

TPB Focus on Freight

A Monthly Newsletter

September 2013



TPB Freight Program

- **TPB Freight Subcommittee**

The next TPB Freight Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3rd. The District Ward 5 Industrial Land Transformation study will be presented. TPB staff will also provide an update on the TPB Freight Around the Region project. See full agenda details online.

[TPB Freight Web Site](#)

- **TPB Freight Program News**

TPB Freight Subcommittee Chairman, Eulois Cleckley, District Department of Transportation, presented the 2013 Freight Project List to the Transportation Planning Board on September 18th. TPB comments reflected the growing interest in freight rail and commuter/passenger rail coordination given future freight and commuter rail needs. Lezlie Rupert, District Department of Transportation, also provided a briefing on the Long Bridge Study.

[TPB 2013 Freight Project List](#)

[TPB Long Bridge Presentation by DDOT](#)

[TPB Weekly Report on Freight](#)

- **Freight Around the Region Project**

TPB freight staff continue to work with jurisdictions, railroads, and businesses to develop content for the Freight Around the Region Project. The Project aims to describe the connection between goods movement and the economy from the local level to the regional level. TPB staff will provide an update to the TPB Technical Committee on October 4th.

Rail Line Ownership/Rail Station Map

TPB staff has prepared a “National Capital Region Rail Line Ownership/Passenger Rail Station Map”. This map will assist planners and decision-makers in identifying what passenger services operate on the Northeast Corridor and what passenger services operate on freight-owned rail ways. [MAP](#)

VRE System Plan Review

Virginia Railway Express is developing a System Plan that includes future operation alternatives. The System Plan under development will be finalized in December to coincide with the VRE Operations Board meeting.

MARC Weekend Service

MTA has programmed investments for MARC that include weekend service on the Penn Line, starting December 7; a new station at Halethorpe, on the Penn Line; and the purchase of 54 new railcars. MTA also plans to buy 10 new diesel locomotives,

Upcoming Freight Events:

- [Last Mile Freight Delivery-Use of Cleaner Vehicles](#) conference sponsored by NY State DOT and University Transportation Research Center, October 4th
- [METRANS 5th Annual Urban Freight Conference, October 8-10](#)
- [SHRP 2 “Innovations in Freight Demand Modeling and Data Improvement,” symposium, Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, October 21-22](#)
- [AMPO Annual Conference, October 22-25](#)
- Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, [National Capital Area Roundtable](#) and [Baltimore Roundtable](#) events posted.
[-Register now for CSCMP October 15th with FMCSA Administrator Ferro](#)

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