

Private Sector Freight Roundtable Takeaways

Freight Initiatives Committee Meeting

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Companies Represented

- Best Transportation
- Conrail
- Elberon Development Group
- GCT (Maritime Terminals)
- H&M Trucking
- Maher Terminals
- National Retail Systems
- Norfolk Southern Railway
- Prologis
- Rockefeller Group
- Romark Logistics
- UPS
- Wenner Bakery/ Europastry



Key Observations: Industry Changes

- E-commerce-style customer demands
- Increases in product types
- E-commerce creates more returns
- Facilities moving toward 24/7 operations
- More automation
- Increased reliance on real-time information



Key Observations: Regional Positives

- Strong economy; Port is second largest in North America
- Key population location; more facilities to serve customers
- Collaboration to address key issues and advance infrastructure improvements
 - Bayonne Bridge – allowed larger ships
 - NJ Turnpike widening – greater connectivity to South Jersey and beyond



Key Observations: Regional Challenges

- Congestion: George Washington Bridge corridor, Port terminals
- Legacy infrastructure: Need national standard rail freight access
- Workforce shortages
- Lacking access to work locations (such as distribution centers)
- Private sector not always involved in policy decisions
- Streamline approvals and permitting

Thank You

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