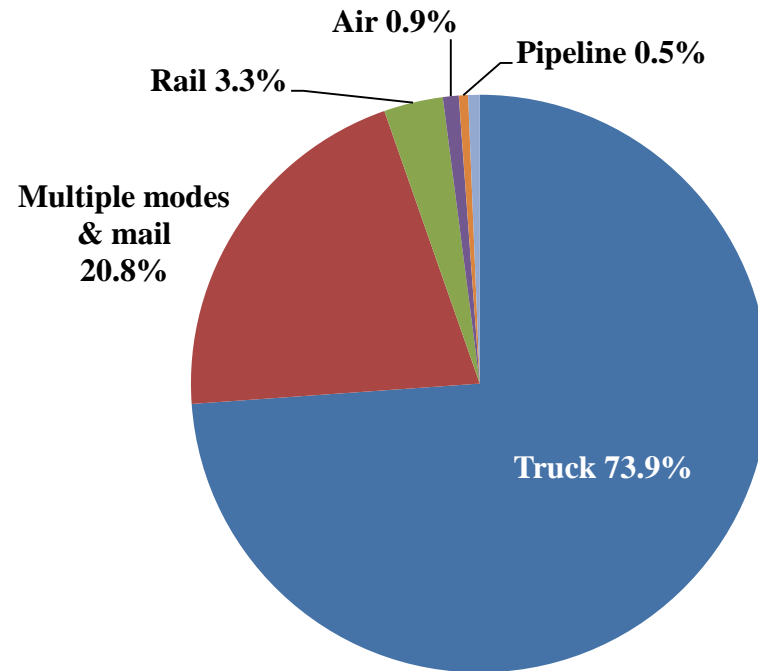


Mode of Freight Movement

Mode (Weight)



Mode (Value)

