

# Focus on Freight– December 2009

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



## Freight Program Update

Freight staff are working on a National Capital Region Freight Plan. This plan will profile the region, provide updated freight forecasts, and compile a list of potential freight projects that would improve goods movement in the region. The anticipated timeline for a draft release for public comment is February 2010.

The next Freight Subcommittee meeting will be held January 28, 2010. Detailed information will be posted on the [Freight Program Web Site](#) in January 2010.

## CSX National Gateway and Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor

The CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads are the two major Class 1 railroads in the National Capital Region. They both have put forth ambitious multi-state projects to improve rail movements.

In seeking federal funding in support of these initiatives, both railroads highlight the benefits in emission reductions from truck diversions, vehicle miles traveled reduced, congestion savings, jobs, and tax benefits created. The graphic to the right illustrates the U.S. greenhouse gas emissions from trucks versus trains (U.S. EPA).

## I-95 Corridor Coalition Freight Academy

The I-95 Corridor Coalition will hold its second Freight Academy in April 2010. The Academy is held at the Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT) at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The Academy is a great opportunity to network with others working in freight from along the I-95 corridor. The program explores all modes, includes lectures, groupwork, and field visits. For more information click on the link below:

[I-95 2010 Freight Academy](#)

Nomination deadline is January 29, 2010. Scholarship opportunities may be available.



*Enjoy the Holidays...  
Happy New Year 2010!*

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