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## FMC Commissioner Cordero Heads to Long Beach

Federal Maritime Commissioner Mario Cordero will be leaving his position at the FMC next month to serve as the new Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach, California.

“It has been a privilege to serve on the Federal Maritime Commission these past six years,” said Cordero, “and it was a distinct honor that during my tenure I was entrusted with the Chairmanship of the agency.”

Commissioner Cordero was also the 2016 recipient of the Bi-State’s Malcom McLean Award. “We felt it was important to recognize Chairman Mario Cordero for the forward-thinking initiatives he put forth during his tenure at the Federal Maritime Commission,” said Bi-State President Jeff Bader. “His strong leadership resulted in a high level of communication amongst all stakeholders, directing us towards a climate of greater understanding and cooperation.”



**Mario Cordero at the 2016 BiState Awards Luncheon**

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During his acceptance speech at our August awards luncheon, Cordero said, “The ports in New York and New Jersey have a lot going for them. They are the second busiest gateway behind the southern California ports. Your port facilities link not only the Empire and Garden States to the greater world; they create paths for cargo throughout the Northeast Region and deep into the Midwest. These are assets that create jobs, generate revenue, and are irreplaceable economic engines for your communities, your states, the region and the nation.”

Commissioner Cordero expressed excitement over his return to the West Coast, where he previously served as President and longtime member of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. “I am so pleased to be coming back home to the Port of Long Beach during this time of dramatic change in the maritime industry,” said Cordero. “The broad perspective I gained at the national level, along with my many years of service as a Long Beach Harbor Commissioner and my love for the community of Long Beach, will allow me to hit the ground running.”



**Commissioner Cordero with Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones and President Jeff Bader**

### Tire Safety Tips



[Info & Links to Exclusive Member Offers, page 2](#)

The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers congratulates Commissioner Cordero, and we wish him continued success as he embarks on this new chapter as the Executive Director at the Port of Long Beach California.

## News & Updates from the PANYNJ

The following news & information was provided by Bethann Rooney, Assistant Director of the PANYNJ Port Department:

- The Bayonne Bridge moved to All Electronic Tolling (AET) at the end of February. In the event you do not have an EZPass, you will get a bill in the mail based on a license plate read. Failure to pay the bill on time will result in an additional fee. Those truckers and drivers that were reluctant to get EZ-Pass in the past, may be motivated now by the inconvenience of needing to mail in each Toll payment, and the risk of having to pay an even higher toll.



- There is still a relatively large number of companies serving GCT New York that are not participating in the Toll Reimbursement Program. For those trucks that have EZ Pass and enroll in the reimbursement program, the toll is rolled back to the 2008 rate. There is no cost to participate. When you cross one of the PA's bridges in Staten Island and complete a transaction at GCT within a specified time, a rebate is sent directly to your bank account within a matter of days. For more information, call GCT Customer Service at 718-683-3245 or click the photo for a [Program Overview](#).

- As most of our community is already aware, the NJDOT has commenced a project to replace three I-78 ramps that go over Routes 1&9 and connect to Port Street. The project is expected to continue through the end of 2018, and will require overnight and weekend closures. There will be changes in traffic patterns through the area; drivers are encouraged to use care and follow all signage.

- In addition to its usual customer communications, the PANYNJ publishes Breaking Waves, a newsletter containing newsworthy stories of interest to the port community (such as new services, terminal investments, changes in port schedules, etc.). Breaking Waves is a subscription-based newsletter; if you are interested in subscribing, follow this link and/or click on the logo at right for Newsletter Signup: <http://breakingwaves3.wpengine.com/>



## Important Tire Safety Tips

While the warmer weather of Spring and Summer are a welcome change for many, rising temperatures bring an increased risk of Tire Overheating. According to Bi-State Member Silvia Liberti of Ride Tire Truck Center, "Now is the time to start assessing the condition of your tires, and take action to repair or replace worn tires, *before* problems occur." Liberti says truckers should look for treadwear and tread damage caused by winter potholes, cracking, bulging, cuts or other signs of weakened tires. Proper inflation is also essential. (For more tire safety tips for commercial drivers, [click here.](#))

Ride Tire is located in Elizabeth, NJ and offers 24/7 Road Service. For more information, contact Ride Tire Truck Center by email at [ops@RideTire.com](mailto:ops@RideTire.com) or by calling 908-344-5774 or 908-718-2415.



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**TIRE SPECIALS—Installation INCLUDED**

1p22.5 - \$229.00
2p57/822.5 - \$229
1R22.5 - \$239
1R24.5 - \$285
2p57/824.5 - \$269

**ROUTINE MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS**

OH CHANGE - \$215  
Includes filters and grease (fluids or Delvac)

BRAKES AND DRUMS - \$675

FLAT REPAIR - \$29

**USED TIRES ALSO AVAILABLE**  
Priced at \$85 and up

For more information, contact Ride Tire Truck Center by email at [ops@RideTire.com](mailto:ops@RideTire.com) or by calling 908-344-5774 or 908-718-2415. They are conveniently located in Elizabeth NJ and offer 24/7 Road Service. Ride Tire Truck Center is a proud member of the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers.

