



Maryland Department of Transportation
Office of Freight Logistics

**Delaware Valley Regional
Planning Commission
Goods Movement Task Force**

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History

❖ *2001 Maryland Freight Mobility Plan (MFMP)*

•Goals

1. Manage Truck Freight Movement
2. Pursue Growth of Rail Freight
3. Enhance Freight Planning Activities
4. Preserve State-Owned Freight Infrastructure

❖ OFL created

- 2 positions at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
- 2 positions at MDOT headquarters Motor Carrier Policy



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OFL Vision

OFL will be Maryland's recognized consultative resource and facilitator on all freight issues. As the State's champion of freight, OFL will work with and add value to local, state, regional, and national public agencies, private entities and those whose focus is the safe, secure and cost-effective movement of freight. OFL will strive to be Maryland's freight advocate for state, regional and national safety and economic issues of significance.



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OFL Mission

Our mission is to educate (i.e., elected officials, public and private stakeholders) and proactively address all issues relating to the safe, secure, and cost-effective movement of freight from, to, and through the state of Maryland. Where beneficial we will add value to the goals and objectives of local, state, and national freight planning agencies. Our focus is to assist in promoting local and regional strategies to significantly improve the economic and safe transportation of freight by all modes.



How do we carry out our mission?

- ❖ MDOT oversees modes
- ❖ Airport, 1972
- ❖ Port 300 years



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So what do we really do?

Serve the Secretary of Transportation



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RAILROADS – What we do

- ❖ 8 Railroad companies operate in Maryland
 - 6 Shortlines and terminal companies and 2 Class 1's
 - In 1981 – 220 miles. In 2008 – 172 miles
- ❖ Jeannie Fazio, OFL Manager of Freight Rail Assets manages maintenance
 - Trackage
 - Bridges
 - Crossings
- ❖ Works with Maryland State Agencies
 - Maryland Transit Administration – maintenance
 - State Highway Administration – crossings
 - Maryland Port Administration – Intermodal Container Transfer Facility



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RAILROADS – What we do

❖ Also

- Federal Railway Administration
- American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials AASHTO—Standing Committee on Rail Transportation
- CSX Transportation
- Norfolk Southern
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations



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MOTOR CARRIER – What we do

- ❖ IACG
 - Meets bi-monthly
- ❖ IACG Members
 - MDOT Headquarters
 - MAA
 - MVA
 - MPA
 - SHA
 - MD State Police
 - MdTA Police
 - Comptroller of the Treasury
 - MDE
 - FMCSA



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MOTOR CARRIER – What we do

“If you got it—a truck brought it!”

❖ Work with:

- Shippers
- Receivers
- Both, as in distribution centers
- Consumers
- Truck and trailer manufacturers
- Truck and bus associations
- State and Federal commercial vehicle safety regulators



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MOTOR CARRIER – What we do

❖ Agencies we work with:

- FMCSA
- FHWA
- I-95 Corridor Coalition –
- Commercial Vehicle Operations
- Intermodal Program Tracks
- AASHTO/Subcommittee on Highway Transport
- American Trucking Associations (ATA)
- Maryland Motor Truck Association
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)



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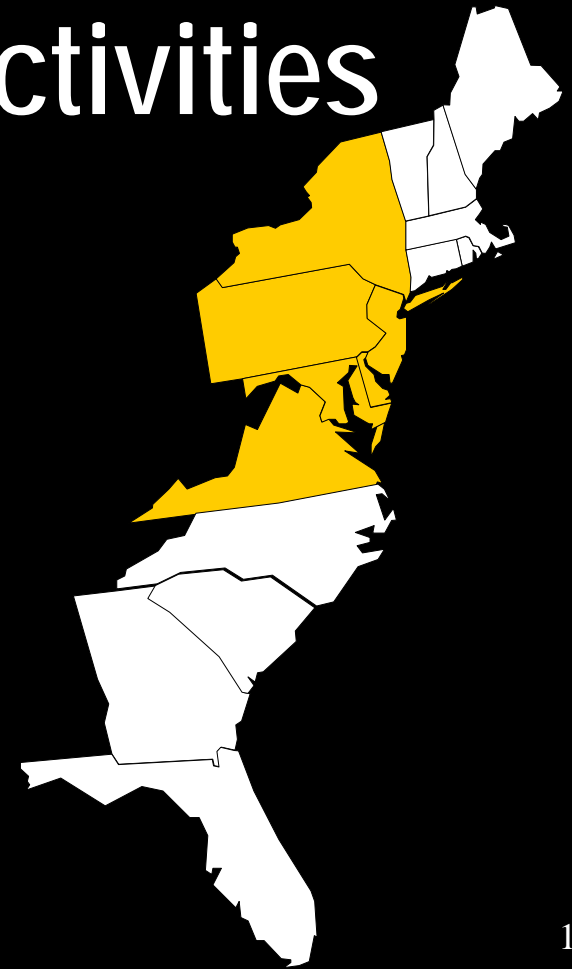
- Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA),
Commercial Vehicle Freight Mobility Forum
- Transportation Research Board
- Baltimore City Transportation Department
- MPOs
 - Baltimore Metropolitan Council/Freight Movement Task Force
 - Wilmington Area Planning Council
 - DVRPC?



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Current motor carrier activities

- ❖ Mid Atlantic Truck Operations Study (MATOps)
 - Objective: to identify and analyze key bottlenecks causing delays to trucks traveling on the Mid-Atlantic region's highway system and develop a consensus-based approach for addressing them.
 - Outline a program of improvements to reduce the delays and costs
 - Develop institutional and funding approaches to implement the solutions





Current motor carrier activities

❖ MATOps

- Began work May 2007
- ATRI Data
- Completion Fall 2007

❖ MATOps II

- Objective: Analyze the economic impacts of infrastructure improvements to key chokepoints in the Coalition region, and to provide a tool for transportation agencies interested in calculating the true benefits of proposed infrastructure projects.



Current motor carrier activities

❖ Truck Parking

- Truck parking study Jan. 2005 – on website
- Identified deficiency of over 1300 parking spaces
- Averaged 258 illegally parked trucks during peak hours

❖ SHA & MTA

❖ Baltimore City



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Current motor carrier activities

- ❖ FHWA Truck Parking Solicitation
 - Announced originally in 2006
 - This announcement Nov. 16, 2007
 - Submission by Feb. 14, 2008
 - I-95 – North Carolina to Connecticut
 - Awarded July 9, 2008

" Two of Nation's Busiest Interstates Will Get \$11 Million for Truck Parking Innovations."

- Money immediately available



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Additional OFL activities

- ❖ Participation in the Maryland Statewide Freight Plan
- ❖ Maryland county economic development meetings
- ❖ Debbie Bowden, Motor Carrier Program Assistant, Assisting SHA – No Zone training
- ❖ Climate Change issues
- ❖ I-95 CC Freight Academy – Apply by July 25
A unique, week-long immersion program designed to efficiently train public sector agency staff involved in planning, operational, and/or management work that impact goods movement decisions, investments and interactions.



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