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### Freight and Logistics Symposium proceedings published

A summary report of the tenth annual Freight and Logistics Symposium, held December 1, 2006, is now available. The symposium was sponsored by CTS, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee, the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals Twin Cities Roundtable, and the Metropolitan Council.

This year's symposium addressed environmental innovations in freight transportation. Representatives from the business community, academia, and the public sector described current environmentally sensitive approaches and discussed new directions and trends within the industry for "greening" the supply chain. **Larry Lair**, general manager of 3M's Traffic Safety Systems Division, made the keynote presentation, focusing on how 3M's small changes in packaging methods and freight transport have had major impact on the environment.

A copy of the proceedings is being mailed to symposium attendees and most recipients of this electronic newsletter. If you do not receive one or need additional copies, please visit the CTS publications page at [www.cts.umn.edu/publications/proceedingspresentations](http://www.cts.umn.edu/publications/proceedingspresentations) for a PDF version, or contact CTS ([cts@umn.edu](mailto:cts@umn.edu) or 612-626-1077).

### Transportation Club Expo 2007 scheduled for March 28

The Transportation Club Luncheon and Expo 2007 will be held on March 28, 2007, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, 7800 Normandale Blvd (at Hwy 100 and I-494), Bloomington, MN. Baseball team owner Mike Veeck will make this year's luncheon presentation. This advertising professional, coveted public speaker, and all-around idea man will share how his "Fun is Good" philosophy can be injected into businesses of all shapes and sizes, from Fortune 500 companies to startups. Luncheon cost: \$45 Club members/guests, \$55 nonmembers. The Expo, the largest transportation show in the Upper Midwest with more than 80 exhibitors, follows the luncheon at 1 p.m., and it's free. To register or for more information, please visit [www.transportationclub.com/expo.htm](http://www.transportationclub.com/expo.htm), or contact the Transportation Club at 651-999-5352 or [office@transportationclub.com](mailto:office@transportationclub.com).

### 2006 national freight transportation statistics published

- *Freight Facts and Figures 2006*, published by FHWA (Publication Number: FHWA-HOP-07-033), contains national statistics and maps highlighting the extent, use, and consequences of freight transportation in the United States.

### Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program publications available

The federal [Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program](#) (CTBSSP), sponsored by the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#) and administered by the [Transportation Research Board](#), compiles knowledge from sources relating to specific commercial truck and bus safety issues. CTBSSP publications are online at [www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/reference/appendices/ctbssp](http://www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/reference/appendices/ctbssp).

Here are recent CTBSSP publications, with summaries from the TRB Web site:

- TRB's *Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program (CTBSSP) Research Results Digest 5: A Status Report* describes the progress and status of the Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program (CTBSSP). CTBSSP is a cooperative research program sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and administered by the Transportation Research Board. The program was authorized in late 2001 and began in 2002 in support of the FMCSA's safety research programs.

## FHWA 'Talking Freight' seminars

Upcoming topics and dates for the "Talking Freight" online seminars from the [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\)](#) are listed here. See the [Talking Freight Web site](#) for further details. **March 21, 2007** Rail Issues and Solutions: The Challenges of Getting More Freight on Rail and Away from the Road 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m. EST **April 18, 2007** FHWA-AASHTO Freight Partnership Conference Findings and Discussion 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m. EST



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