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News & Updates

The Federal Maritime Commission is investigating complaints of increased demurrage fees related to port congestion, and will attempt to resolve this ongoing issue [JOC.com, Feb. 12] ... **The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers** recently elected longtime member **Lou Notaro of F.O.X. Intermodal to join its Executive Board ... The PANYNJ is scheduled to launch the 2017 Truck Replacement Program** in mid-March, which is anticipated to replace approximately 80 pre-2007 trucks. General Manager Bill Nurthen offered details on the program at our February Member Meeting...The West Coast port congestion crisis is leading to a shift in cargo being shipped to the East Coast [JOC.com, Feb. 11] ... **Association President Jeff Bader is scheduled to meet with the Federal Maritime Commission in Washington D.C. to discuss issues of importance to our members, including the NY Terminal Conference tariff and the mandates set to take effect in 2017 in the Clean Air Strategy Plan. Jeff and several Executive Board members will present their concerns directly to the FMC on our members' behalf ... the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration announced it is pushing back the dates for several major rule changes, including e-logs, speed limiter mandates, Safety Fitness Determinations, and others.** [CCJDigital.com, Feb. 16]



PANYNJ General Manager Bill Nurthen offering details on the 2017 Truck Replacement Program at our February meeting while Executive Director Dick Jones looks on.

Stuck in line? Send us your photos!



There's been a lot of talk about how bad congestion is in the port, but there's no substitute for actually seeing it. They say "a picture is worth a thousand words"...and we agree! When the lines get long, go ahead and take a photo, and then send it to us, so that we can share it and document conditions at the port.

Email your photo to LisaY@thebistate.com, with a brief description of where and when the photo was taken, and we'll get it posted. We've already posted a few (like this photo taken at Global Terminal on Feb. 13th) on our [blog](#) and on [Facebook](#). Follow us on social media to see more photos, plus important updates and announcements.

Reminder: TWIC renewals coming due

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) cards are coming due for renewal after the expiration of their 5 year life. Renewals can be obtained by visiting the TWIC office at 532 Raymond Blvd., Newark, NJ. No appointment is necessary. More information is available at: www.tsa.gov/twic After renewal, the upgrade must be registered with the P.A. Sealink office.

Frequently Asked Questions/Updated Information

- What is the renewal process? The renewal process consists of the same steps as the original enrollment process (in-person enrollment and card activation). These steps are required since a security threat assessment is required on all applicants, confirming they still meet eligibility requirements.
- How much does a renewal cost? On February 1, 2015 the TWIC renewal fee was reduced to \$128.00. This is a \$1.75 reduction due to lowered FBI fingerprint processing charges.
- When should I renew for a TWIC? Individuals may renew their TWIC at any time in advance of the expiration of their card at any enrollment center. NOTE: The TSA is currently reporting that some TWIC applicants are experiencing processing delays of 75 days or more. They are strongly encouraging all applicants to apply for their TWIC at last 10 to 12 weeks prior to when the card will be required, in order to avoid inconvenience or interruption in access to maritime facilities.
- What should I take into account when applying for a renewal? Individuals should take into account the **expiration date of their previous TWIC and understand that the expiration date associated with their 'renewal' TWIC** is tied to the security threat assessment performed for that (renewal) application. For example, an individual currently has a TWIC with an expiration date of October 20, 2012 and applies for a full-fee renewal TWIC on June 1, 2012, getting approved on June 20, 2012. The new TWIC will have an expiration date of June 20, 2017.
- What are the enrollment requirements for U.S.-Born TWIC Applicants? Until July 1, 2015, TWIC applicants who were born in the U.S. may continue to certify that they are U.S. citizens by checking the box on the electronically signed TWIC application and bring documents as listed on the UES website [here](#). Starting on July 1, 2015 Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC®) applicants who were born in the United States, and who claim U.S. citizenship, must provide documents to prove their citizenship. For details on eligible documents, [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the TSA website.

Bi-State Donates Medical Kits

Our Officers and Executive Board [recently presented a check](#) to Executive Director Linda Tober-Flores of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, sponsoring the purchase of medical kits for their 8th Annual Service Fair. All members are encouraged to attend the upcoming ECHH Transportation Breakfast on March 19th, where the Bi-State will be honored. [Click here for ticket information.](#)



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3* Monthly Member Meeting
*Note date change
March 19 [ECHH Award Breakfast](#)
Sept. 1 Golf Outing & Award Luncheon

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