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Goods Movement Industry Leaders Call for Bold Investment in Supply Chain Infrastructure to Advance the U.S. Economy

WASHINGTON, DC (May 14, 2025) – Freight and supply chain leaders from across the country came together today for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) Annual Meeting, uniting behind a clear message: investing in freight infrastructure is vital to powering America's economy, supporting millions of jobs, and maintaining our competitive edge in the global marketplace. With Congress gearing up to reauthorize the nation's surface transportation programs well ahead of the mid-2026 deadline, this year's meeting – aptly themed **"America's Freight is America's Future"** – could not have come at a more critical time.

Attendees heard keynote remarks from **Deputy Secretary of Transportation Steven Bradbury**, who outlined the Administration's vision for freight policy. The meeting featured a robust lineup of expert speakers and panels tackling issues like the cost of supply chain disruption, shifting trade patterns, and forecasting future freight demand in an ever-changing global landscape.

A panel of congressional staff representing House and Senate transportation committees provided valuable insight into their emerging priorities for the next reauthorization bill. CAGTC members then took to Capitol Hill, meeting with dozens of congressional offices to deliver our advocacy message. Throughout these meetings, CAGTC's membership highlighted its surface transportation reauthorization platform, which was developed by the Coalition's broad range of supply chain entities. The platform urges Congress to increase funding for competitive freight infrastructure grant programs, simplify the application process, and accelerate delivery timelines to get projects off the ground faster and more efficiently.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, CAGTC released a new fact sheet – [Fund Freight, Fuel Growth](#), demonstrating the multimodal freight network's profound impact on U.S. job creation and economic growth. The fact sheet underscores the need for targeted federal investment in the goods movement infrastructure that drives our economy.

"Freight is the cornerstone of the nation's economy," said **CAGTC Executive Director Elaine Nettle**. "Freight infrastructure investment strengthens our supply chains, fuels local economies, and supports jobs across the country. These large and complex projects depend on federal funding to become a reality. If we want to maintain global competitiveness, we need infrastructure that not only meets today's needs but also prepares us for the growing freight demands of tomorrow. We are calling on Congress to prioritize and expand investment in freight infrastructure – because America's freight is America's future."

As momentum builds in Washington, CAGTC and its membership remain committed to advancing policies and investments that support the future of America's freight network – and, by extension, the nation's economy.

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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 multimodal 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