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Maryland Moves: A Freight News Monthly provides monthly announcements and news highlights regarding transportation-related freight issues both regionally and nationally. Maryland Moves is intended for informational purposes only; please refer to the source for additional information.

Baltimore's Railroad Network: Challenges and Alternatives

In November 2001, Congress requested "a comprehensive study to assess problems in the freight and passenger rail infrastructure in the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland."

The Federal Railroad Administration responded to this request and examined the benefits and costs of various alternatives to reduce congestion and improve safety and efficiency in rail operations for the Baltimore region.

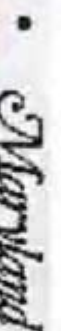


This study was completed in November 2005. View the Executive Summary, Part I, or Part II by clicking on the link provided: [FRAs Baltimore Railroad Network Study](#)

This study will be the subject of the next [Freight Movement Task Force](#) meeting on February 16, 2006.

Port's 300th Anniversary

The February 16, 2006 Freight Movement Task Force meeting promises to be very exciting. This rail-focused meeting will feature the authors of the \$1M Federal Rail Administration Baltimore Rail Study. MDOT also will contribute a state perspective on rail.



2006 marks the Port of Baltimore's 300th



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birthday. The Port of Baltimore is the nation's oldest continuous operating port.

The FMTF meeting will be held at the B&O Railroad Museum on Thursday February 16, 2006 from 9 to 11 a.m. [B&O Rail Museum Directions](#)

To celebrate the Port's 300th Anniversary, the Private Sector Port Coalition and the MD Motor Vehicle Administration are offering a commemorative port license plate.

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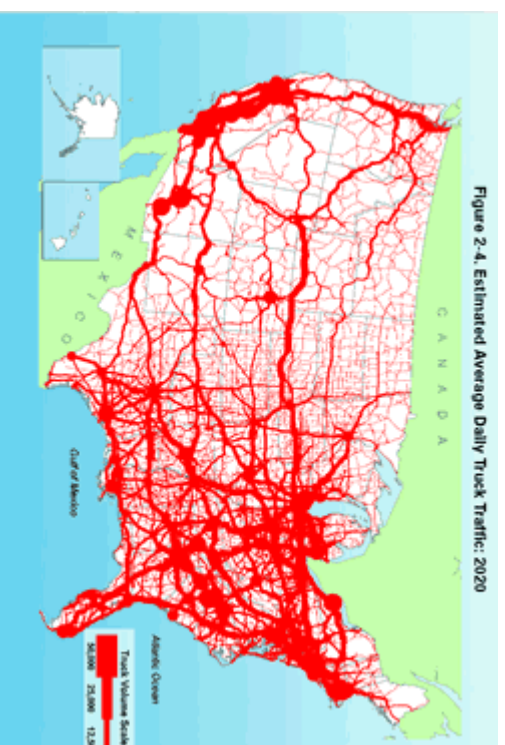
If you are interested in ordering a license plate, contact the Private Sector Port Coalition at 410-342-6610. The one-time fee of \$50 will cover the \$25 MVA application fee with the additional \$25 being a donation to the PSPC to support education and outreach efforts to promote the Port of Baltimore's tri-centennial celebration. You may also request special numbers on a first come-first serve basis, for a total one time fee of \$100.00

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Tri-centennial Committee's Web Site

FHWA Freight Analysis Framework



activity among states, regions, and major international gateways.

For example, the FAF can forecast average daily truck traffic for 2020 (as shown above). Congestion on the U.S. road network will increase 70 percent in 2020 compared to 1998 levels.

The Federal Highway Administration's [Freight Analysis Framework](#) project integrates data from a variety of sources to estimate commodity flows and related freight transportation gateways.

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As reported in the January-February issue of Public Roads, truck vehicle-miles logged on U.S. highways nearly doubled between 1980 and 2003, while roadway lane miles increased by only 5 percent.

Using the FAF tool, one can look up congestion forecasts and detailed commodity flow information for various modes by state. For more information click on the link provided.

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