

TPB Focus on Freight

A Monthly Newsletter

May 2013



TPB Freight Program

- **TPB Freight Subcommittee** will not hold its regular meeting in June. View the TPB Freight Subcommittee Web Site for future meeting dates. [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 are 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.

May is International Trade Month!

The U.S. International Trade Administration reports that the first quarter of 2013 saw the highest total service exports on record.

[US International Trade Administration Fact Sheet](#)



US DOT Announces National Freight Advisory Committee Members

Today, Thursday May 30th, the US DOT announced the members of the new National Freight Advisory Committee. These members will provide advice and recommendations towards improving the nation's freight transportation system. Congratulations! For details visit [US DOT NFAC](#)

CSX Freight Train Derails after Collision with Garbage Truck near Baltimore

Tuesday, May 28th, a CSX freight train crashed into a garbage-truck and derailed in Rosedale, east of Baltimore City. The derailment triggered a dramatic



explosion that caused damage to several structures near the crash site, including cracked foundations and blown windows. CSX and the National Transportation Safety Board are reviewing the crash scene and the heavily damaged areas. Fortunately no one was killed. The truck driver is recovering at the Maryland Shock Trauma Center. No other serious injuries have been reported.

Upcoming Freight Events

- [TRB Freight Summer Meeting](#) July 17-19, DC
- Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, [National Capital Area Roundtable](#) and [Baltimore Roundtable](#) events posted.