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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

TRANSPORTATION THURSDAYS

CONGRESS BRIEF

Congress is not in session. The House and Senate will return on September 8.

Ribble Bill Would Allow Heavier Interstate Trucks

A new proposal being prepared by Representative Reid Ribble (R-WI) would allow truck weight limits on interstate highways to increase from 80,000 to 91,000 pounds. The proposal would also require states that allow heavier vehicles to submit a triennial report detailing routes that allow heavier trucks and data on crashes and vehicle miles traveled.

Letter Regarding National Freight Network

Representatives Henry Cuellar (D-TX) and Will Hurd (R-TX) sent a letter to House transportation committee leadership outlining the importance of freight movement for Texas and the nation, and requesting a reexamination of the parameters for a national freight highway system.

ADMINISTRATION BRIEF

Grants for States to Improve Rail Along Energy Routes

After an increase in deaths from highway-rail grade crossing collisions last year, the Federal Railroad Administration recently announced a \$10 million grant program for states to improve the crossings and tracks on corridors that carry energy products like crude and ethanol.

JOBS

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Associate Planner

Puget Sound Regional Council, Seattle, WA

Director of Transportation

East Texas Council of Governments, Kilgore, TX

Planner – Data Analysis Group

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Detroit, MI

Planner – Plan Implementation Group

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Detroit, MI

Transportation Engineer/Planner

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Detroit, MI

Database Developer

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Detroit, MI

Senior / Principal Traffic Engineer

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, Waterbury, CT

Transportation Planner I

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, Waterbury, CT

Projects Manager/Engineer

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, Waterbury, CT

Planning Director

West Florida Regional Planning Council, Pensacola, FL

OPPORTUNITIES

View full list of grants and events!

Call for TRB Presentations

Proposal Deadline: September 11

ADA20, the TRB Standing Committee on Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Processes, is seeking case studies with examples of exemplary leadership in key transportation topic areas to be highlighted at the *2016 Annual Meeting* in Washington, D.C., January 10-14, 2016, in a session tentatively called: *Odd But Effective Bedfellows: Innovative and Effective Partnerships*. The committee expressed interest in innovative partnerships that advance USDOT's 2016 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) transition to performance based planning and programming/MAP-21 implementation, regional planning cooperation, and ladders of opportunity/access to essential services, but encourages participation of other planning focus areas, from climate change resiliency to aging in place. Interested parties should submit a brief abstract of their presentation proposal, including speaker's name, and brief biography to Benjamin Rasmussen at Benjamin.Rasmussen@dot.gov.

Talking Freight: 2015 CSCMP State of Logistics Report

September 16, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET

The Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals' (CSCMP) *State of Logistics Report* provides an overview of current goods movement and freight logistics trends, and discusses the current freight volumes and economic health of the various freight transportation mode industries. This webinar will provide information on the current state of freight logistics in the U.S., including recent freight transportation trends. It will also examine how supply chain companies need to balance freight transportation demand trends with freight infrastructure availability and quality.

Dynamic Mapping of Job and Labor Access for the New York Metropolitan Region

September 16, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ET

LODES and other data can be used to create interactive maps that compare job and labor market access for different locations, modes, industries, and education levels in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Metropolitan Area. This tool can be used for policy scenarios and public engagement, as well its the intended use in the Regional Plan Association's forthcoming strategic plan.

Public Transportation Safety Program NPRM Webinar

September 17, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

September 18, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

FTA's Office of Transit Safety & Oversight will discuss the provisions of the proposed rule and how industry stakeholders can get involved in the regulatory process. Click [HERE](#) for the Federal Register notice.

Let's Talk Performance: Telling the Performance Story

September 22, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

As part of a webinar series on transportation performance management implementation strategies, Colorado DOT and Maricopa Association of Governments will present examples of current reporting efforts to inform the public on how their agencies are using tax dollars to improve the

transportation system.

T3 Webinar: Next Generation Traveler Information System

September 23, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This webinar will identify current and emerging technologies in traveler information systems for the next five years. It will also provide recommendations to transportation agencies for proactively addressing technology advancements, changes in traveler information business models and decisions, and public expectations as they occur, as well as provide recommendations for further research.

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