

Focus on Freight– June 2010

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



****Freight Plan Update****

The Freight Plan was introduced at our June 4, 2010 TPB Technical Committee. TPB Technical Committee Members made comments and requested some additional information. A second presentation will be made at the July 9, 2010 TPB Technical Committee before the presentation is brought before the Transportation Planning Board on July 21, 2010.

Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will take place on July 8, 2010 from 1pm to 3pm at MWCOCG offices. Agenda details will be forthcoming. An update of the [Freight Plan](#) will also be made.

FHWA Freight Management and Operations Releases Freight Air Quality Handbook

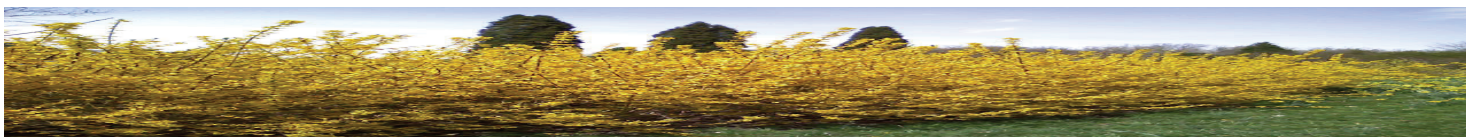
The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Freight Management and Operations in cooperation with the Office of Natural and Human Environment developed this handbook as a resource for states, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), FHWA, and other public and private sector organizations to use in developing solutions to freight air pollution.

Diesel exhaust from freight vehicles is a primary source of particulate matter, air toxic contaminants, and nitrogen oxide emissions, all of which have potential health implications. Freight emissions comprise close to one-third of U.S. transportation greenhouse gas emissions, and have grown by more than 50 percent since 1990. As a result, there is a steadily increasing number of challenges faced by both freight and air quality planners as they attempt to simultaneously meet the growing demand for freight while improving environmental outcomes. They must meet the requirements of new and varied initiatives being put into place across the nation as states and regions grapple with air quality issues and emissions budgets, understand how to integrate emerging equipment and infrastructure technologies, look for ways to make the system more efficient, and identify new funding sources for these activities.

[Freight Air Quality Handbook Direct Link](#)

ATRI Releases Synthesis of Carbon Accounting Tools

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) recently released the findings of its greenhouse gas reporting tools and emissions modeling. Addressing greenhouse gases is an emerging issue as public and private sectors seek to quantify the carbon footprint associated with their supply chain. For more information, click on the [ATRI link](#).



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