

Focus on Freight–June 2012

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



TPB Freight Subcommittee

Our next TPB Freight Subcommittee will take place on July 12, 2012 at MWCOCG offices from 1pm to 3pm. We will hear result of the recently completed projects under the Continuous Airport System Planning Program as well as presentation on congestion reliability in our region. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by e-mail to kfoster@mwkog.org.

[Freight Subcommittee July 12, 2012 Agenda](#)

TIGER Awards

The US Department of Transportation announced the TIGER 2012 awards on Friday June 23, 2012. Nearly half of the projects selected for TIGER 2012 will improve freight movement.

[List of TIGER 2012 Projects](#)

In the National Capital Region, the Anacostia Bicycle and Pedestrian Project received a TIGER 2012 award.



What the Transportation Bill Means for Freight

As the deadline approached, the House and Senate moved ahead and passed HR. 4348, a two-year transportation bill on Friday June 29th. The Bill is now awaiting an anticipated Presidential signature.

What does the Transportation Bill Mean for Freight?

- National Freight Policy-Requires US DOT to designate national freight network, prepare a national freight strategic plan
 - Prioritization of Projects that Improve Freight Movement-Increases fed \$ for freight mobility projects identified in state freight plans
 - State Freight Plans
 - State Freight Advisory Committees
 - Increases Transportation Infrastructure Finance (TIFIA) loans from \$122M to \$750M
 - Commercial Motor Vehicle registration and Safety Requirements
 - Registration of Freight Forwarders and Shippers
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