

Freight Around the Region

TPB Citizens Advisory Committee

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Overview

- What is "Freight"?
- Freight in the National Capital Region
- Freight and Transportation Planning
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- TPB Freight Subcommittee
- Example: Top 10 Freight Projects
- Upcoming Freight Initiatives
- Trending Freight Topics



What is "Freight"

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- Freight Definition
 - "Goods and cargo transported for pay, whether by water, land, or air." (Source: Cambridge Dictionary)
- Goods movement
- Freight-dependent industries

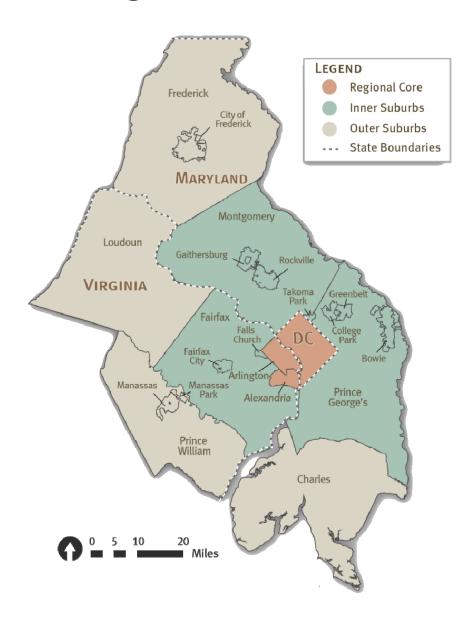
What Drives Freight?

- People and business demands drive freight
- National Capital Region heavy service industry (governmentrelated employment and services)
- U.S. consumption requires the movement of 50 tons of freight per person each year!

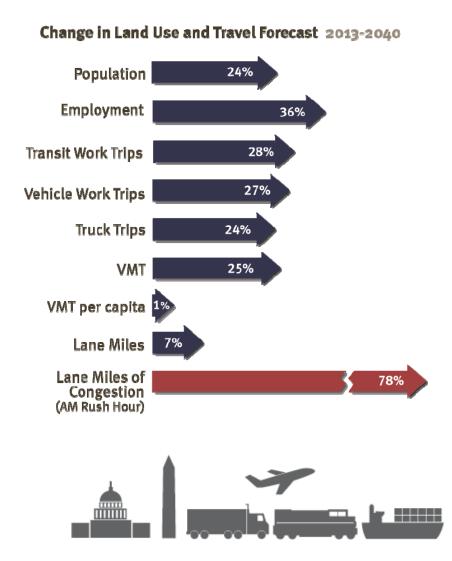
Example: 777 North Capitol Street receives 15 trucks per day



Freight in the National Capital Region

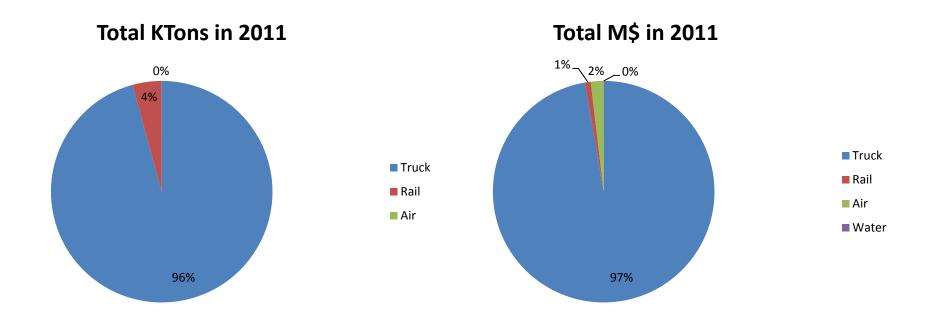


Our Region's Unique Freight Story



Freight in the National Capital Region

Regional Freight Mode Split 2011
Trips To, From, Within Region



Source: FHWA Freight Analysis Framework, 2013



Freight and Transportation Planning

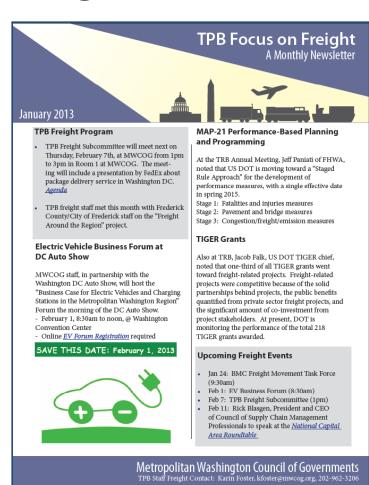
- Freight transportation planning "encouraged" in transportation legislation, but growing focus
- MAP-21 Transportation Legislation
 - National Goals

New National Goals from MAP-21				
National Goals				
1	Safety			
2	Infrastructure Condition			
3	Congestion Reduction			
4	System Reliability			
5	Freight Movement and Economic Vitality			
6	Environmental Sustainability			
7	Reduced Project Delivery Delays			



TPB Freight Program

- TPB Freight Program Components
 - TPB Freight Subcommittee
 - National Capital Region Freight Plan 2010
 - Focus on Freight Monthly
 Newsletter
 - www.mwcog.org/freight
 - Content to the Constrained Long-Range Plan/Transportation Improvement Program/TPB Publications





TPB Freight Subcommittee

- TPB Freight Subcommittee Role
 - Stakeholder presentations/tours on regional/national freight topics
- TPB Freight Program products/activities vetted by TPB Freight Subcommittee members
 - National Capital Region Freight Plan, 2010
 - Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects, 2011
- Inform/involve members about complementary MPO programs/policy
 - Complete Streets Policy input
 - Transportation Land-Use Connections Grant Program (Frederick County Freight and Land-Use Plan, 2011)
 - Electric Vehicle Business Forum participation
- Members approach TPB via Freight Subcommittee for Letters of Support
 - CSX TIGER Grant
 - NS TIGER Grant
 - DDOT Off-Hours FHWA Grant





Example: Top 10 Freight Projects, 2011

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
	MD	Relieve congestion along I-95/I-495	I-70 Phase 4
4		from Woodrow Wilson Bridge to	
		Howard County Boundary	
	VA	Relieve congestion along I-95 from	I/66 and I/495 Access
5		Prince William County Southern	Improvements
		Boundary to MD Boundary	

[~] One way the National Capital Region TPB can champion freight projects ~



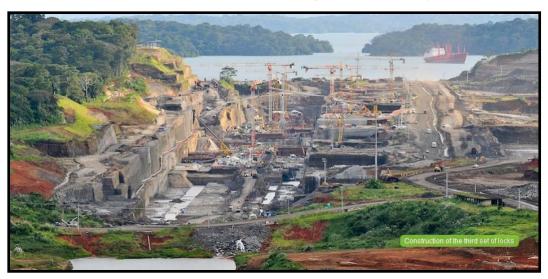
Upcoming Freight Initiatives

- TPB Freight Around the Region project, underway
 - Reveal the unique freight story of each of our jurisdictions
 - Identify traditional freight assets
 - Jobs in transportation/freight-dependent sectors
 - How much contribution does this sector make to our local economies?
- Top 10 Freight Projects, spring 2013
- Freight Plan update, fall 2013



Trending Freight Topics

- Panama Canal expansion 2014 (Ports race to be Panmax ready)
- Growth in domestic fuel production (Bakken Shale in ND)
- Supply chain risk (Weather, political stability, product theft, counterfeits)
- Relocation of manufacturing to the US/nearby
- E-commerce globally (Changing consumer/lifestyle trends/changing traffic)









Thank You Questions?



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