

Focus on Freight—March 2012

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



TPB Freight Subcommittee

Mark your calendars! Our next TPB Freight Subcommittee meeting will take place on May 10th. Location and time are TBD.



TLC Grant Solicitation

The TLC Program provides support to local governments in the Metropolitan Washington region as they work to improve transportation/land-use coordination. Through the program, the TPB provides communities with technical assistance to catalyze or enhance planning efforts. Any member jurisdiction of the TPB is eligible to apply. The application deadline is May 16, 2012.

[TLC Web Site and Application details](#)

[Frederick County Freight Transportation and Land Use Connections Study 2010](#)

Freight in the Southeast Conference

The Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies held its Annual Freight in the Southeast Conference this year in Norfolk, VA. The conference emphasized the impact that the Panama Canal will have on East Coast Ports. Mr. Rodolfo Sabonge of the Panama Canal Authority noted that the Panama Canal Expansion is expected to be opened in August 2014, the centennial of its original opening. A tour of the Port of Norfolk APM Terminal emphasized its efficiencies. The APM Terminal is the only automated port in the western hemisphere, meaning that all work to offload ships and load trucks is done by a dozen operators managing cranes by joysticks and viewing real-time screens.



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