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Purpose

The overall purpose of the *Delmarva Freight Plan* is to provide relevant information that will assist the state DOTs, area MPOs, and other stakeholders in making well-informed decisions on freight infrastructure investments and freight-related policies. To accomplish this task, the study aimed to:

- Better understand existing and anticipated freight flows, issues, and concerns within the project area and to/from the surrounding areas
- Comprehensively evaluate the multimodal/intermodal freight transportation system while encompassing commodity flows via truck, rail, water, air, and pipeline
- Explore and analyze future freight-planning scenarios through year 2040 with an emphasis on a performance-driven approach
- Identify relevant infrastructure, policies and regulation changes or other investments that seek to enhance the safety, performance, and efficiency of freight travel in the region, as well as related environmental impacts and economic opportunities

What is the Delmarva Freight Study?

- A *multi-state, multi-MPO* effort to develop a comprehensive, multi-modal evaluation of the freight transportation system and its operations along the Delmarva Peninsula.
- According to MAP-21, States are *highly recommended* to have a freight plan which can improve their ability to meet National Freight Policy goals & objectives.
- Not a requirement, but in order for some projects to be eligible for fed \$, they *must come from a freight plan*!



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Key Functions of Study

- Collect Most Recent Commodity Flow Data:
 - Transearch, FAF3,
 - STBWaybill
- **Conduct Outreach** (Agencies, Industries & Shippers)
- Develop CUBE Cargo Model
- Generate Current/Future Freight Forecasts for Multiple Modes (Truck, Rail, Water, Pipeline)
- Analyze Future Freight Scenarios











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The Plan will be:

- Multi-state / multi-MPO freight plan
- Multimodal freight transportation infrastructure
- Federally-compliant under MAP-21

Performance-oriented plan

- Freight connectivity, mobility, and accessibility
- ✓ Safety and security
- Sustainability and environmental stewardship
- ✓ Economic vitality
- System management, operations, and maintenance



Delmarva Freight Study Plan Highlights

Critical background information or unique components that have been woven throughout this plan include:

Federal Freight Planning Compliance: The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century act (MAP-21) was signed into law by the President on July 6, 2012. MAP-21 sections 1115 through 1118 outline new details for a National Freight Policy, the prioritization of projects to improve freight movements, the establishment of state freight advisory committees, and related requirements for state freight plans. The Delmarva Freight Plan fulfills these requirements while also incorporating related interim guidance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), as well as established freight planning practices from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

MAP-21 Section 1118 requires that a State Freight Plan developed pursuant to Section 1118 include, at a minimum, the following elements:

- An identification of significant freight system trends, needs, and issues with respect to the state;
- A description of the freight policies, strategies, and performance measures that will guide the freight-related transportation investment decisions of the state;
- A description of how the plan will improve the ability of the state to meet the national freight goals established under section 167 of title 23, United States Code;
- Evidence of consideration of innovative technologies and operational strategies, including intelligent transportation systems, that improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement;
- A description of improvements that may be required to reduce or impede roadway deterioration in the case of routes on which travel by heavy vehicles (including mining, agricultural, energy cargo or equipment, and timber vehicles) is projected to substantially deteriorate the condition of roadways; and
- An inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such as truck bottlenecks, within the state, and a description of the strategies the state is employing to address those freight mobility issues.

Chapters:

Chapter 1: Introduction Chapter 2: Existing Economic Context Chapter 3: Existing Commodity Flows Chapter 4: Existing Transportation System Chapter 5: Existing Freight Programs and Coordination Chapter 6: Freight Trends, Needs and Issues Chapter 7: Future Freight Planning Scenarios Chapter 8: Recommended Action Plan Chapter 9: Summary & Conclusion Chapter 10: Appendix

Overall Goal: To answer ongoing "What if" Scenarios



2.0 Economic Context

Latest Draft 10/9/2013

- Summarizes economic insights from previous meetings
- Presents population and employment forecasts through 2040
- Locates over 430 major freight generating industry/business sites (*Exhibit 2.8*)
- Ties global economic perspectives with potential relevance for the peninsula



