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## Support For UIIA Proposal to Improve Fee Notification

Earlier this month the Intermodal Association of North America informed participants in the Uniform Intermodal Interchange and Facilities Access Agreement (UIIA) of several proposed modifications to the agreement.

The Bi-State Association recently sent a letter supporting one of the proposed modifications, to Section E.2, Lost Stolen or Destroyed Equipment. The new language being proposed establishes a requirement for Equipment Providers to notify Motor Carriers electronically of any outstanding interchanged equipment at least once a month. Notification will be provided in a data file format and include equipment identification number and date of the interchange.



The Bi-State supports this change, and suggested that notifications be issued even more frequently than called for under the current proposal. We believe it would most beneficial if Equipment Providers were to notify motor carriers immediately of any outstanding equipment, allowing the motor carrier to take swift action to determine if, in fact, the equipment is lost, or if it was designated incorrectly and is showing up as lost due to a clerical error.

Motor carriers who wish to weigh in on this proposed revision must do so in writing prior to Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in order to be considered.

Comments should be sent to: Marc Blubaugh, IANA General Counsel, c/o Debbie Sasko, AVP Information Services, 11785 Beltsville Drive, Suite 1100, Calverton, MD 20705-4048.

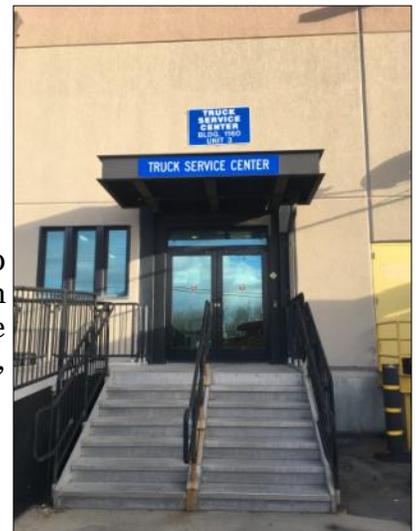
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## Expanded Hours at Truck Service Center

As of Monday, March 18, the Truck Service Center will open an hour earlier, at 6:30am. Closing time remains at 5:00pm. The Service Center provides information and assistance to drivers with their SeaLink registration, and also with registering a TWIC card.

The Truck Service Center is located at 1160 McLester Street, Building 1160, Unit 3 in Elizabeth. For more information about the services available at the Truck Service Center, visit the Port Authority of NY & NJ website: <http://www.panynj.gov/port/truck-service-center.html>



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## Khouri Named Chair of Federal Maritime Commission



On March 7, 2019 Michael A. Khouri was designated by President Donald Trump as Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission. Khouri had previously served as Acting Chairman from January 23, 2017.

Chairman Khouri, first nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December 2009, was re-nominated and confirmed for a full five year term in November, 2011. He was re-nominated and confirmed for his current term in June, 2016.

“I thank President Trump for his expression of confidence,” said Commissioner Khouri. “I believe it reflects support for the great work that the entire FMC team is doing to ensure fair competition and integrity for America’s ocean supply chain.”

Chairman Khouri is a forty-eight year veteran in the maritime industry from positions held in marine vessel operations, legal and executive positions.

## CVSA Roadcheck Set for June 4-6, Will Focus on Steering and Suspension

The annual Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance’s (CVSA) International Roadcheck will take place June 4-6. Over that 72-hour period, commercial motor vehicle inspectors in jurisdictions throughout North America will conduct inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers.

Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. This year’s focus is steering and suspension systems.

“Steering and suspension are safety critical systems for any commercial motor vehicle,” said CVSA President Chief Jay Thompson with the Arkansas Highway Police. “Not only do they support the heavy loads carried by trucks and buses, but they also help maintain stability and control under acceleration and braking, keeping the vehicle safely on the road. Furthermore, they keep tires in alignment, reducing chances of uneven tire wear and possible tire failure, and they maximize the contact between the tires and the road to provide steering stability and good handling.”

## APMT Global Safety Day Set for April 30th

APM Terminal will host its 13th Annual Global Safety Day on Tuesday, April 30th. Safety-related presentations, workshops and activities will be conducted across APM Terminals Global Terminals Network’s 72 operating port and terminal facilities, as well as Inland Services operations and offices, located in 69 countries around the world, including at the company’s global headquarters in The Hague, The Netherlands. Additional information will be posted at <https://www.apmterminals.com/> as the date gets closer.



