



FPD Program Web site

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The FPD Web site provides the latest information on freight transportation in an easy-to-use format. Designed to build the knowledge base of freight transportation and planning professionals, the Web site includes information on training and educational opportunities, a database of freight transportation reports and other resources, and links to other useful Web sites. The design and content of the FPD Web site are based on customer input received during a series of customer focus group meetings held by the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Office of Freight Management and Operations. The meetings included representatives from state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations.

Why log on?

Finding vast quantities of freight transportation information on the Internet is easy; however, knowing what information is relevant and most credible is not always so easy. The FPD Web site does all the work for you, saving time and resources. Our site combines the latest in technology and resources to give you access to the most current, state-of-the-art practices and tools with a click of a mouse. The FPD Web site is the surest way to be in the know on what other freight professionals are doing across the country.

Core elements of the site

The Web site is the primary communications tool of the FPD Program and is structured in a manner that is responsive to our customers' requests and needs. Specifically, our customers identified the need for freight-related products and services in four areas.

- Training
- Technical Assistance
- Resource Library
- Education

Training



The FPD Web site provides the latest information on freight courses, workshops, seminars, and conferences offered by FHWA's National Highway Institute, the Maritime Administration's U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, universities, and other organizations.

Technical Assistance



The FPD Web site puts 21st Century technologies to work with its technical assistance products and services. Log on to the Web site to find out about the "Talking Freight" seminar series, a monthly seminar using teleconferencing and the Internet, or post a message to the Freight Planning Peer Exchange LIST-SERV message board. The Web site also contains information about other FPD technical assistance products and services including:

- Freight Data and Analysis Tools
- Commercial Vehicle Size and Weight Program
- Technology Applications and Standards

Resource Library



The FPD Web site is home to the FPD electronic resource library. The resource library contains the most notable freight transportation studies and reports in a searchable database. This allows users to target resources by topic area. The FPD library is also an efficient and effective tool for accessing the latest information on freight practices in many different areas, including planning, data analysis, performance measurement, safety, and security.

Education



The FPD Web site allows users to track freight-oriented academic programs through a database of programs offered by U.S. colleges and universities. The FPD education database, searchable by state, provides a comprehensive list of academic program resources for freight professionals.

The FPD Web site is your resource.

Continuous updating with current, relevant information is key to maintaining a successful Web site. Numerous freight-related activities are underway within the public and private sectors that are relevant to transportation decisionmakers and practitioners. To keep the Web site up to date, please let us know about new freight professional development resources and information. We also would appreciate your feedback on how we can improve the Web site.

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