

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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## **TPB FREIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The TPB Freight Subcommittee met on June 5 at COG. Highlights of the meeting are described below.

### **District of Columbia Ward 5 Industrial Land Transformation Study**

Ms. Abigail Ferretti, Partners for Economic Solutions, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on the study. Ward 5 contains the largest concentration of industrially zoned parcels in the District of Columbia. Many of the structures on these parcels are relatively small and were built over 40 years ago. Many jobs associated with these properties are in the production, distribution, and repair industries. These types of jobs typically offer an important source of employment for District residents. As more businesses in the creative class and craft industry emerge, protecting these properties from residential encroachment, improving transit access to them, and working to protect truck access routes are important to increasing the vitality these specific jobs

### **Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report Findings**

Mr. Wenjing Pu, COG/TPB Staff, presented the highlights of the draft 2014 CMP Technical Report. The report contains extensive analysis of INRIX Vehicle Probe Data. Some of the key findings are:

- The region has seen a decrease in congestion and an improvement in travel time from the years 2010 through 2012. It is unclear if this is a short-term blip or a long-term change.
- A significant reduction in travel time occurred along the southwest portion of the Capital Beltway between I-95 and I-66. This may be due to the completion of the I-495 Express Lanes Project.
- The report details several congestion management strategies and outlines 15 recommendations. These recommendations include but are not limited to the consideration of variable pricing, investing in the existing transportation system, encouragement of non-auto travel modes, and monitoring freight movements.

### **Freight Subcommittee Working Session**

The Subcommittee will make additional efforts going forward to recruit and retain private-sector participation on the Subcommittee. These efforts will be focused in the following areas:

- Each state DOT member will work to identify one private-sector participant who would be willing and able to attend the Subcommittee meetings regularly.
- TPB Staff will work to identify additional private-sector participants by leveraging the CSCMP and other organizations.
- TPB Staff will work with representatives of the Dulles Air Cargo Association to get the word out to their members about the Subcommittee and invite them to participate.

The Subcommittee identified seven themes for discussion at upcoming meetings:

- Food Distribution
- Petroleum distribution
- Household goods moves
- Air cargo
- Cargo needs associated with the federal government
- Technology (or technological advancements behind logistics)
- Commuter rail / freight rail interactions

The Subcommittee supports convening a Regional Freight Forum in 2015.

**Next TPB Freight Subcommittee Meeting: August 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Scott Babcock, Transportation Research Board  
Deborah Bowden, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Eulois Cleckley, District Department of Transportation  
Teresa Edelen, DC Truckers Association  
Lyn Erikson, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Abigail Ferretti, Partners for Economic Solutions  
Sandra Jackson, FHWA  
Keith Kucharek, URS  
Dolores Macias, FMCSA  
Joseph Maly, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
L'Kiesha Markley, Maryland State Highway Administration  
Bernard McWay, FMCSA  
Michael Onder, CDM Smith  
Lezlie Rupert, District Department of Transportation  
Norman Whitaker, Virginia Department of Transportation

**MWCOG STAFF ATTENDANCE:**

Andrew Meese, MWCOG-DTP  
Wenjing Pu, MWCOG-DTP  
Rich Roisman, MWCOG-DTP  
Jon Schermann, MWCOG-DTP  
Daivamani Sivasailam, MWCOG-DTP  
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