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## Freight Movement Task Force

Mark your calendars—our next Freight Movement Task Force meeting will take place August 17, 2006. Watch out for agenda and location details in future *Maryland Moves: A Freight News Monthly*.

## Quick Links...

- [Baltimore Metropolitan Council](#)
- [BMC Calendar of Events](#)
- [Freight Management and Planning](#)
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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.

## Preserving Baltimore's Maritime Industrial Overlay District



Freight Movement Task Force members are concerned about preserving Baltimore's waterfront property with deep-water access for port-related and industrial use and expansion. For example, a number of Freight Movement Task Force members were involved in the development of the *Maritime Industrial Retention and*

*Growth Management Strategy* prepared on behalf of the Port Land Use Development Advisory Committee by the Maryland Department of Transportation. This Strategy provided a ten-year vision for future land development within the immediate influence of Maryland's Port of Baltimore.

A recent challenge to Baltimore Maritime Industrial Overlay District rule has brought renewed attention to this concern. The owners of Little Havana, a South Baltimore restaurant, have purchased a piece of land just inside the protected area with the intention to relocate their restaurant. They have requested an exception to the Maritime Industrial Overlay District rule.

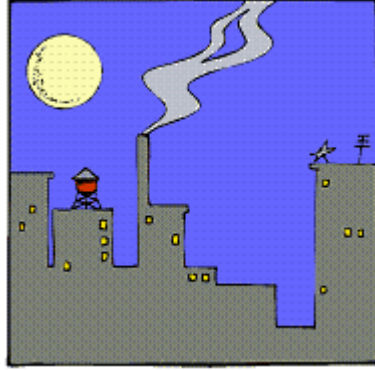
The Little Havana owner's request for an exception to the rule raises concerns that it is setting a precedent to erode the Maritime Industrial Overlay District rule that the industrial community worked hard to obtain. As noted in the [Baltimore Sun article](#), City Councilman Edward L. Reisinger, who represents South Baltimore believes "they should not move the boundaries. I think they should extend the life of the law for another four or five years." The Mayor's office, Maryland Port Administration, and the greater Baltimore industrial community are equally cool to the idea of allowing exceptions to the rule.

## [Maritime Industrial Retention and Growth Management Strategy](#)

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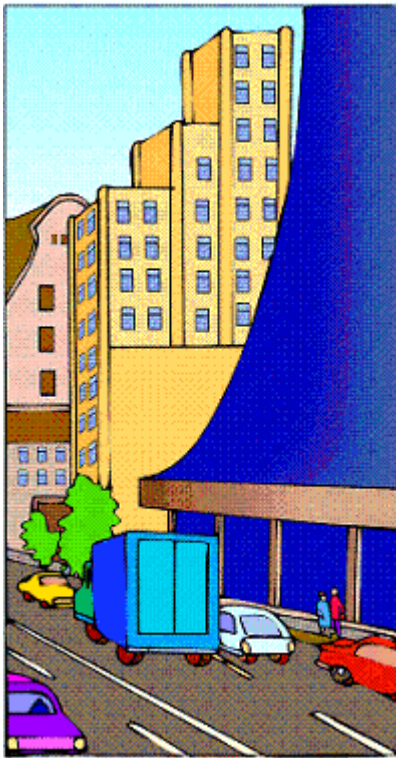
## Baltimore City GM Site Redevelopment



Baltimore's former General Motors site will ultimately become home to a 16-building commercial park. Duke Realty Corporation, the nation's largest publicly traded office and industrial real estate company, formally announced their acquisition of the 184-acre site in February 2006. They plan to raze the 71-year old, 3.2 million-square-foot plant, and redevelop the site into a commercial park with office, industrial, manufacturing, and logistics buildings for local and port-related Fortune

500 companies. The site provides easy access to both the Port of Baltimore and Interstate 95, ideal for port and intermodal distribution centers. The Baltimore Development Corporation and the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development worked closely with General Motors and Duke Realty Corporation to develop a vision for this site that would stimulate and strengthen the region's economy.

## A National Strategy to Reduce Congestion



On May 16, 2006, Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta announced a National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network—an ambitious national congestion relief initiative.

The Department of Transportation is making congestion relief a top priority by taking the following actions:

- Develop "Urban Partnership Agreements" with willing large metropolitan areas that call for new variable pricing programs designed to spread traffic flows throughout the day and to get more out of existing highways.
- Encourage more states to open their transportation infrastructure to private investment opportunities.

- Focus the Department's Intelligent Transportation Systems program to encourage more communities to adopt technologies and practices designed to help drivers avoid backups and cut traffic tie-ups. Additionally, the Department invites the country's technology leaders to participate in a new Transportation Technology Forum.

**[National Strategy to Reduce Congestion Initiative](#)**

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant to complete a "Study and Analysis of Fuel Consumption and Emissions Reductions Associated with an Innovative Technology Package for Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks"**



The Baltimore Metropolitan Council and the [Mid- Atlantic Regional Air Management Association](#) submitted a joint application to the EPA for a \$300,000 grant to study fuel consumption and emissions reductions associated with an innovative technology package for heavy-duty diesel trucks. The technology package consists of:

(1) single-wide tires; (2) advanced trailer aerodynamics; (3) mobile idle reduction technologies; and (4) emission control technology such as a diesel oxidation catalyst or a diesel particulate matter filter coupled with ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. EPA will submit award notices at the end of July 2006.

**[EPA Grant RFA](#)**

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