Despite Economy, Freight Generating Industries Growing

		Employment				Output			
Industry	Thousands of Jobs		2004-2014 Change		Billions of Constant 2000 Dollars		2004-2014 Change		
	2004	2014	#	%	2004	2014	#	%	
Transportation and Warehousing	4,250	4,756	506	11.9%	619	889	270	43.6%	
Warehousing and Storage	556	694	138	24.8%	359	565	206	57.4%	
Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	385	476	91	23.6%	309	406	97	31.4%	
Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation and Support	112	123	11	9.8%	107	152	45	42.1%	
Trucking Transportation, Couriers, Messengers	135	148	13	9.6%	224	317	93	41.5%	
Air Transportation	515	560	45	8.7%	130	213	83	63.8%	
Water Transportation	57	58	1	1.8%	224	269	45	20.1%	
Rail Transportation	224	215	-9	-4.0%	432	599	167	38.7%	

Source: Transportation Industry, Department of Labor, 2007

Trucking will lead the way, increasing faster than automobile growth.

Exhibit 2.13 – Truck Revenue Forecasts (2011-2023)

A :	l	Billions of Dollars	;	Average Annual Growth Rate		
Category	2011	2017	2023	2012-2017	2018-2023	2012-2023
Truckload	280.2	382.9	464.4	6.1%	3.5%	4.8%
LTL	46.9	68.2	90.7	7.6%	5.5%	6.5%
Private	276.8	355.6	414.0	4.8%	2.7%	3.7%
Total	603.9	806.7	969.0	5.6%	3.4%	4.5%

Source: U.S. Freight Transportation Forecast to 2023, ATA, 2012

Status Updates

Stakeholder Outreach

Online Survey: General Comments



- 36% Miscellaneous Infrastructure Improvements
- 25% Truck Restrictions (height, weight, width, hazmat)
- 17% Northeast Corridor Constraints
- 11% Rail Restrictions (height, weight, width)
- 11% Short Line Railroad Support

Areas of Concern (from Outreach):

👛 Rail

- NEC / Chesapeake Connector
- Delmarva Secondary / Indian River Coal
- 75 Rail Car Capacity
- Cape Charles Rail Car Float

Market Ports

- Post-Panamax
- New Markets

🦻 Inland Waterways

- Nanticoke & Wicomico Rivers
- Spoil Sites for Dredged Materials

Motor Freight

Air Freight



- Seasonal / Tourist-Based Congestion
- Secondary Roads / Bridges
- Fuel Taxes / Toll Rates / Weight Limits
- Parking & Rest Areas





Areas of Opportunity (from Outreach):

Growth & Industry

- Cecil County
- New Castle County
- Sussex County
- Wicomico County
- DAFB Civil Air Terminal

Site-Specific Issues

- PBF Energy Rail Expansion
- Dogfish Head Brewery Expansion
- Seaford Multimodal Connectivity
- Salisbury Multimodal Connectivity
- NASA Wallops Flight Facility

Import-Export

- Fracking Materials to Marcellus Shale
- Crude Oil from Canada or Midwest
- Grain from Midwest
- Frozen Poultry to Russia

Enterprise Zones / Other Incentives





Data Collection

Transearch (IHS Global Insight) FAF 2, FAF 3 STB Waybill (Rail)







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Data Collection

Commodity Flow Data

Transearch	FAF
County-level data	Larger regions







Model Boundaries

Based on IHS Transearch Regions

✤ 6 BEA's

- Additional counties added to span gaps between:
 - Washington-Baltimore-Northern Virginia
 - Philadelphia-Camden-Vineland









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Delmarva's Major Industries Have Different Freight Flow Characteristics:



3.0 Existing Commodity Flows

Pending Draft

- Will summarize overall commodity data, pending resolution of outstanding issues
 - ✓ Resolved: Transearch tropical fruit coding
 - Resolved: Transearch routing & FIPS code gaps
 - Resolved: Transearch vs. FAF differences
 - Resolved: DE waybill data incorporation
 - Resolved: Transearch missing regions data
 - Resolved: Transearch average distances
 - Pending: MD waybill data
 - Pending: Missing intra-county flows
 - Pending: Transearch model updates



