

# TPB Focus on Freight

## A Monthly Newsletter

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### TPB Freight Program

- **TPB Freight Subcommittee** meets next on Thursday, June 13th, at MWCOG from 1pm to 3pm in Rooms 4&5. A draft of the 2013 Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects will be shared for discussion. Additional meeting details will be posted on the TPB Freight Subcommittee Web Site closer to the meeting date. [TPB Freight Web Site](#)
- **Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects.** Staff is currently working with state DOTs, member jurisdictions, and class 1 railroads CSX and Norfolk Southern, to update the 2011 Top 10 Highlighted Freight Projects. Please refer to the following links:  
[Top 10-Memo to freight stakeholders on update process](#)  
[Top 10-Memo to Transportation Planning Board on the 2011 Top 10 Highlight Freight Projects, \(Reference Document\)](#)
- **Freight Around the Region Project.** TPB freight staff is continuing to coordinate meetings with jurisdictions and collect regional freight story data. For more information, view [Freight Around the Region presentation](#) made to TPB Technical Committee.

### Package Delivery Company Reports Growth in 1st Quarter

UPS 1st Quarter profits grew by 7%, beating analyst forecasts. The company reports an increase in consumer spending spillover after the holidays with gift cards and returns.

### Anthony Foxx nominated to serve as US Secretary of Transportation

President Obama nominated Anthony Foxx, mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina to succeed Secretary Ray LaHood at the US Department of Transportation. Confirmation is anticipated.



A lawyer by training, as mayor of Charlotte, Mr. Foxx worked to build the Charlotte Streetcar Project, one of several electric trolley systems underway in the country. Mr. Foxx has also worked to expand the LYNX light-rail system so it can reach the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

### Virginia Working to Improve Dulles Intl Airport Access

Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning and investment released a [study](#) to the Commonwealth Transportation Board of the limited access, north-south highway, which would arc west of Dulles International Airport. Advocates say the proposed highway would make Dulles Airport a major air freight hub.

### Upcoming Freight Events

- Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, [National Capital Area Roundtable](#) and [Baltimore Roundtable](#) events posted.