

Focus on Freight—January 2011

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



Freight Subcommittee Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will take place on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at MWCOG offices, rooms 4&5. The agenda will include a discussion of the **10 Freight Transportation Priorities** before they are presented to the Technical Committee and then the Transportation Planning Board. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by e-mailing Karin Foster at kfoster@mwkog.org

10 Freight Transportation Priorities

Freight staff will update the Technical Committee at its Friday, February 4, 2011 meeting of progress made by the Freight Subcommittee on its 10 Freight Transportation Priorities selection. If the Freight Subcommittee finalizes a list on February 3, 2011, then it is scheduled to be presented to the Transportation Planning Board at its February 16, 2011 meeting.

Regional Freight Forum

The Transportation Planning Board Freight Program (TPB) will host a **Regional Freight Forum** on **Wednesday April 27, 2011** at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. The TPB and Technical Committee will be invited as well as regional freight stakeholders. The objective is to raise the profile of freight in the transportation planning process and to discuss Freight Transportation Priorities for the region.

Several high-profile speakers have been invited and our **Keynote is Mortimer Downey**, Senior Advisor at Parsons Brinckerhoff, Chairman of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, Focusing Resources Economic Investment and Guidance to help Transportation (FREIGHT) bill supporter, and longest serving U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation from 1993 to 2001.

Sponsorship Opportunities are available for the Regional Freight Forum. Please click on the link below or contact Karin Foster at kfoster@mwkog.org or 202-962-3206 for more information.

Regional Freight Forum Sponsorship Form

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Annual TRB Report

The Annual Transportation Research Board meeting held in Washington DC this January 2011 included several freight-related sessions and committee meetings. The resounding theme is that the country needs to develop a National Multimodal Freight Plan with dedicated funding for freight movements. David Long, with the Department of Commerce made a compelling presentation on President Obama's National Export Initiative. The country faces a large trade deficit. The Initiative's objective is to assist small and mid-size American businesses with the process of selling their products abroad. Mr. Long noted that "Supply chains compete against supply chains" and the United States can make improvements.

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