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# Construction Updates/Gate Changes at APM Terminals

Earlier this month, APM Terminals announced a change in the location of their bobtail exit. As of April 24th, all bobtails must use the new exit lanes on Tripoli Street, near the empty annex. Additional details and a [printable flyer](#) are available on the BiState website: <http://www.bistatemotorcarriers.com/apm-new-bobtail-exit/>

Beginning Wednesday, April 26th, APM Terminals announced some additional changes on terminal that will temporarily affect their empty gate lanes.

The entrance to the empty annex on Tripoli Street will remain the same, however there will be a change to how the OTR truckers are routed to the empty gate kiosks once they gate in. Six (6) of the eight (8) empty gate kiosks will be available over the next two weeks while construction commences. They are expecting to be back to the full capacity of eight (8) empty gate kiosks no later than Monday, May 8th.

APMT expects no disruption to service during this temporary change.



# GCT-Bayonne Expands Appointment Window



On Thursday, April 20th, Global Container Terminal-Bayonne expanded the Appointment Time Window an additional hour. A reservation is now required for all trucks entering GCT Bayonne between 0600 and 1000.

Drivers are advised that no trucks will be allowed to enter the terminal without a reservation during this time period, and those without an appointment are asked to avoid queuing in the area before 9:45am.

GCT-Bayonne also announced that they will open the gates this Sunday 4/30 from 0600 until 1300. No reefers, whether empty or loaded, or OOG will be handled, and appointments are required between 0600 and 1000.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Monday, Sept. 18, 2017**

**NEW VENUE!**  
A spectacular golf course, just minutes from the port!

**Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers  
2017 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon**

**Time:**  
Breakfast at 7am, Shotgun Start 8:30am, followed by  
Cocktail Reception at 1pm and Awards Luncheon at 2pm

Please mark your calendar now for this popular annual event!  
Join us to show your support for the intermodal trucking industry serving the Ports of New York & New Jersey.

**Location: Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth, NJ**

**www.bistatemotorcarriers.com**

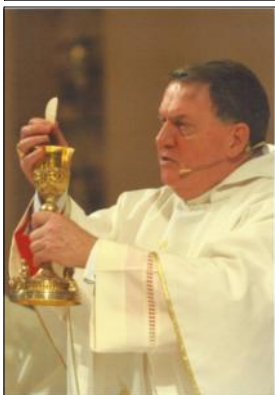
**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!**

Goody Bag/Raffle/Giveaway Sponsors are now being accepted for our 2017 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon!

This is a great opportunity to raise your company profile, expand your reach directly to our Members, and support the Bi-State at the same time.

Please contact [LisaY@thebistate.com](mailto:LisaY@thebistate.com) for more information.

## Cardinal Joseph Tobin to Visit & Bless Port of NY & NJ on June 2



Stella Maris Chapel is honored to host a very [special event](#) with Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the newly-installed Archbishop of the Diocese of Newark, on June 2, 2017. Cardinal Tobin will say Mass aboard a vessel provided by the Sandy Hook Pilots Association, followed by a tour of the NY/NJ Harbor, where His Eminence will bestow a blessing on the terminals in the Port of New York & New Jersey. The event begins at 8:15am and will last approximately 4 hours. Refreshments will be served.

Sponsors are being sought for a full-color [Commemorative Ad Journal](#); proceeds from the journal will support worthwhile Archdiocese programs in our community, and all donations are tax-deductible. For more information on placing an ad, please contact [Lisa@parkstonemedia.com](mailto:Lisa@parkstonemedia.com) or call 551-800-7067.

Space for this event is *very* limited; please call Father John Corbett at 973-589-7946 to confirm current ticket availability *before* sending in your donation. Suggested attendee donation is \$25. [CLICK HERE for an event flyer with full details and Ad Journal information.](#)

## 2017 Port Newark Food Truck Festival July 19th at SCI

Seamen's Church Institute will host their annual Port Newark Food Truck Festival on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 3pm to 7pm at the SCI location at 118 Export Street.

"The festival celebrates the Port of New York & New Jersey community," says Director Stephen Lyman, "providing a focal point for fun and recognizing those who work in and around the port." Lyman says SCI hopes to expand the event this year with a greater number of food trucks and guests, and is currently seeking sponsors.

For more information on becoming a sponsor, [visit the SCI website at www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org). For ticket information, email [portfestival@seamenschurch.org](mailto:portfestival@seamenschurch.org) or click [HERE](#).

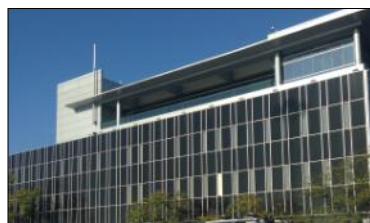


### DATES TO REMEMBER!

May 9	General Meeting
May 29	Memorial Day
June 2	Cardinal Tobin Event
June 6-8	CVSA Road Inspections
June 13	General Meeting
July 4	Independence Day
July 11	General Meeting
July 19	Food Truck Fest
Aug. 15	General Meeting
Sept. 4	Labor Day
Sept. 18	Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon

Join us for our next

**General Member Meeting**  
**Tues. May 9th @ 1000 hours**



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