

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2013
To: TPB State Partners, Member Jurisdictions, and Freight Stakeholders
From: Karin Foster, Transportation Planner/Freight Program
Subject: Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects 2013 Update

Several TPB Subcommittees develop and maintain Top 10 lists of projects. These lists are meant to identify projects important at the regional level (bus, bicycle/pedestrian, air passenger, freight, etc).

These lists are meant to bring recognition to a highlighted topic (freight) to the TPB and can be acknowledged by states, member jurisdictions, and stakeholders when seeking funding for projects.

The TPB Freight Subcommittee finalized its first iteration of the “Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects” in March 2011. It is now time to update the list. Please review the [March 2011 Memo to the Transportation Planning Board on the Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects](#).

After some discussion during the TPB Freight Subcommittee’s first iteration of the Top 10 list, the Subcommittee has an established structure/methodology that can be maintained. Project criteria include projects beneficial to freight movement, included in state or jurisdictional plans or identified by a freight subcommittee member (particularly for rail projects), modal representation, regional representation, and time-span representation.

A copy of the Table of 10 Highlighted Freight Projects 2011 is included on the following page. For some projects, such as the CSX Long-Term and CSX Short-Term projects, it is relevant to maintain the same selections on the 2013 list. Other projects have been constructed or are well-underway and need a new project submission. The background information for all projects needs to be updated.

Please consider updates that need to be made to the 2011 list. We ask for update information and project submissions by May 15th from our states, member jurisdictions, and freight rail stakeholders. Between the May 15th deadline and the June 13th TPB Freight Subcommittee meeting, TPB staff will hold conference calls and meetings as needed. TPB staff will present a draft copy of the updated Top 10 list for discussion at our June 13th TPB Freight Subcommittee meeting.

Please contact Karin Foster, kfoster@mwcog.org, 202-962-3206 with any questions.

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FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS-SUMMARY TABLE			
#	Railroad/Jurisdiction	Long-Term	Short-Term
Rail			
1	CSX	CSX National Gateway Corridor	CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel
2	Norfolk Southern	NS Crescent Corridor	NS 5.8 Mile B-Line Expansion
Highway			
3	DC	Weigh Station within DC Boundaries	Uniform Commercial Curbside Loading Zone Program
4	MD	Relieve congestion along I-95/I-495 from Woodrow Wilson Bridge to Howard County Boundary	I-70 Phase 4
5	VA	Relieve congestion along I-95 from Prince William County Southern Boundary to MD Boundary	I/66 and I/495 Access Improvements