

Focus on Freight–August 2012

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



TPB Freight Subcommittee

Details on our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will be mailed out next week.

U.S Department of Transportation to Create Freight Policy Council

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Transportation Bill, signed by President Obama last month, established a National Freight Policy and called for the creation of a National Freight Strategic Plan. DOT's Freight Policy Council will implement the key freight provisions of the legislation. The Council will be chaired by Deputy Transportation Secretary John Porcari, and will include DOT leadership from highways, rail, ports, and airports and economic and policy experts from across the Administration. Over \$935 million in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funds have gone to 50 projects that improve freight. Under MAP-21, freight projects can also qualify for \$1.75 billion in Transportation Infrastructure and Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funding for the next two years.

National Standards for Fuel Economy

The US DOT and EPA are now finalizing national standards for fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions for cars and light trucks built in the years 2017-2025. The Obama Administration already set new standards for Model Years 2011-2016 and consumers have responded with their purchases of cleaner cars and trucks, such as the Ford F-150 truck equipped with an EcoBoost engine instead of the conventional V8. By 2025, the average car will achieve a fuel economy performance equivalent of 54.5 miles per gallon, nearly double that of cars on the road today. Improved fuel economy standards reduce consumer money spent at the pump and the nation's demand for oil.



Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals Events

Baltimore Roundtable:

Panama Canal Panel Discussion on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Panelists include Steven Brown, Chief Navigation Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers and Joe Greco, Deputy Director of Marketing, Maryland Port Administration. For details click [CSCMP-Baltimore Sept Event](#)

National Capital Area Roundtable:

“Off Shore, Near Shore, or Reshore: The Total Cost of Ownership” with Harry Moser of Reshoring Initiative on September 18, 2012 at Carmine's Restaurant from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. For details click [CSCMP -NCAR Sept Event](#).

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