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## Freight Industry Leaders Double Down on Federal Funding Ask

*CAGTC Annual Meeting Promotes Freight Investment as a Safe Bet*

**WASHINGTON, DC (May 15, 2023)** – Freight and supply chain industry leaders from across the nation gathered today for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) annual meeting. The federal government is two and a half years through implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which contains unprecedented funding for freight infrastructure. Organized around the theme, "Freight Investment is No Gamble – Time to Double Down," the CAGTC meeting highlighted the need for sustained levels of investment far beyond expiration of the BIL.

In conjunction with this year's meeting, CAGTC developed the sixteenth iteration of its "Follow That Freight" series, "[Follow That... Card Deck](#)." Designed to increase recognition of the many modes and nodes required to move an ordinary consumer object from raw material to finished product, the brochure begins with raw materials in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and ends at a card table in the United Kingdom. Since 2005, CAGTC's "Follow That Freight" brochures have been used to educate the public and policymakers on U.S. supply chain needs.

The CAGTC meeting featured expert panels on a variety of topics, including preparing for tomorrow's supply chain crisis – whether that's cyber threats or an impending cargo surge, and integrating digital infrastructure to increase freight system performance. In anticipation of the fast-approaching reauthorization, Congressional authorizing staff offered perspectives on Congressional priorities for the next bill, and a panel of industry professionals discussed the impacts of "boom and bust" funding cycles. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy Allison Dane Camden provided an overview of the Department's new Freight Office, and Samantha Silverberg, Deputy Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Implementation offered perspectives on BIL implementation from The White House.

"When Congress passed the BIL, it dealt a winning hand to our economy, the American public, and the countless supply chain entities that facilitate global trade and the smooth delivery of everyday consumer goods," said CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nessel. "Unexpected supply chain disruptions in recent years have demonstrated the significant risks of underinvestment in our national freight system. Robust and consistent federal funding is needed to address vulnerabilities and prepare for future demand to support continued multimodal freight network reliability, safety, and efficiency. The stakes are high – it's time to double down on freight investment."

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### 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](http://www.tradecorridors.org)

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