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| **Metro Welcomes USDOT Creation of Freight Policy Council**  Yesterday, in correspondence to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) Deputy Secretary John Porcari, our agency welcomed the creation of the Freight Policy Council. The council was launched by the USDOT as a result of the new surface transportation bill (MAP21), which calls for the creation of a National Freight Strategic Plan. According to the USDOT, the council will be led by **Deputy Secretary John Porcari** and "will include USDOT leadership from highways, rail, ports, and airports and economic and policy experts from across the Administration." Given the important role freight issues have in Los Angeles County and our region, Metro is asking to play an advisory role on the Freight Policy Council. For your review, please find here a copy of our letter to Deputy Secretary John Porcari.  **http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/120824\_FreightPolicyCouncil.pdf** |
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