



Federal Freight Policy: Principles for Authorizing a Surface Transportation Bill

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What is CAGTC?

- 2001 – 2011: National freight advocacy organization
- Mission: to raise public recognition and Congressional awareness of the nation's freight needs and to promote sufficient funding in federal legislation for our national multimodal goods movement system.
- 60+ member organizations: geographically and politically diverse, public & private sectors



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FREIGHT 21

National Strategic Freight Mobility Program & Trust Fund:

- **National strategy for planning & investment –**
 - “System” view; long range horizon
- **Predictable, dedicated, sustained funding for freight infrastructure –**
 - Modally “blind” investment
 - Public benefit & system performance
- **Merit-based criteria for prioritizing projects –**
 - Broad eligibility; objective & competitive
- **Partnership with the private sector to:**
 - Leverage federal investment
 - Anticipate and meet needs of system users

What's happening now?

- Administration: sent “technical assistance” to Congressional Committees
 - Outlines a strategic freight plan and policy administered from OST
- House T&I and Senate EPW: imminent action
 - Recognizing the importance of freight, but ...
- Senate Commerce: FREIGHT Act, Sponsored by Sens. Lautenberg, Murray & Cantwell
 - Also introduced in House by Representative Sires with multiple co-sponsors



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