

# Coalition For America's Gateways & Trade Corridors



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## America's Freight is America's Future Join Us



As the President and CEO of Florida's largest and most diverse port, I depend on the expert analysis I receive from CAGTC. Their policy expertise and interpretation are invaluable and guide the decisions I make on behalf of our maritime community.

 Paul Anderson, CAGTC Chairman & President and CEO, Port Tampa Bay

#### **Our Goal**

The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) educates policymakers and the public on the need to holistically and significantly expand U.S. freight transportation capabilities through sound policy and sufficient federal infrastructure funding for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors, and freight facilities.

#### **Our Strategy**

CAGTC is the foremost freight infrastructure authority. We elevate the profile of our nation's multimodal freight network through consistent outreach to Congress, the Administration, transportation stakeholders, and the media. By increasing awareness of freight system needs, the Coalition harnesses a unified voice to send lawmakers a strong, focused message on the national importance of goods movement. Achieving congressional and public consensus for federal investment policy that supports freight mobility is an ongoing priority for the Coalition.



The close partnership with CAGTC has proved very beneficial to CMAP and strengthens our position as a leading regional planning agency. CAGTC is one of the most important organizations we support to help advance freight interests through advocacy, collaboration, and education.

- Erin Aleman, CAGTC Vice Chair & Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) ,

### Why Join CAGTC?

#### **Shape Policy**

Coalition staff has built a reputation as a strong – and frequently sought out – resource for national policymakers. Members have a seat at the table as CAGTC's positions are developed, debated, finalized, and carried to the halls of Congress.

In addition to our work on Capitol Hill, CAGTC coordinates with the Administration throughout the implementation and rulemaking process to ensure our members' views are represented from the inception of legislation through the execution of law. All members are invited and encouraged to participate in our various policy and planning committees, which meet by phone, email, and in person at the Coalition's annual meeting. CAGTC's advocacy efforts across the country have cultivated an increased understanding of the positive impact freight infrastructure investment can have on the economy, environment, and public health.

CAGTC's diverse membership demonstrates the Coalition's unique ability to bring the freight industry together and amplify its advocacy message under one powerful voice. Through consistent, strategic engagement with Congress and the Administration, CAGTC reinforces the importance of national goods movement infrastructure and continues to deliver countless policy wins that benefit the Port of Long Beach and the entire U.S. freight system.



- Dr. Noel Hacegaba, CAGTC Treasurer & Chief Operating Officer, Port of Long Beach

#### **Timely Communication**

CAGTC staff constantly strives to keep our members well informed and keyed in on important national freight and legislative developments. We produce timely, in-depth analysis of freight policy issues with lightning-quick updates delivered to our members' inboxes. Our members often tell us that CAGTC delivers succinct, essential information more quickly than any of their other DC connections!

#### **Member Promotion**

The Coalition consistently highlights its member organizations and their worthy projects to demonstrate the various needs along our nation's multimodal goods movement network. We do this on our website, in published materials, during conference presentations and meetings on the Hill, at conferences, and during presentations. We also highlight our member projects and achievements in our bimonthly newsletter and our Freight Can't Wait booklet, which features over 80 freight projects of regional and national significance in need of federal partnership. Both documents are distributed to nearly 3,000 readers, including Hill staff, Administration officials and employees, media, and other stakeholders.

In my role, I need freight-related factual information that is usable and valuable at the federal level. CAGTC strengthens my role by always providing timely, accurate, and concise updates. Their analysis of goods movement legislation is second to none.



– Dan Pallme, Assistant Chief of Freight and Logistics, Tennessee Department of Transportation

Our Follow that Freight series tracks 15 products and commodities through the supply chain to educate Congress and the public while demonstrating the critical nature of the U.S. freight system. Used by the Federal Highway Administration in their coursework, these carefully-researched brochures have been a fun, educational tool designed to get people thinking about the journey their coffee beans or bubble gum took before arriving on a store shelf.

#### Networking

Our wide-ranging group establishes a forum for freight-centric discussions, provides a sounding board of experts for advice, and presents an opportunity to network with likeminded organizations.

CAGTC membership offers unrivaled access to national freight policy resources, advocacy tools, and a community of industry leaders nationally and globally. The Coalition supports collaboration among its member organizations and actively promotes members' projects and achievements, and it shows – by participating in policy discussions, in-person and virtual meetings, and other CAGTC activities, Moffatt & Nichol has expanded its network and raised its profile with federal policymakers and freight interests across the country.

- Pierce Homer, Transportation Director & Senior Vice President, Moffatt & Nichol

### **Coalition Members**

#### AECOM

Alameda Corridor-East Project, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments California Department of Transportation Cambridge Systematics, Inc. **Canaveral Port Authority** Cascadia Center Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning **City of Chicago City of Industry COMPASS – Community Planning Association** of Southwest Idaho DCII Dewberry Florida Department of Transportation Florida East Coast Railway Florida Ports Council Florida Transportation Builders' Association, Inc. Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (Washington State) **Gateway Cities Council of Governments** Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company **HNTB** Corporation Intermodal Association of North America 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

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