



## TPB FREIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

### Meeting Theme: Freight Rail

March 10, 2016  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
COG Meeting Room #1

WebEx Information:

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#### AGENDA

- 1:00 P.M. 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  
*Andrew Meese, TPB Systems Performance Planning Director, Freight Subcommittee Acting Chair*
- 1:10 P.M. 2. NORFOLK SOUTHERN AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND BEYOND: THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
*Rick Crawford, Director - Public Projects, Norfolk Southern Railway*
- Mr. Crawford will brief the subcommittee on Norfolk Southern's operations in the National Capital Region and across its broader operating areas as well as the challenges and opportunities going forward.
- 1:35 P.M. 3. CSX INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN METRO WASHINGTON REGION**  
*Stephen Flippin, Director, Federal Affairs, CSX*  
*Rob Doolittle, Director, Corporate Communications, CSX*
- Mr. Flippin and Mr. Doolittle will provide an update on the CSX National Gateway, originally a \$850M project to double stack clear Mid Atlantic Ports to the Midwest that provides \$3.2 billion of public benefit for the Washington region. This includes updates on 13 projects in the region, including the latest on the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project. They will also provide an update on recent COG topics of discussion - rail safety training in the region, positive train control installation across the CSX network, and crude by rail transportation.
- 2:00 P.M. 4. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE RAIL PLAN OVERVIEW**  
*Ryan Westrom, Senior Transportation Planner, District Department of Transportation*
- Mr. Westrom will provide an overview of the District of Columbia State Rail Plan, which is currently being prepared. Slated for completion in summer 2016, the D.C. State Rail Plan will develop an overarching vision for the District's rail network with corollary goals and objectives. The plan website can be found at [www.dcrailplan.com](http://www.dcrailplan.com).

- 2:25 P.M. 5. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE DRAFT REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF FREIGHT POLICY LANGUAGE**  
*Jon Schermann, Transportation Planner*
- Mr. Schermann will brief the subcommittee on the status of the draft National Capital Region Freight Plan, including the completion of the technical portion and the incorporation of the freight policy language after TPB approval.
- 2:35 P.M. 6. FASTLANE AND TIGER GRANTS**  
*Jon Schermann, Transportation Planner*
- The USDOT is soliciting applications for the FASTLANE grant program. The FAST Act authorizes \$800 million in funding for the FASTLANE program for fiscal year 2016, with 25 percent reserved for rural projects, and 10 percent for smaller projects. The USDOT is also soliciting applications for the TIGER grant program. \$500 million is available under the 8<sup>th</sup> round of this program. Mr. Schermann will briefly review these programs and ask about potential applications in the works by member jurisdictions.
- 2:45 P.M. 7. UPDATE ON REGIONAL TRUCK COUNTS**  
*Jon Schermann, Transportation Planner*  
*Patrick Zilliacus, Transportation Planner*
- Mr. Schermann and Mr. Zilliacus will brief the subcommittee on plans for an upcoming round of truck counts in the region.
- 2:55 P.M. 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
- Proposed next meeting date for the TPB Freight Subcommittee: TBD
- 3:00 P.M. 9. ADJOURN**

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