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Freight Movement Task Force

The Freight Movement Task Force will meet next at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council offices on May 25, 2006 from 9am to 11am. Our two presentors will provide exciting new perspectives on freight security at the Port of Baltimore and the role of freight forwarders in the global supply chain.

Light refreshments will be offered.

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

e-Modal Trucker Check Security System

eModal As of April 1, 2006, the Port of Baltimore's Seagirt Marine Terminal became the first port on the East Coast to implement the eModal Trucker Check security system. Trucking companies wanting access to Seagirt Marine Terminal must have registered their truck, driver, and company information at www.emodal.com. The system validates a company's presence at the Port and provides increased security and efficiencies.

Brian Miller, General Manager of Terminal Operations at the Port of Baltimore will discuss the new e-Modal Truck Check Security System at the May 25, 2006 Freight Movement Task Force meeting. (See Featured Article) [MPA e-Modal Press Release](#)

Truck Stop Electrification Breaking Ground



Truck stop electrification is slowly breaking ground across the country. In the Baltimore region there are 63 operating IdleAire facilities at the O'Donnell TA Street TA Truck Stop and ground breaking is expected to occur this month for additional facilities at the TA Truck Stop in Jessup.

The most common idle reduction electrification options are IdleAire and SurePower technology systems. In an interview with an IdleAire user at the O'Donnell Street Travel Plaza, one truck driver commented that the cost to plug-in was cheaper than the cost of gas, provides many services (television, internet, etc.), and is much quieter than idling the engine.

The Federal Highway Administration has developed a Truck Stop Electrification (TSE) Station Locator that displays public truck stop locations that have idle reduction facilities for heavy-duty trucks. Idle reduction equipment, systems, and plugs are currently available in eleven states (AL, AR, CA, GA, MD, NC, NJ, NY, SC, TN, TX) and are available for use by all truck drivers.

[Truck Stop Electrification Station Locator](#)

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I-95 Closures at Keith Avenue Exits Update



The Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA), which owns and operates the State's seven toll facilities, will be conducting routine resurfacing of the I-95 ramps at the Keith Avenue exits north of the Fort McHenry Tunnel.

Ramp closures and associated detours will impact travel through East Canton, Brewers Hill, Highlandtown, Dundalk, and other adjacent communities in Southeast Baltimore. Work on the I-95 ramps at Keith Avenue and Boston/O'Donnell streets will be conducted in phases beginning in May and is expected to be complete in December 2006.

- Ramp from Boston Street to SB I-95 will be closed continuously for about 8 weeks beginning in May.
- Ramp from Keith Avenue to NB I-95 will be closed continuously for about 11 weeks beginning in July.
- Ramp from Keith Avenue to SB I-95 will be closed continuously for about 5 weeks beginning in September.
- Ramp from NB I-95 to Keith Avenue will be closed for about 6 weeks beginning in October.
- Ramp from SB I-95 to Keith Avenue will be closed 3-4 weekends between May and July.
- Ramp from Keith Avenue to NB and SB I-95 will be closed for 4 weekends between July and October.
- Ramp from NB I-95 to Boston/O'Donnell street will be closed for 3-4 weekends between May and October.
- Ramp from Interstate Avenue to NB I-95 will be closed for three weekends between September and December.

Happy Birthday Container!!!



April 26, 2006 marked the 50th anniversary of the invention of the container. A man named Malcom McLean can reasonably claim to be the man who conceived the idea of container shipping to replace the traditional break bulk method of handling dry goods. Containers produced a huge reduction in port

handling costs, contributing significantly to lower freight charges and, in turn, boosting trade flows.

Most goods consumed spend some time in a container. The Port of Baltimore with support from the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility adjacent to Seagirt Marine Terminal make Baltimore the #13 largest container Port in the United States. Over 65 public warehouses in the Baltimore region provide space for shippers to store their commodities (MPA).

Intermodalism, the movement of containers between modes: ship, rail, truck, etc. has revolutionized goods movement globally.

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