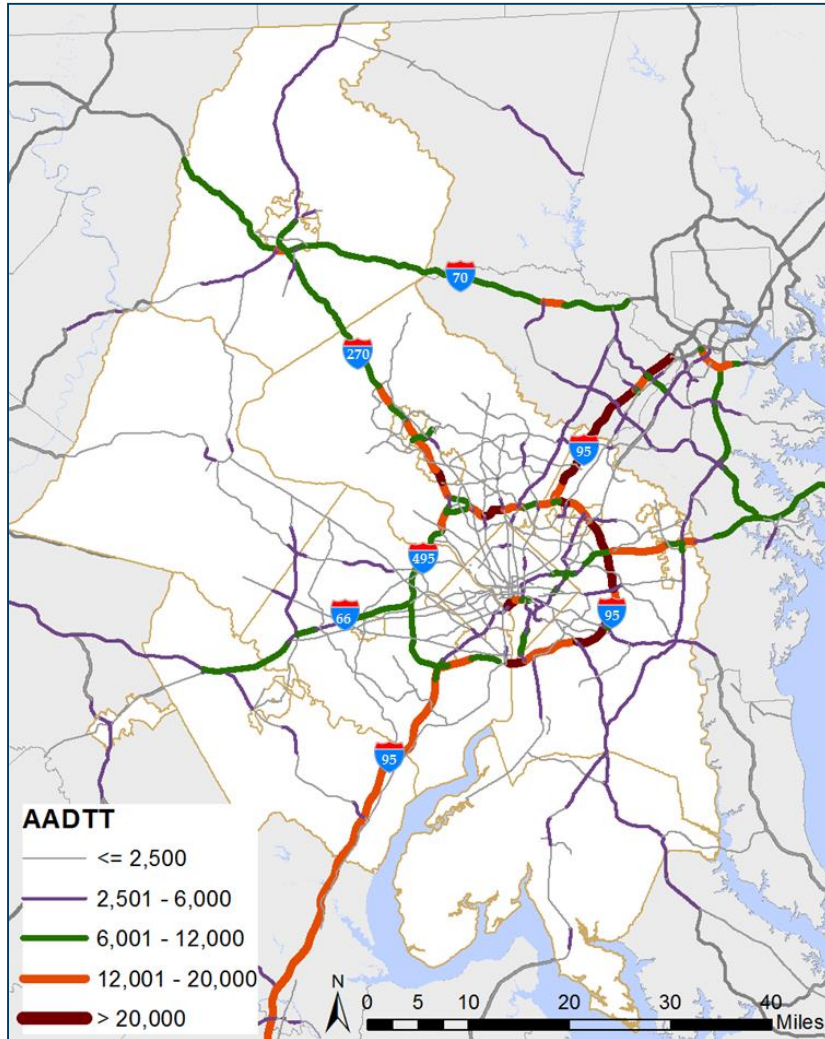


The Freight Transportation System

- **Roadways:** more than 16,000 miles of roadways carrying more than 300 million tons of goods annually.
- **Railroads:** two Class I railroads – CSX Transportation and the Norfolk Southern Corporation – operating over 250 miles of mainline track and carrying more than 47 million tons of regional freight annually.
- **Airports:** two major cargo airports – Washington Dulles International and Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall.
- **Pipelines:** an extensive pipeline network that carries more than nine million tons of freight per year.
- **Intermodal Connectors:** a number of short roadway segments that tie rail terminal facilities, airports, and pipeline terminal facilities to the National Highway System (NHS).



