

Focus on Freight– November 2009

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



Freight Subcommittee

Our last Freight Subcommittee meeting was a tour of the Maryland Food Center Authority. Executive Director Don Darnall discussed how the Authority operates. Attendees toured NAFCO Wholesale Fish Dealers and Cooseman's DC Inc. At NAFCO, about 50% of their fish are farm raised in oceans abroad. We learned at Cooseman's, primarily an herb distributor, that because Thanksgiving is a "retail holiday" where families shop at groceries and prepare meals at home, this is their busiest time of year. See [Meeting Summary](#).



Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will be January 28, 2010.

Freight Program Update

-Freight staff are working on a National Capital Region Freight Plan. This plan will profile the region, provide updated freight forecasts, and compile a list of potential freight projects that would improve goods movement region. The anticipated timeline for a draft release for public comment is February 1, 2009. Visit the [Freight Program Web Site](#) for meeting info.

-Norfolk Southern presented to the TPB Technical Committee on November 6, 2009 to introduce the Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project and to request TPB support. A draft letter of support will be discussed at the December 4th Technical Committee before consideration by the TPB at its December 16th meeting.

Mid-Atlantic Truck Operation Study

A final version of the [Mid-Atlantic Truck Operations Study](#) (MATOPS) was released in October 2009. It was prepared for the I-95 Corridor Coalition by Cambridge Systematics. Its objective is to analyze major highway bottlenecks causing delays to trucks traveling in the Mid-Atlantic region.

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