

# Focus on Freight– January 2010

A Freight Newsletter for the National Capital Region



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## **Freight Program Update**

The next Freight Subcommittee meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the MWCOG offices, Room 4&5. We will learn about the new DC Commercial Curbside Loading Zone Implementation Act and about a Regional Diesel Anti-Idling Campaign.

[Freight Meeting Agenda-January 28, 2010](#)

Staff will also discuss with attendees our current efforts toward a National Capital Region Freight Plan.

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## **TPB support for Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor and CSX National Gateway**

Both Class 1 railroads in the National Capital Region sought TPB support for their major rail improvement projects.

Norfolk Southern's Crescent Corridor runs north-south and parallels the major interstates. CSX National Gateway runs from the Mid-Atlantic to the Midwest, a central shipping hub. Both projects seek to eliminate grade crossing barriers, improve track maintenance, and upgrade or build new intermodal facilities.

TPB support for both projects came after several months of presentations and discussions with the Freight Subcommittee, the Technical Committee, and TPB. For both projects, concerns were made about the potential for growth in passenger rail service, as freight rail improvements are made.

Ultimately TPB approved a letter of support for each project.

[TPB Letter Regarding Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor](#)

[TPB Letter Regarding CSX National Gateway](#)

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## **CSCMP Meeting**

The National Capital Chapter of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professional will hold its next Roundtable meeting Friday, January 22, 2010. Old Ebbits Grill, 7:45 to 9:30 a.m.

Suzanne Schwitalla, Principal of PRTM, will present "Driving Solutions Using a Performance Based Logistics Maturity Model."

Suzanne has more than 25 years of experience within the Department of Defense community as an Army Ordnance Officer and in defense contracting management.

Click link and scroll down to meeting for details and to register, walk-in registration also available.

[CSCMP Meeting Details](#)

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