

Focus on Freight—January 2012

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



TPB Freight Subcommittee

Mark your calendars! Our next TPB Freight Subcommittee will be on February 2, 2012 at MWCOG, featuring discussions on the Port of Baltimore Rail Served Property Study and the MD SHA Freight Plan. Please RSVP. [Agenda](#) Please review the [November 10, 2011 TPB Freight Subcommittee summary](#) of the *Green Goods Movement of the Future* meeting. Thank you Jesse Shoyer and Tim Weaver of [Smith Electric Vehicles](#) and Allen Schaeffer of the [Diesel Technology Forum](#) for their interesting presentations!

Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), February 15th

The CSCMP National Capital Area Roundtable will hold an evening/dinner *Truck Hours of Service and Safety Rules Panel Event*.

Our panelists will be:

- (1) Anne Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**
- (2) Rob Abbott, Vice President of Safety, American Trucking Association**
- (3) Randy Mullett, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Con-way Transportation and Logistics**

The Panel Event will be held February 15th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the MWCOG offices. For more information and details on how to register, click on the link below.

[CSCMP Feb 15th Panel Event](#)

Transportation Research Board 2012

Freight was a hot topic at several podium and poster sessions at the TRB 2012 Annual Meeting. TRB's Freight Day (Jan 24th) included four sessions:

- 1) Competitive Factors Influencing the Success of North American Exports in the Global Marketplace
- 2) Understanding Current and Future Influences Affecting U.S. Imports
- 3) North American Commerce: Recent Trends in Domestic Goods Movement
- 4) Focus on Urban Goods Movement

TRB also hosted an interesting "Dialogue with U.S. Transportation Secretaries" session. Much of the discussion focused on **Transportation Authorization**. Secretaries Boyd through LaHood expressed varying views on the optimism to pessimism scale, however most took the middle "hopeful" road.

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