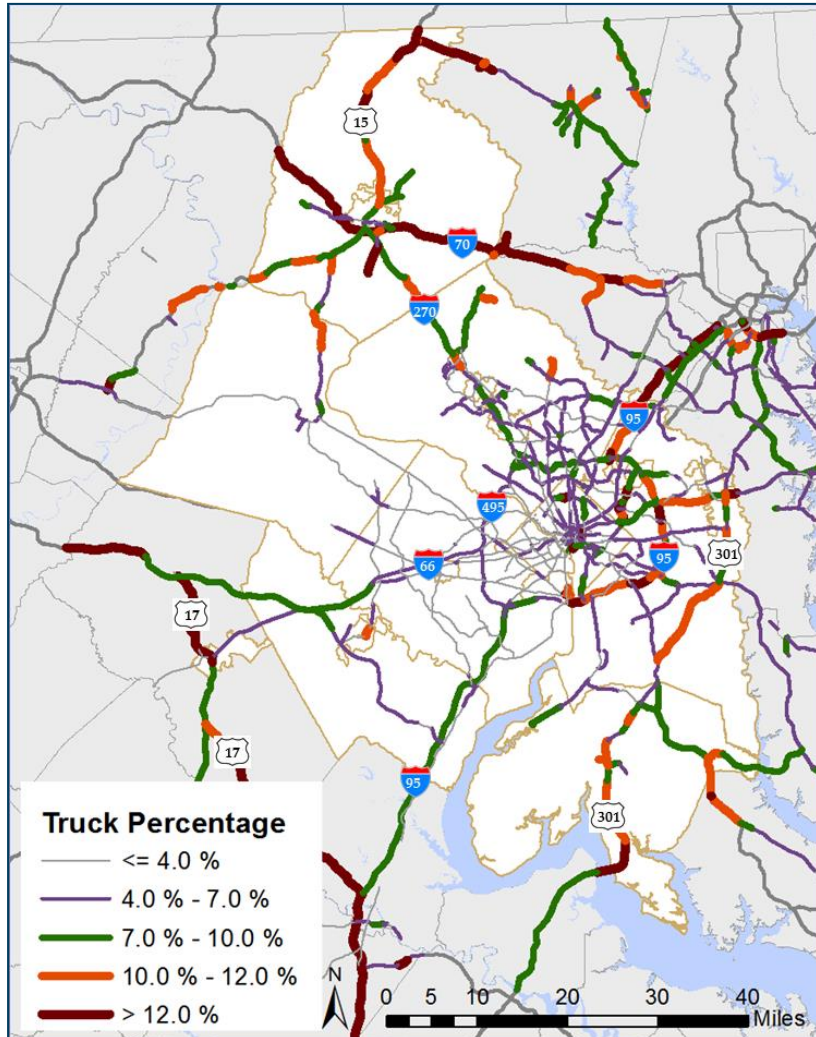
Freight Transportation System: Roadways



- Truck Volumes



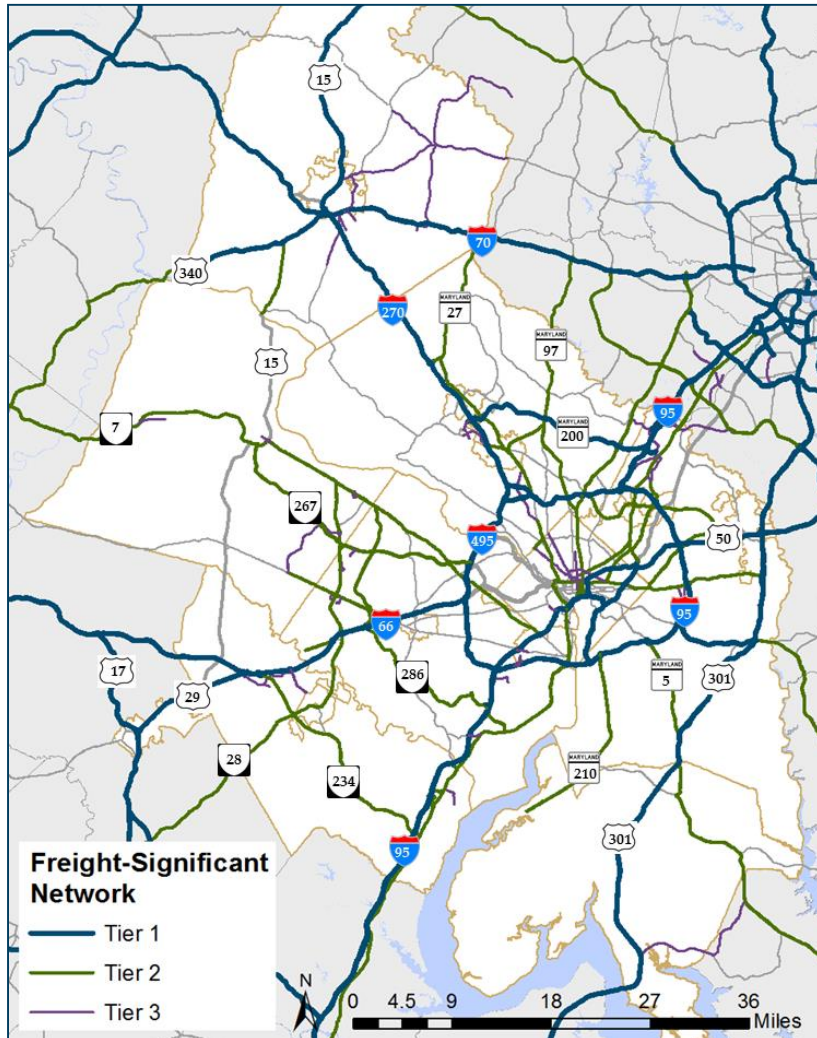
Freight Transportation System: Roadways



- Truck Percentages



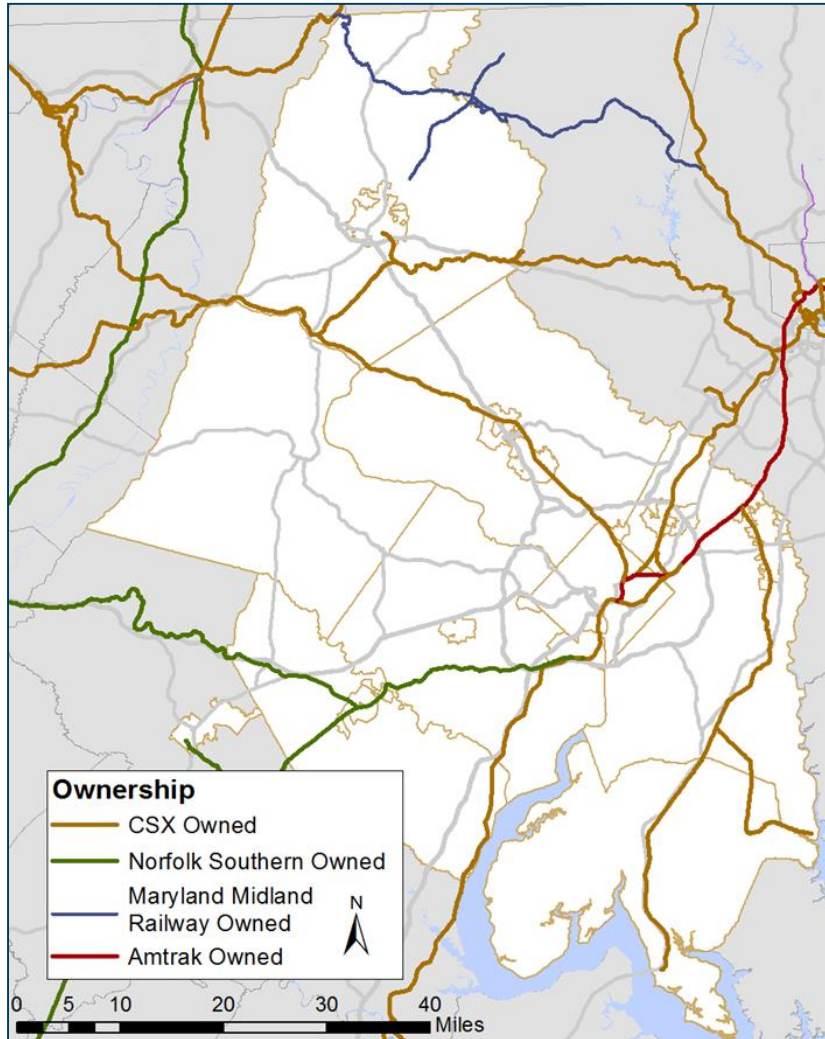
Freight-Significant Network



