

# Focus on Freight– April 2009

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



---

## **Freight Subcommittee Meeting**

Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will take place on May 14, 2009. This will be a lunch meeting held from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at our regular location at COG offices, first floor Room 1 (new room). Agenda details will be provided closer to meeting date.

[Freight Subcommittee Meeting Agenda](#)

[Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Directions](#)

---

## **Freight Program Update**

TPB staff continues to develop the [Integrating Freight into the 2010 Constrained Long-Range Plan](#) report. This is a working document that is constantly updated through research and freight stakeholder input. At present TPB staff is conducting informational interviews with companies in the National Capital Region involved with goods movement. The survey objective is to gain insider perspectives on transportation and to gather any physical, operational, or regulatory recommendations companies may have.

---

## **Potholepalooza!**

Mayor Adrian Fenty along with District Department of Transportation launched Potholepalooza on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Since then more than 200 residents and motorists have reported potholes online, by phone, by e-mail, and by text message. DDOT has filled 2,099 potholes across the City in the first nine days of this month-long campaign! To report a pothole, residents and commuters can contact DDOT in a variety of ways:

- 1) call the Mayor's Call Center at [311](tel:311),
- 2) use the [Online Service Request Center](#) at [dc.gov](http://dc.gov),
- 3) text message or Tweet to [twitter.com/DDOTDC](https://twitter.com/DDOTDC), or
- 4) email to [Potholepalooza@dc.gov](mailto:Potholepalooza@dc.gov).

[Potholepalooza D.C. Press Release](#) for more information.

---

## **Journal of Commerce Marine Highway Conference**

The Journal of Commerce Marine Highway Conference convened April 1-2, 2009 in Jacksonville, Florida. Congressman James Oberstar (MN) and Congressman John Mica (FL) made webcast presentations. Both spoke to the need for more waterway transportation options and their support for increased funding for these types of projects in the upcoming surface transportation bill. Short sea shipping would help to alleviate congestion by removing trucks/containers from the road and reduce pollution. Click on this link for [Marine Highway Conference Presentations](#).



---

**National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)**

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)**

777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20002-4290 (202) 962-3310 Fax: (202) 962-3202

Staff contact: Karin Foster, [kfoster@mwkog.org](mailto:kfoster@mwkog.org), 202-962-3206