

Focus on Freight–December 2012

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



TPB Freight Subcommittee

The next TPB Freight Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2012 from 1pm to 3pm at MWCOG offices in Room 1. The agenda will focus on package delivery services in the District of Columbia.

MWCOG names new Executive Director, Chuck Bean

Mr. Bean became MWCOG's Executive Director in December 2012. He previously served as the President of the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington.



BTS Freight Transportation Service Index Down 2%

The U.S. DOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics prepares a Freight Transportation Services Index for each month, and releases it six weeks after a given month. This index is often used as an indicator of the direction of the economy to come. For October, the Freight Transportation Services Index fell 2%. This is in part due to October's Hurricane Sandy, which heavily impacted truck and rail movements in the Northeast. [Bureau of Transportation Services Index](#)

Upcoming Events

-Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting, January 13-17, 2013, Washington DC. [TRB Annual Meeting Web Site](#)

-TRB “**Freight Day**” is Tuesday, January 15th with 4 back-to-back freight sessions:

1. Session 476: Current Macroeconomic Trends
2. Session 526: Policy Environment for Freight
3. Session 577: US Freight Corridor and Gateways
4. Session 634: Perspective on Effective Freight Planning



*Happy Holidays
from MWCOG staff*



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