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Maryland Moves

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Freight Movement Task Force

Our next Freight Movement Task Force meeting will take place on May 25, 2006 from 9 to 11 a.m. Watch out for agenda details and meeting location in our next *Maryland Moves: A Freight News Monthly* e- newsletter.

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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.

Port of Baltimore's 300th!



In April 1706, Maryland's colonial legislators designated Whetstone Point, an area adjacent to Fort McHenry, as an official Port of Entry for Maryland's tobacco trade with England. *This year marks the 300th Anniversary of the Port of Baltimore and the 50th Anniversary of the Maryland Port Administration!*

The Port of Baltimore Tricentennial June 1, 2006 Signature Event will be a gala fundraiser featuring fine dining, entertainment, and a top-class speaker at the Southside Cruise Terminal at Locust Point. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the Port of Baltimore's education campaign.

To learn more about this and other events click on the link below.

[Port of Baltimore Events](#)

I-95 Closures at Keith Avenue Exits



The Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) is currently planning a three-month maintenance closure of the I-95 at Keith Avenue.

The closure affects the Exit 56 entrance ramp from Keith Avenue to I-95 northbound and the ramp from I-95 southbound into Baltimore.

MdTA has postponed this project from its original start date (March 26, 2006) in an effort to work with the Maryland Motor Truck Association Intermodal Council, the Private Sector Port Coalition, and area stakeholders to determine the best way to minimize the impact

of the detour route on the local trucking community from the Keith Avenue closures.

Image from [Google Earth](#)

Driver Shortage



According to American Trucking Associations (ATA), we are experiencing a *national shortage of 20,000 truck drivers today*. Trucks are sitting empty in lots, fewer goods are being moved, ultimately adding strain to our economy. A report for the ATA anticipates this number will spike to 111,000 by 2013. As a result driver pay is expected to grow by more than 10 percent this year and truck rates are expected to increase.

Source-Traffic World "The World Turned Upside Down: The Year in Review, and the State of the Logistics Industry in 2006" Article by Benjamin Gordon, February 13, 2006, p25.

Freight Movement



The Bureau of Transportation Statistics reported in their newly published "Freight in America" report that over 19 billion tons of freight, valued at \$13 trillion, was carried over 4.4 trillion ton-miles in 2002. This means that on a typical day in 2002, about 53 million tons of goods valued at about \$36 billion moved on the nation's multimodal transportation network. Trucking remains the single most-used mode of shipping, totaling 70 percent by value, 60 percent by weight, and 34 percent by ton-miles. In general, trucking dominates shipment distances of less than 500 miles while rail dominates the longer distance shipments.

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