

DRAFT NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN

As Revised

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Overview

- Staff presented the draft 2023 National Capital Region Freight Plan to the Transportation Planning Board at the July 19, 2023 meeting
 - This also began a comment period on the draft plan through August 21
 - Comments were raised both at the July 19 meeting as well as subsequently
 - Staff also took the opportunity to address typos and minor wording changes
- This presentation summarizes comments received and staff's proposed responses and/or associated changes to the draft Freight Plan
- The TPB is asked to consider approving the Freight Plan (as revised) today
 - Revised Freight Plan in packet
 - Other items in packet include a revised Executive Summary, explanatory memorandum, and resolution for consideration



Comments Raised During the July 19 TPB Meeting

- *Does the plan have safety information? Is fatality data for years more recent than 2020 available?* – data newer than 2020 is not available for this plan, but can be presented later when available; the plan includes truck and rail safety sections
- *Does the plan have environmental/greenhouse gas information* – plan refers to dedicated COG/TPB activities
- *Does the plan address labor practices and workforce issues? Does the plan address multiple freight deliveries in neighborhoods and potential efficiencies?* – consider for future plans and discuss at Freight Subcommittee
- *Does the plan include information on Transforming Rail in Virginia and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority?* – information has been added
- *Why did the plan not include air cargo volume information for DCA?* – information has been added for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA); <1% of the tonnage of BWI or Dulles



Raised During the Comment Period

- *Should the plan reflect possible changes to TPB membership following the 2020 Census? – the plan reflects TPB membership geography as of time of adoption; later plans will reflect membership geography at that time*
- *Can certain maps/graphics be enhanced? – not available now, will try to address in future publications*
- *Need to update an entry (Fairfax County Parkway) on the list of highway projects important to freight based (Freight Plan Section 7) because of a recent modification to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – the change was made*



Resolution R3-2024

- Resolution R3-2024 is included in meeting materials for TPB consideration, noting:
 - The regional freight planning process support of the TPB Vision and Visualize 2045/2050
 - The role of the TPB Freight Subcommittee
 - Regional freight plan findings, recommendations, and policies, including on safety, hazardous materials, and state of good repair
 - The freight plan will be a resource for member agency planning
- Staff recommends TPB approval of R3-2024 to approve the new *National Capital Region Freight Plan*



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