

CONGESTION BUSTER TASK FORCE GOODS MOVEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation

- Build new Cross Hudson freight and passenger rail tunnel.
- Port Authority of New York/ New Jersey must increase funding for rail freight.
- NJ's Port Elizabeth projections show truck dependence will triple. Instead of relying on trucks we need to put more into rail freight infrastructure.
- Keep NJ truck ban in effect. This will reduce the number of trucks using our local roads.

How Congestion Is Reduced

- Trucks especially on windy, hilly roads and those with traffic lights back up traffic for miles. Getting trucks off our local roads and onto the truck network will reduce congestion on non-truck network roads.
- Increasing rail freight will reduce the number of trucks clogging our roadways.
- Building a freight tunnel into NYC will reduce congestion especially through the tunnels and bridges.

Who Is Affected?

The Port Authority of NY/NJ
The trucking industry

Costs/Savings

Building a freight and passenger rail tunnel will cost \$ 3-4 billion. But it needs to be done in order to reduce VMT for cars and trucks. Politicians are already trying to get the money in place. The Port Authority will have to change its funding distribution to give more money to rail freight.

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