- **Tier 1:** state-designated truck routes, interstates, and other high volume roadways
- **Tier 2:** allows trucks to permeate the Region and provide access to important freight generators and attractors
- **Tier 3:** last mile connectivity



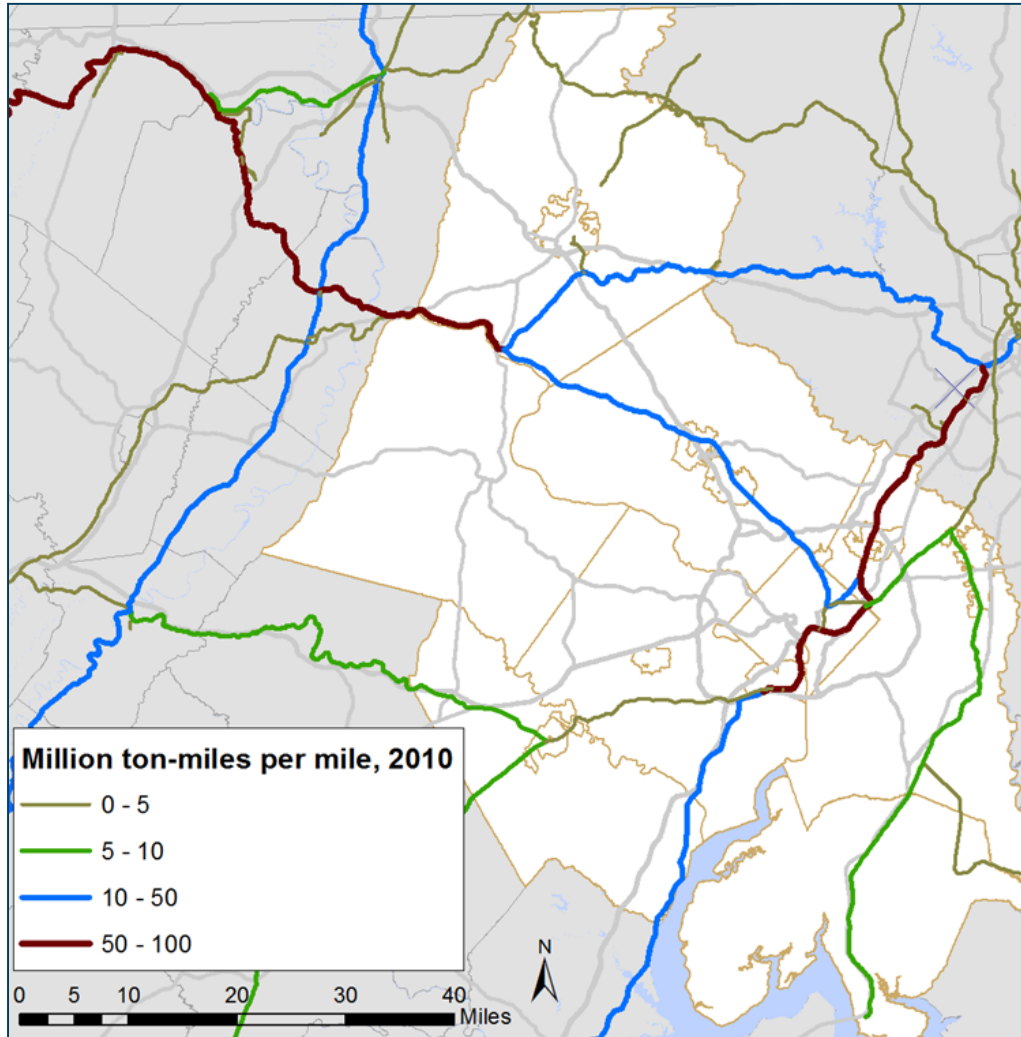
Freight Transportation System: Railroads