4.0 Freight Transportation System

Latest Draft 10/9/2013

- Inventories modal assets for motor freight, rail, water, air, and pipeline transport
- Summarizes current travel demand model (TDM) based volume and LOS data
- Maps key freight transfer sites (rail yards, ports, airports, intermodal sites, etc.)
- Identifies key freight corridors, local freight zones, and gateways



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Truck Volumes 2040



Freight Programs & Coordination

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- Addresses freight programs, policies, and institutions; capital plans and programs; funding; and planned projects and developments
- Incorporates previously-established future "no-build" project assumptions
- Baseline includes currently funded TIP/RTP projects



Freight Trends, Needs, Issues

Pending Draft

- Addresses stakeholder insights; focus areas; future trends & opportunities; future issues & strategies; summary of freight needs.
- Incorporates previously-established areas of concern/opportunity maps



Potential Scenarios: Two Types



Factors to <u>React to</u>...

Rail Service Loss Port Expansion or Market Shifts Post-Panamax Impacts Inland Waterway Loss Truck Transportation Costs Energy Market Trends (Coal, Oil) Fulfillment Services Trends

Factors to Influence . .

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Secondary

Rail Car Float

Dogfish Heac

Brewery

Coal Plant

Rail Service Efficiencies Intermodal Infrastructure Port Access Enhancements Infrastructure Preservation Truck Transportation Policies Freight Network Connectivity Land Use Preservation

Freight Planning Scenarios

Pending Draft

- Incorporates previously-developed scenarios w/ refinements ongoing
- Incorporates performance measure concepts w/ refinements ongoing
- Incorporates Cube Cargo modeling
- Identifies scenario planning insights
- Will help to inform remaining Chapters 8-9...the Recommended Action Plan and Freight Plan Summary/Conclusion



Freight Planning Scenarios

Possible future constraints, such as:

- Decreased rail access to Peninsula
- Less capacity due to less dredging
- Car float operations reduced
- Increased reliance on truck mode







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Multimodal Constraint Scenario

What would the future look like if freight transportation on the peninsula was constrained by a loss or reduction of key multimodal elements or opportunities?

For example, WHAT IF...

- . freight rail access across/along the NEC continues to be restricted to a narrow window
- . coal freight demand to the Indian River power plant ceased?
- 3... at-grade rail / highway crossing conflicts increased?
- ... the NS Delmarva Secondary became a shortline railroad (from Porter to Pocomoke
- ... the NS Indian River Secondary became a shortline railroad (from Harrington to Frankford)?
- . the BCRR car float operations permanently
- . Wicomico River barge travel was restricted due to funding / dredging constraints?
- ... Pocomoke River barge travel was restricted. due to funding / dredging constraints?
- ... oil and gas imports/exports had fewer transport options?
- 10 ... truck volumes and roadway maintenance needs increased substantially?

Constraint Scenario w/ Trendline Growth:

What would this future look like in 2040 with trendline economic or demographic changes?

Constraint Scenario w/ Accelerated Employment:

What would this future look like in 2040 with accelerated employment growth in certain industries?

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Freight Planning Scenarios

Possible multi-modal improvements, such as:

- Expansion/Improve Rail facilities
 - Chesapeake Connector
 - Weight/speed improvements
- **Increased carfloat capacity**
- Increased intermodal facilities in key locations along Peninsula









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Multimodal Enhancement Scenario

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	Measurement Details
Regional Intermodal Connectivity	Travel Time to select cities (Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Hampton Roads)
Local Intermodal Connectivity	Population near select distribution centers (within 15-30-45 minutes of Amazon, WalMart, FedEx, UPS, Sysco) Employment near select freight transfer hubs (within 15-30-45 minutes of Port of Wilmington, NS Newark Yard, NS Jello Yard, NS Harrington Yard, NS Seaford Yard, Perdue Farms)
Roadway Congestion	Truck VMT @ LOS A-C, D, E, F Truck VHT @ LOS A-C, D, E, F
Modal Split	Freight Tonnage by Mode







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Performance Measures

Cube Cargo Evaluation

- Potential Measures of Effectiveness include:
 - Travel Time to Market by Mode
 - Level of Service
 - Delay
 - Transportation Cost by commodity and mode
 - Emissions
 - Truck Volumes on Roadways
 - Freight Demand by Mode
- Add'l research: Cost assumptions for freight movement by mode







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Specific Details to be given on Identified key freight connections



