

# 2010 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN & NEXT STEPS

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## **Freight Subcommittee Meeting**

**July 8, 2010**

1. Freight Plan Timeline of Presentations
  - a. TPB Freight Subcommittee March 11, 2010
  - b. TPB Freight Subcommittee May 6, 2010
  - c. TPB Technical Committee June 4, 2010
  - d. TPB Freight Subcommittee July 8, 2010
  - e. *TPB Technical Committee July 9, 2010*
  - f. *TPB Resolution for Approval July 21, 2010*
2. [National Capital Region Freight Plan 2010](#)  
Link to July 1, 2010 version
3. Comment Period  
Typically when TPB staff receives comments on a Plan/Report, we summarize them in a Memorandum to share with the TPB Technical Committee (yellow handout). Each comment is addressed in *italics*.
4. Next Steps
  - a. Recommendations of Freight Plan
  - b. Freight Subcommittee's Top Ten Freight Projects

### **Freight Plan Recommendations:**

1. Freight transportation planning and the TPB Freight Program should be continued and enhanced.
2. The TPB Freight Subcommittee and staff should regularly update the TPB and its subcommittees on freight movement issues.

3. The freight industry requires special outreach efforts that include more out of the office and on-site meetings than other transportation planning subjects. Staff should continue proactive outreach efforts to the freight industry and private sector stakeholders as a key aspect of freight planning.
4. TPB freight staff should coordinate with jurisdictions to help produce jurisdiction-level freight profiles and encourage enhanced consideration of freight in local planning.
5. The Freight Program should explore new data opportunities, such as data available from the INRIX, Inc. database, with information based primarily on GPS-equipped commercial fleets, in conjunction with the TPB Congestion Management Process.
6. The TPB Freight Program should hold an annual Freight Forum or similar event to raise freight transportation awareness in the National Capital Region.
7. Coordination with our region's rail stakeholders is important to our TPB. The TPB Freight Program should encourage rail stakeholders to coordinate on rail planning and operational issues with the TPB jurisdictions, passenger railroads, and the public.

### **Freight Subcommittee's Top Ten Freight Projects**

Purpose is to present to the TPB what the Freight Subcommittee believes are important freight projects for this region to focus on. Bring awareness/recognition to TPB.

-Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee done something similar

-38 Rail Projects, 61 Highway Projects

-Difficult to evaluate and prioritize 99 freight transportation projects

-Narrow to Top 10 Rail and Top 10 Highway by online vote

-Evaluate these Top 10 based on US DOT Federal Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Factors

Planning Factors:

1. Economic Vitality
2. Safety
3. Security
4. Accessibility
5. Environment
6. (Integration)
7. (Management & Operation)
8. Preservation

-Complete straw man version for discussion at future Freight Meeting

-Narrow down to Top 5 Railroad and Top 5 Highway projects important to freight movement in the National Capital Region