

Focus on Freight–August 2011

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



TPB Freight Subcommittee

The next TPB Freight Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15th at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments offices. Come learn about the world of logistics! Jim Shapiro from Thunderbolt Global Logistics will make a presentation about logistics as it relates to the National Capital Region.

[Thunderbolt Global Logistics, LLC](#)

Date: September 15, 2011

Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Please RSVP to kfoster@mwkog.org so we have an accurate lunch count

A Future with Cleaner More Efficient Trucks

Under new rules announced by the Obama Administration on August 9, 2011, the nation's fleet of medium- and heavy-duty trucks will be required to meet fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emission standards for the first time ever beginning in 2014. This rule was developed jointly by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency with support from the trucking industry. This new national program is expected to improve energy and national security, benefit consumers and businesses, reduce harmful air pollution, and lower costs for transporting goods while spurring job growth and innovation in the clean energy technology sector. For more information click on the [Factsheet](#) link.

Young Professionals in Transportation [Summer Quarterly Newsletter *Mobility Matters*](#)

Freight Fun Fact

The amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry rose 2.6 percent in June from May, rising after two monthly declines, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) released August 10, 2011.

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