- Rail Ownership



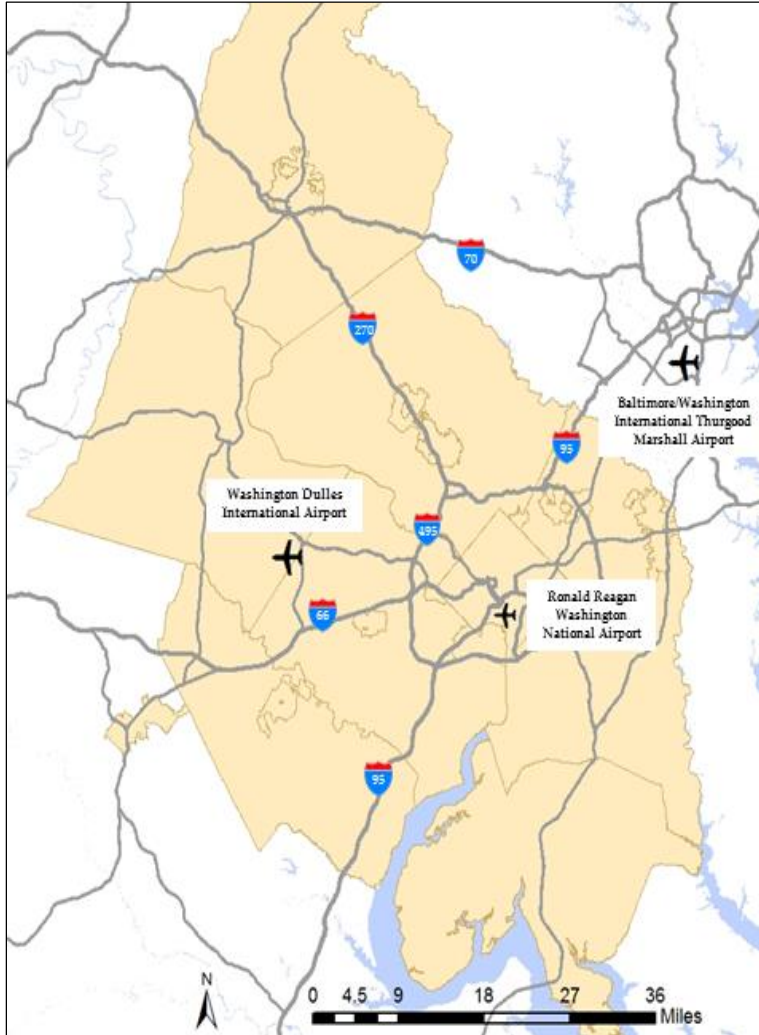
Freight Transportation System: Railroads



- Rail Density



Freight Transportation System: Airports



- Dulles and BWI handle nearly all reported air cargo tonnage
- 23rd and 36th respectively according to ACI rankings of North American cargo airports



Freight Trends: E-Commerce

Customer demand...

Customers increasingly expect instant gratification

Less time in stores and more time shopping on the internet



Industry response...

Trend is that e-commerce share of sales is increasing

Less demand for retail space

More demand for distribution and fulfillment centers

Retailers turning brick and mortar stores into urban distribution centers



Planning considerations...

More (smaller) trucks on the road and more delivery movements

Fewer retail “sales floor” jobs and more fulfillment center jobs

More distribution and fulfillment centers



Rail Safety

- TPB has expressed particular concerns on the topic of rail safety
 - Recent incidents - such as the May 1 CSX derailment –highlight the need for improved safety on the freight rail system
- The Freight Plan addresses this through the regional freight policies
- The Plan also provides an overview of the freight rail safety regulatory structure



Regional Freight Policies

The Transportation Planning Board...

