

Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

AECOM

Alameda Corridor-East
Construction Authority

Broward County's Port
Everglades

California Department of
Transportation

Cambridge Systematics,
Inc.

Canaveral Port Authority

Cascadia Center

CenterPoint
Properties Trust

Chicago Metropolitan
Agency for Planning

City of Chicago

COMPASS – Community
Planning Association of
Southwest Idaho

Dewberry

Economic Development
Coalition of
Southwest Indiana

Florida Department of
Transportation

Florida East
Coast Railway

Florida Ports Council

Freight Mobility Strategic
Investment Board
(Washington State)

Gateway Cities Council of
Governments

HERZOG

HNTB Corporation

Illinois Soybean
Association

Intermodal Association
of North America

Jacobs Engineering

Kootenai Metropolitan
Planning Organization

Los Angeles
County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority

Majestic Realty Co.

Maricopa Association of
Governments

Memphis Chamber of
Commerce

Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission

Moffatt & Nichol

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jeff Agnew
202/828-9100

National Railroad
Construction and
Maintenance
Association

NASCO – North
American Strategy for
Competitiveness

The Northwest
Seaport Alliance

Nossaman LLP

Ohio Kentucky Indiana
Regional Council of
Governments

Orange County
Transportation Authority

Oregon Department of
Transportation

Parsons

Port Authority of
New York & New Jersey

Port Newark Container
Terminal

Port of Hueneme

Port of Long Beach

Port of Los Angeles

Port Miami

Port of Oakland

Port of Pittsburgh

Port of Portland, OR

Port of San Diego

Port Tampa Bay

Port of Vancouver USA

Puget Sound Regional
Council

RAILCET

SANDAG - San Diego
Association of
Governments

Southern California
Association of
Governments

Tampa Hillsborough
Expressway Authority

Tennessee Department
of Transportation

Washington State
Department of
Transportation

West Coast Corridor
Coalition

Will County Center for
Economic Development

WSP

Congressman Adam Smith Introduces Proposal to Fund Freight Network Improvements

CAGTC applauds the Congressman's Freight Infrastructure Reinvestment Act of 2017, which identifies funding source

WASHINGTON, DC (September 15, 2017) – This week, Congressman Adam Smith (D-WA) reintroduced legislation to create a freight infrastructure improvement program that would provide competitive grants to boost efficiency and capacity of the U.S. freight network. The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) has advocated for a multimodal, freight-focused competitive grant program since its inception and applauds Congressman Smith for his thought leadership in providing potential solutions to the critical need for freight infrastructure funding in the United States.

"I applaud Congressman Smith's dedication to identifying solutions to meet the growing needs of our nation's multimodal goods movement network," said Tim Lovain, CAGTC Chairman and Executive Vice President of Crossroads Strategies. "Freight movement across all modes is expected to grow nearly 42 percent by 2040 – without a strategic campaign of investment, this opportunity has potential to overburden infrastructure and create a drag on our national economy. Freight infrastructure funding and investment solutions, such as Congressman Smith's Freight Infrastructure Reinvestment Act of 2017, are needed to address these challenges head-on."

H.R. 3769 calls for the creation of a new freight fee – a 1 percent tax assessed on the cost of ground transportation within the United States. Collected funds will be dedicated to a new National Freight Mobility Infrastructure Fund and invested in the nation's freight system through a merit-based competitive grant program.

"While the FAST Act's freight-focused INFRA program provided a first step in addressing multimodal freight needs, much more is needed, as evidenced by the program's oversubscription: in its initial round, applicants requested \$13 for every \$1 available," said Elaine Nettle, Executive Director of CAGTC. "Congressman Smith's proposed freight mobility infrastructure fee and National Freight Mobility Infrastructure Fund could provide the next iteration of funding for critical freight projects."

###

About the Coalition

The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America's intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC's main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. For more information on the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org.