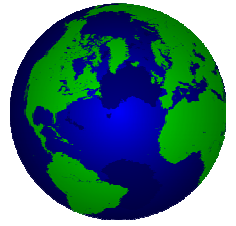


Focus on Freight-October 2008



A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region

This Focus on Freight newsletter provides regional and national freight-related highlights and freight meeting and event announcements as an informational tool for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments-Transportation Planning Board Freight Subcommittee. Please refer to source links for additional information.

Freight Subcommittee Meeting and TOUR! At our Freight Subcommittee morning meeting we will discuss the specifics of our draft *Integrating Freight into the 2010 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan Work Plan*. and then join us for a tour with CSX to view Benning Yard and VA Ave Tunnel. Click on the link above for details. If interested, RSVP now to Karin Foster, kfoster@mwkog.org



Upcoming Freight-related Agenda Items

- October 15, 2008: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's (DVRPC) Goods Movement Task Force will host a unique DVRPC "Freight Plan Showcase" to familiarize the freight planning community with freight operations. The event will be held from 10:30 to 12:30 in an open house format. For more information contact Ted Dahlburg at tdahlburg@dvrpc.org.
- October 17, 2008: Supply Chain Security, Resilience, and Sustainability One-day Conference sponsored by the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals-National Capital Area Roundtable and a handful of groups. For more information visit the conference Web Site at [Supply Chain Security, Resilience, and Sustainability Conference](#)
- December 4, 2008: Maryland Department of Transportation to hold a Freight Plan Outreach Meeting at MWCOG. Meeting to be held from 2pm to 4pm. [MDOT Freight Plan Outreach Mtg.](#)

Diesel Prices

The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that the retail average price for diesel fuel edged up one-tenth of a cent to \$3.959 during the last week of September 2008. The East Coast continues to hold the highest price despite the mild damage from hurricanes in the Gulf. Diesel sold for \$4.02 on the East Coast, up 96.8 cents from a year ago. *Traffic World Daily Briefing 9-30-08*



Traffic Cure Worsens the Pain

Washingtonians have the second worst commute in the country in terms of time spent on the road, after New York. Metropolitan Washington region business owners increasingly notice congestion impacting their operations. For example, Virginia-based Guernsey Office Products have added a new location in Maryland to avoid deliveries across the congested Potomac River crossings. Fairfax County schools have bought additional school-buses to keep on schedule. The additional vehicles are the "cost of doing business" and add to congestion and fuel the cycle. Read more in Eric Weiss' Washington Post article, [Traffic Cure Worsens the Pain](#).

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Title: Freight Subcommittee Meeting
Start Time: 09:00 AM
End Time: 10:30 AM
Event Category: Meeting
Location: Room 2
Contact Name: Karin Foster
Email: [Karin Foster](mailto:Karin.Foster@mwkog.org)
Description: Freight Subcommittee meeting. The meeting will consist of a discussion on the *DRAFT Integrating Freight into the 2010 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP)* work plan. Click on Other Documents below for a copy of this DRAFT report. Please come with comments and share your ideas!

We have a tour with CSX scheduled for after the meeting. The tour would take members to the Benning Rail Yard, where trains are sorted, and to view the Virginia Avenue Tunnell. Please note the safety instructions below. If interested you must RSVP to Karin Foster at Kfoster@mwkog.org.

Special Instructions: For the CSX tour, individuals will be expected to dress appropriately for safety reasons. No loose clothing, preferably slacks or jeans, no ties, appropriate shoes (no heels, flip flops, open toe shoes), no hanging jewelry. We will be providing hard hats, ear plugs, and safety glasses. We will provide a safety briefing at COG and then reminders throughout the tour.

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