

Focus on Freight–November 2010

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



Freight Program Update

Freight staff will present to the Transportation Planning Board in January 2011 a list of Freight Subcommittee **10 Highlighted Projects**. The objective is to bring attention to the Transportation Planning Board of Freight Subcommittee transportation priorities. All projects selected originated from existing plans such as the Constrained Long Range Plan, Maryland Statewide Freight Plan, Virginia Statewide Multimodal Freight Program Study, and the railroads CSX and Norfolk Southern. Projects were selected based on recognized truck/rail bottlenecks, rated high priority in existing plans, and Freight Subcommittee discussion. (No new analysis was undertaken of every project in the [Freight Project Database](#)).

Freight Subcommittee Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our next Freight Subcommittee meeting will take place on January 6, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at MWCOG offices. The agenda will include a final discussion of the **10 Highlighted Projects** before they are presented to the Transportation Planning Board.

Walmart Plans to Open 4 Stores in DC

Walmart has announced that it will open four stores and hire 1,200 people in Washington D.C. by 2012. Walmart has never operated a store in the District. The four stores would be built in D.C. neighborhoods where retail options are relatively scarce. The locations will be on the site of a former car dealership on Georgia Avenue NW; at New York Avenue and Bladensburg Road NE; as part of a new mixed-use development on New Jersey Avenue NW; and at East Capitol and 58th streets SE. The upper-right picture shows the Georgia Avenue location at present. The lower right picture is a rendering of the H St. and 1st St. NW location near New Jersey Avenue NW. This example would be a mixed use development with street level retail and apartments. It will be interesting to watch how Walmart fits into these smaller spaces and neighboring communities.



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