

# The FREIGHT Act of 2010

## “Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance to Help Transportation Act of 2010”

Introduced by Congressman Albio Sires (NJ-13) as the House companion to Senator Lautenberg’s legislation

# NJ-13 Congressional District

- Includes the cities of Hoboken, Jersey City, Bayonne and parts of Newark
- Mass transit
- Port Newark-Elizabeth Marine Terminal
- Nearby Newark Airport

# Need for Comprehensive Freight Policy

By 2035, the Department of Transportation predicts that total freight tonnage transported will nearly double & that:

- Tons transported by truck will grow by 98%
- Tons transported by rail will grow by 88%

# FREIGHT ACT:

## (1) Freight Transportation Policy

- To improve the efficiency, operation, and security of the national transportation system to move freight
- Sets forth objectives and goals related to:
  - Energy conservation
  - Public safety & health
  - Economic competitiveness

# FREIGHT ACT:

## (2) Office of Freight Planning and Development

Dedicated office within the U.S. Department of Transportation to:

- Coordinate
- Facilitate
- Support

# FREIGHT ACT:

## National Strategic Plan

- A long-term plan would include:
  - Assessment of the current system,
  - Analysis of emerging trends
  - Description of major challenges
  - Plan to develop priorities & strategy to develop coalitions
  - Guidelines to finance the system
  - List of priority freight corridors & gateways



# FREIGHT ACT: Transportation Investment Planning Tools

- Outcome-oriented, performance-based approach to evaluate proposed projects
- Consultation with Federal, State, and local transportation planners

# FREIGHT ACT:

## (3) National Freight

### Infrastructure Investment Grants

- Competitive grant program for eligible projects including: port development, multimodal terminal facilities, and intelligent transportation systems
- Criteria
- Priority
- Oversight



# FREIGHT ACT

- Currently supported by the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, Environmental Defense Fund, Intelligent Transportation Society of America, T4America and others.
- Goal: Incorporate language into the surface transportation reauthorization bill

# THANK YOU!

- Please ask your Members of Congress to support H.R. 5976, the FREIGHT Act.
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