

TPB Focus on Freight

A Monthly Newsletter

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TPB Freight Program

- TPB Freight Subcommittee will meet next on Thursday, April 11th, at MWCOG from 1pm to 3pm in Room 1. Meeting details will be posted on the TPB Freight Subcommittee Web Site closer to the meeting date. [TPB Freight Web Site](#)
- TPB freight staff met this month with District of Columbia staff on the “Freight Around the Region” project. On March 1, TPB freight staff will present to the Technical Committee on this project.

FHWA and Memphis MPO Host Freight Peer-to-Peer Exchange

The freight-rich region of the Memphis MPO takes initiative to build up their freight planning and freight stakeholder committee by kicking it off with a FHWA Freight Peer-to-Peer Exchange.

Representatives from four MPOs (Atlanta Regional Commission, Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana Regional Council, Chicago Metropolitan Area for Planning, and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments) were invited to share their experiences in developing a Freight Program. Transportation Planning Board staff Karin Foster spoke on [Multi-State Government Coordination in Freight Planning and Implementation](#).

With help from FedEx, Memphis ranks #1 in the world for air cargo 18 years straight (metric tons of cargo).

Economy Forward

This COG report, *Economy Forward*, focuses on the region’s key economic needs and specific actions to strengthen economic competitiveness and to spur job growth. Maintaining and improving the National Capital Region’s transportation network is vital to attracting new business and economic growth.

[Economy Forward](#)



Carlos Alvarenga discussed Supply Chain Risk at CSCMP’s February Event

Mr. Alvarenga, Global Lead of the Operations Finance and Risk practice at Accenture, spoke about the numerous risk factors large companies consider when deciding where to locate or source from. Given the increase in extreme weather events globally, weather is an increasingly important risk factor. Other common risk factors include political stability and product security (exposure to theft/counterfeiting).

Upcoming Freight Events

- March 10-12: [Air Cargo 2013 Conference](#)
- March 11-14: [Mid-America Freight Coalition](#)
- March 21: CSCMP NCAR Networking Event at Clyde’s, [National Capital Area Roundtable](#)
- April 25: Baltimore Metropolitan Council Freight Movement Task Force meeting at Dominion Sugar