

INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDER MEETING RECORD

INDUSTRY GROUP: Metropolitan Planning Organizations

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LOCATION: Phone Interviews

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The Maritime Strategy team conducted telephone interviews with the MPOs in July and August, 2011. The purpose of the interviews was to identify primary nodes and facilities used in the shipment of goods in and out of each MPO's area. Also to determine any stakeholder concerns or issues related to the transportation of goods.

Major topics presented by the MPOs included:

- Limited rail access
- Few deep water shipping channels
- Needed upgrades to the existing rail and highway network and lack of transportation infrastructure funding
- Better access to the ports, and direct interstate routes are needed, as well as a deep water port suitable for new deep draft vessels
- Suitable industrial sites, maintenance and retention of strategic industrial land use, especially those in proximity to freight nodes and rail and roadway infrastructure is a priority
- Many comments received stated that new infrastructure was not an issue, rather updating and maintaining old systems is more important
- Identified the primary nodes across the state to be airports (international and regional), military facilities, Norfolk Southern and CSX rail yards, ports, interstates, and various distribution hubs (FedEx, UPS Overnight, Old Dominion, McLane Trucking, MDI)

- Products move through the state mostly by truck and rail, some air; and would mostly likely travel by the same modes in the future
- Furniture, textiles, wood and paper products, chemicals, and food/grocery product were identified as some of the top exports
- Raw materials, textiles, furniture, and retail merchandise were identified as some of the top imports