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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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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