

Focus on Freight–October 2011

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



TPB Freight Subcommittee

Mark your calendars! Our next TPB Freight Subcommittee theme will be on “*Green Goods Movement of the Future.*” We will have guest speakers from the diesel, biodiesel, and electric industries. A detailed agenda will be distributed next week.

TPB Freight Subcommittee Meeting, November 10, 2011, 1pm-3pm,
MWCOG Room 1.

Additionally, thank you to Jim Shapiro of Thunderbolt Global Logistics LLC and Robin Williams of ITT Exelis Inc. Corporation for their exciting presentations on logistics at our last meeting. If you wish, please review the TPB Freight Subcommittee Documents link below to view the summary from our last meeting and provide comment.

[TPB Freight Subcommittee Documents Web Site.](#)

U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Delivered by Clean Diesel Power

On November 5, the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree begins to make its way from California to a December 6th U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The tree and all of its ornaments are being transported by the latest in heavy-duty clean diesel technology. Diesel moves approximately 90 percent of the nation’s freight tonnage, and today nearly all highway freight trucks and locomotives. Learn more about diesel at...

<http://www.dieselforum.org/>

Toy Imports Drop 9 Percent in September

Containerized imports of toys fell nine percent in September, their eighth straight month of year-over-year decline, and are unlikely to match 2010 levels, according to Journal of Commerce Economist Mario Moreno. October is expected to be the peak month for toy imports for the Christmas season but consumers are holding back purchases and retailers are cautious about building up pre-holiday inventory.

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