1. supports the prioritized advancement of freight-related transportation projects that provide maximum value, efficiency, and safety with particular emphasis on those that improve freight access to activity centers.
2. supports investments that maintain a state of good repair for the Region's freight transportation system.
3. supports the use of best practices for safety, engineering, and maintenance, of freight-related transportation infrastructure.



Regional Freight Policies

The Transportation Planning Board...

4. supports the alleviation of roadway bottlenecks where feasible to improve travel times and reliability for trucks and passenger vehicles.
5. supports maximizing opportunities to expand transportation options, address roadway congestion, and reduce pollution by increasing the use of passenger and freight rail.
6. supports the consideration of potential social, economic, and environmental effects of freight-related programs, policies, and activities on minority populations, low-income populations, and people with disabilities.



Regional Freight Policies

The Transportation Planning Board...

7. recognizes freight's role in economic development and supports efforts to maximize the use of important economic drivers, including airports, ports, and intermodal facilities serving the Region's residents and businesses.
8. supports the safe and community-friendly accommodation of freight deliveries within the Region's activity centers.
9. supports improvements in truck safety using education, enforcement, and engineering strategies.



Regional Freight Policies

The Transportation Planning Board...

10. supports efforts to route hazardous materials away from the National Capital Region; for hazardous materials that must be transported to, from, within, and through the Region, the TPB supports the selection of the safest and most secure modes and routes.
11. encourages information sharing on explosive, toxic by inhalation, and radioactive materials being shipped to, from, within, and through the Region, including real-time notifications and long-term planning information.
12. supports robust first responder training and exercise activities regarding freight in general and hazardous materials transport in particular.



Regional Freight Policies

The Transportation Planning Board...

13. supports collaboration among agencies and with the private sector on freight planning and operations concerns to support mutual goals.
14. supports the proactive analysis of freight-related performance measures in the context of overall regional performance measurement to identify lessons learned and promote regional goals.
15. promotes sustainable methods of freight operations that are sensitive to environmental, cultural, and community resources.



Regional Freight Policies

The Transportation Planning Board...

16. encourages collaboration among transportation planners, land use planners, private railroads, elected officials, and other stakeholders to find creative ways to facilitate community-beneficial land use development (residential, commercial, or industrial as appropriate) while providing space for necessary future rail expansion along key rail corridors.
17. supports the review and study of new freight-related technologies, emerging business practices, and evolving commodity mixes and mode shares to advance regional goals.



Recommendations and Next Steps

Actions Related to Maintaining and Strengthening the Regional Freight Planning Process

- Continue to Support the TPB Freight Subcommittee
- Maintain and Strengthen Private-Sector Participation in the TPB Freight Subcommittee
- Create Opportunities to Hold Joint Meetings with Other TPB Subcommittees
- Develop “Freight Around the Region” Brochures in Coordination with Member Jurisdictions



Recommendations and Next Steps

Actions Related to Maintaining and Strengthening the Regional Freight Planning Process (continued...)

- Organize Periodic Regional Freight Forums
- Collect and Analyze Freight Data and Make Available to Member Jurisdictions and the Public
- Continue Coordination with Federal, State, Local, and Private-Sector Freight Partners
- Coordinate TPB's MAP-21/FAST Freight-Related Activities – Including Performance Measures



Recommendations and Next Steps

Actions Related to Maintaining and Strengthening the Regional Freight Planning Process (continued...)

- Identify and Communicate Freight-Related Infrastructure Issues to Member Agencies to Address in their Planning and Programming Activities
- Strengthen Relationships with Local Jurisdiction Planners
- Highlight Economic Development Aspects of Freight with Local Jurisdiction Planners

Recommendations and Next Steps

Strategic Regional Freight Planning Activities

- Identify and Communicate Freight-Related Infrastructure Issues to Member Agencies to Address in their Planning and Programming Activities
- Strengthen Relationships with Local Jurisdiction Planners
- Highlight Economic Development Aspects of Freight with Local Jurisdiction Planners
- Monitor Developments of Autonomous and Connected Freight Vehicles



Recommendations and Next Steps

Strategic Regional Freight Planning Activities (continued...)

- Monitor Key Economic and Industry Trends Impacting Goods Movement
- Monitor the Development of New and Emerging Freight-Relevant Data Sources and Incorporate them into Transportation Planning Activities as Appropriate
- Provide Information to the TPB and Freight Stakeholders on the Status or Progress on this Plan's Identified Freight Policies When Such Information Becomes Available



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