

# Focus on Freight–February 2011

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



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## **Freight Subcommittee Meeting**

Mark your calendars! Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will take place on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at MWCOG offices, Room 3. The [agenda](#) will cover the **Freight Transportation Highlighted Projects**. RSVP if you plan to attend by e-mailing Karin Foster at [kfoster@mwkog.org](mailto:kfoster@mwkog.org)

TPB staff will update the Technical Committee on March 4. If the Freight Subcommittee finalizes the Freight Projects at its meeting, then it is scheduled to be presented to the Transportation Planning Board on March 16, 2011.

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## **Regional Freight Forum**

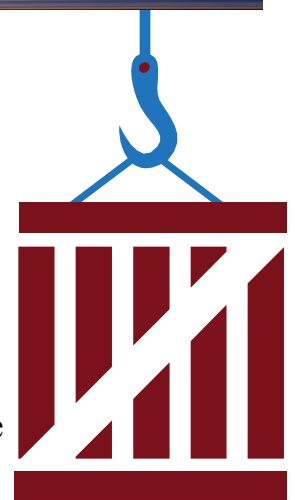
The Transportation Planning Board Freight Program (TPB) will host a **Regional Freight Forum on Wednesday April 27, 2011** at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. The objective is to raise the profile of freight in the transportation planning process and to discuss Freight Transportation Priorities for the region. If you are interested in attending the **Regional Freight Forum**, visit the Freight Forum link at [www.mwkog.org/freightforum/](http://www.mwkog.org/freightforum/) or contact Karin Foster at [kfoster@mwkog.org](mailto:kfoster@mwkog.org).



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## **Colossal Vessels**

The Economist Magazine reported in its February 24th issue on the new wave of colossal vessels, being built by South Korea's Daewoo Shipbuilding, that will be launched in 2013. They will be the biggest container ships ever, carrying 18,000 boxes each. Maersk, the Danish shipping company, announced February 21, 2011 that it had ordered ten of these colossal "Triple-E" ships. "This new Danish armada will alter the economics of container shipping," reported The Economist. "Shipping rates are rising and Maersk reckons global trade could grow by 6-8% this year." Additionally, The new ships will use 50% less fuel per container than the present average. That is good news for the environment and for business.



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