## PANYNJ Previews 30-Year Master Plan for Port of NJ & NJ



The PANYNJ Port Department met with several stakeholders this week to provide a preview of its 30-year Master Plan. The Port Master Plan will “guide the growth and development of the Port of New York and New Jersey through a holistic and dynamic decision-making process aimed at continuing to enhance the port’s position as the premier North American East Coast gateway for commerce over the next 30 years” according to the PANYNJ.

## 2019 Cunninghame Memorial Scholarship Applications Now Available!

Applications and information on our [2019 Samuel L. Cunninghame Memorial Scholarship](#) have been posted on our website. **Deadline for submission is April 26, 2019.**



The annual scholarship is named in honor of our longtime Legislative Relations Director, Sam Cunninghame. Each year, the Bi-State honors Sam's memory by providing scholarships and mini-grants to deserving college-bound high school seniors and full-time undergraduate students who have a parent or guardian working, as either an employee or independent contractor with a Member Company. Eligibility details and requirements are listed on the Application instructions. The main scholarship award this year will be \$1,500.

**At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded this year.**

All [applications](#) must be received no later than April 26, 2019. Recipients will be notified the first week in May. Please contact Communications Director Lisa Yakomin at [LisaY@thebistate.com](mailto:LisaY@thebistate.com) with any questions.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**The Annual Bi-State Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019  
Sponsorship opportunities available soon!**



## Cargo Volume Continues to Break Records at PONYNJ

Record-breaking container volumes at the Port of NY & NJ continued their upward trend, setting an all-time high in January 2019. Total volume for the month rose by 6.3 percent, posting 622,531 TEUs (355,374 lifts) versus 585,864 TEUs (335,282 lifts) in January of 2018. This increase represents the fifth highest monthly volume ever recorded at the Port of New York and New Jersey.

The Port of NY & NJ reports that import loads also rose, showing a 5.9 percent increase in January 2019 compared to 2018, although export loads decreased slightly. Export empties also showed large gains in January, increasing by 12.5 percent, totaling 182,337 TEUs versus 162,070 TEUs in January 2018. Import empties in January 2019, were down by 46.5 percent compared to the previous year.



Increases were also reported on the rail side, with rail volume increasing by 8.8 percent in January 2019, totaling 54,705 containers versus 50,303 the previous year. This gain represents the 11th consecutive month of rail volume above 50,000 containers.

In January, 44,114 autos moved through the Port of New York and New Jersey, representing a decrease of 12.8 percent when compared to January 2018. Auto volume for January 2018 was 50,596.



“The Port is off to a good start,” said Port Authority of NY & NJ’s Assistant Port Director Bethann Rooney. “Every indication that it is going to be another strong year. With 85% of our container volume moving by truck, we appreciate the hard work and dedication of the trucking community to help keep the PONYNJ—the capital of commerce—moving.”

The Port of New York & New Jersey is the largest port on the U.S. East Coast and the third largest in the U.S. The Port recently released [a promotional video](#) to increase awareness of the services and the impact the Port has on the regional economy. [CLICK HERE to watch the video on YouTube.](#)

## Memorial Donations to Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation

At the start of our March General Member meeting, the Bi-State held a Moment of Silence in honor of Joseph John Nardi, father of NYSA President John Nardi, who passed away last month.

Joseph J. Nardi was a NYC firefighter serving in Canarsie, Brooklyn and Howard Beach, Queens. Memorial donations are being accepted in his name at the [Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation](#). The mission of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller, who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. All donations are tax deductible.



The Bi-State has made a contribution to the fund in memory of Joseph J. Nardi on behalf of its members. For those who would like to donate individually, more information can be found on the Tunnel to Towers website: <https://tunnel2towers.org/>.



**Save the Date!**  
**Monday, September 16, 2019**  
**Liberty House in Liberty St. Park**  
**Jersey City, NJ**

For more information, email  
[PortIndustryDay@yahoo.com](mailto:PortIndustryDay@yahoo.com)  
or call 201-437-1891



Join us for our next  
**General Member Meeting**  
**Tues, April 9th, 10am**

**NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium**  
1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ

*Coming in April:* Back by popular demand, the legal experts at **Genova Burns LLC** will provide answers to members' questions on a variety of issues affecting the port trucking community and review the latest info on misclassification.

*Coming in May:* **TRAC Intermodal** recently acquired the tire services division of Core Fleet, Inc, the largest supplier of re-tread tires in the industry. TRAC will make a presentation at our May 14th General Meeting to provide additional details to our members, including information on direct tire pricing for owner-operators and company-owned fleets.



### Dates to Remember

April 9	Monthly Member Meeting
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter
April 26	<a href="#">Scholarship Applications</a> Due
May 14	Monthly Member Meeting
May 27	Memorial Day
June 10	Monthly Member Meeting



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