

Focus on Freight– June 2009

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



Freight Subcommittee Meeting

Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will take place on July 9, 2009. Details will be sent along with the July *Focus on Freight* Newsletter. Click on the links below to learn about meeting schedules and to review summaries of previous meetings.

[Freight Subcommittee Meeting Agenda](#)

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Freight Program Update

TPB staff will make a present the *Integrate Freight Report* to the TPB (Board) on June 17, 2009. Staff updated the report with information on congestion and bottlenecks. Please feel free to review our *Integrate Freight Report* by clicking on the links below. Please forward any comments and suggestions to Karin Foster, kfoster@mwkog.org

[Integrate Freight Presentation to the Technical Committee \(June 5, 2009\)](#)

[Integrate Freight Report](#)

Stimulus Bill

MWCOG has prepared a Web Site on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) with many links to information specific to topic areas or jurisdictions. Click on the link below for more information.

[Metro Washington ARRA Web Site](#)

The US Department of Transportation has also prepared a Web Site with more information on the Stimulus Bill. Deadlines for submitting applications for the “TIGER Discretionary Grants” is September 15, 2009. Details can be found accessed at:

<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/ost/>

Transportation Authorization

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, under the leadership of Representative James L. Oberstar, D-Minn, is busy drafting the next comprehensive national transportation policy. Oberstar promises to restructure DOT to create a high-level chief of intermodalism officer and a policy council of all modes that will meet regularly. Oberstar also pressed the need to step up America’s maritime capacities, both at major ports and for short sea shipping.

The White House has named **Maryland Motor Truck Association Executive Director Anne Ferro** to head the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**. Congratulations Anne!



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