US 50 "Ocean City" Freight Corridor

Primary	- US 50
Roadways:	- МD 9р
Regional Freight Hubs	 Central/South Central Delmarva Peninsula Baltimore/Washington metro
Project Area	- Chestertown-Easton-Cambridge-Salisbury-
Freight Hubs	Berlin-Ocean City, MD



I-95 "Metro" Freight Corridor

Primary Roadways:	- 1-95 - 1-295 - 1-495 - US 40
Regional Freight Hubs	 Northern Delmarva Peninsula Baltimore/Washington metro Philadelphia metro U.S. Eastern Seaboard (Maine to Florida)
Project Area Freight Hubs	 Elkton, Cecil County, MD; Newark-Wilmington-Edgemoor-Claymont- New Castle-Delaware City, DE Deepwater, NJ (DuPont)



US 301 "Bay" Freight Corridor

Primary	- US 301
Roadways:	- US 50
Regional	 Northern/Northwestern Delmarva
Freight Hubs	Peninsula Baltimore/Washington metro Richmond metro U.S. south Atlantic states
Project Area Freight Hubs	 Wilmington-New Castle-Newark- Middletown, DE Massey-Millington-Sudlersville-Centreville Chestertown, MD



DE 1/US 13/US 113 "Coastal" Freight Corridor

Primary Roadways:	- DE 1 - US 13 - US 113 - MD 528
Regional Freight Hubs	 Eastern/Coastal/Southern Delmarva Peninsula Philadelphia metro; Hampton Roads metro; Extended areas via linkage w/ the I-95 Corridor
	 Wilmington-New Castle-Delaware City- Townsend-Smyrna-Clayton-Dover, DE Continued via US 13: Harrington- Seaford-Delmar, DE; Salisbury-Princess Anne-Pocomoke City, MD; Accomack- Northampton Counties, VA
Project Area Freight Hubs	 Continued via US 113: Milford-Ellendale- Georgetown-Millsboro-Dagsboro- Frankford-Selbyville, DE; Berlin-Snow Hill- Pocomoke City, MD
	 Continued via DE 1/MD 528: Milford- Lewes Beach-Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach-Bethany Beach-Fenwick Island, DE; Ocean City, MD



MD/DE 404 "Lewes" Freight Corridor

Primary Roadways:	- MD 404 - DE 404 - US 9
Regional Freight Hubs	 Central Delmarva Peninsula Baltimore/Washington metro (via connection to US 50/301) Atlantic City/Jersey Shore area (via connection to ferry service)
Project Area Freight Hubs	 Wye Mills-Queen Anne-Denton, MD Bridgeville-Laurel-Georgetown-Lewes, DE



US 202/DE 41 "Piedmont" Freight Corridor

Primary Roadways:	 US 202 DE/PA 41 DE/PA 52 Pennsylvania linkages to I-76, US 30, and US 322
Regional Freight Hubs	 Northern Delmarva Peninsula Lancaster/York/Harrisburg area (via I-76, US 30, US 322) Pittsburgh metro (via I-76, US 30) U.S. Midwest markets (via linkage to I-70, I-80)
Project Area Freight Hubs	 Hockessin-Elsmere-Newport-Stanton- Talleyville, DE Newark-Wilmington, DE and extended areas via connection to other freight corridors



Next Steps

- Finalize commodity flow data
- Complete and calibrate Cube Cargo
- Run and fine-tune scenarios
- Summarize scenario results and insights
- Develop recommended action plan
- Finalize overall freight plan

Remaining Schedule

•DECEMBER-JANUARY: Ongoing model prep; submittal of Final Chapter 5 (programs, institutions and funding) and 6 (trends, needs and issues)

•JANUARY-FEBRUARY: Ongoing model prep and prelim calibration; submittal of Draft Chapter 7 (performance measures, scenario prep).

•PAC MEETING #8 in late January/early February to discuss model status, draft todate, and final scenario prep

•FEBRUARY-MARCH: Scenario modeling and results; development of preliminary recommendations

•PAC MEETING #9 in late March to review scenario results and recommendations
 •APRIL-???: We will finalize the overall plan upon receipt of comments on preferred scenarios/recommendations following PAC Meeting #9.