

Trucking Moves America Forward has a clear goal – to improve the trucking industry's image and show the tremendous value it provides to the U.S. economy and everyday life.

As we look back on 2015, we're proud to say that TMAF had a remarkable year galvanizing this grassroots movement. From engaging audiences, to growing the donor base, to deploying traditional and social media strategies, we've amplified the industry's voice and received positive feedback at every turn.

Policymakers, the public, and our industry stakeholders have heard our message loud and clear. Our key audiences increasingly understand that trucking brings 7 million jobs and more than \$700 billion to the U.S. economy, but we can't stop here.

Fortunately, 2015 was another successful year in setting a foundation that we can build off of for years to come. That is why we want to take this occasion – in TMAF's first annual report – to share the movement's activities, benchmarks, and statistics from 2015. We have impressive numbers demonstrating social media sharing and engagement, news stories, a growing subscriber list, marketing visibility, advertising campaigns and more.

It is also worth pointing out the efforts that provided intangible value in 2015. A new members-only resources page on truckingmovesamerica.com features excellent tools at the grassroots level. Many of you have also seen – and made use of – our updated Industry Movement Guide and PowerPoint presentation. We also, for the first time, commissioned a study to research the effectiveness of TMAF's 2015 image campaign – as a starting benchmark to measure our campaign moving forward; the results will be used to guide and improve our messaging and outreach tactics. And finally, TMAF's ongoing marketing included adding the all-new TMAF Store to the website.

Another accomplishment that is difficult to measure, but easily felt, is the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received from our supporters across the country. In closing, we'd like to thank you again for your hard work and loyalty throughout 2015. We look forward to an even more successful 2016.

#### Sincerely.

Kevin W. Burch, co-chair of TMAF
President, Jet Express, Inc.
First Vice Chairman, American Trucking Associations

Steve Ponder, co-chair of TMAF

Executive Vice President, Great West Casualty Company



## **MISSION**

The mission of Trucking Moves America Forward is to establish a long-term industry-wide movement to create a positive image for the industry, to ensure that policymakers and the public understand the importance of the trucking industry to the nation's economy, and to build the political and grassroots support necessary to strengthen and grow the industry in the future.



TMAF wants to make sure drivers are portrayed as skilled professionals and devoted family people who value safety, efficiency and reliability. Today, an estimated 1 in 17 Americans is involved in trucking and TMAF wants to make sure everyone understands just how essential this industry is and how hard its

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## WHAT WE DO

Every day, millions of trucks travel across the United States to help move America forward.

Whether you are a student, mother, homeowner, doctor, business executive or politician, you depend on trucks to deliver essential foods, medicines, office supplies, computers, cribs, and other products that help you live every day.

Most Americans don't realize how essential trucks are to their lives until there is a severe weather or adverse condition that prevents trucks from delivering.

But the fact is trucks are critical to our national and global economy, to our families, to our businesses, and so much more. When they stop moving, the country stops moving.

By telling our story—educating the public and working with policymakers at the state and federal level—we can ensure that the trucking industry remains the thriving industry it is today.

Trucking Moves America Forward. We have a story. Help us share it!



### **MEMBER RESOURCES**

The TMAF website,

truckingmovesamerica.com, went through important updates in 2015 – namely via the members-only resources page. Members can now access tools such as key messages; talking points segmented by seven audiences (drivers, mechanics, vendors, the motoring public, lawmakers, allied member companies, and customers); press materials; sample speeches and op-eds; donation and pledge information; trailer wrap information; and useful visuals for amplifying TMAF's image, such as videos, social media shareables, and advertisements. The goal with the site is to demonstrate how to promote the movement by providing all the necessary materials.

### **MEMBER DATABASE**

The new email marketing database established in 2015 has now amassed 2,100 subscribers to ensure our membership is regularly informed. Those who sign up through the website receive email notifications on industry news, advertising campaigns, TMAF ress releases and TMAF milestones.



### **TRADE SHOWS**

TMAF knows it is necessary to be a part our industry trade shows and conferences to reach drivers, vendors, suppliers, carriers, associations and more. TMAF was present at 2015 MATS, 2015 GATS, the National Truck Driving Championships, and ATA's MCE – reaching a potential combined audience of 127,500.

- AT MATS, the largest annual heavyduty trucking industry event in the world attracting 70,000 attendees and 1,000 exhibitors, TMAF held a press conference to give an update on the movement's progress, and provided marketing language in the conference program and for the website.
- At GATS, TMAF had a presence at several members' booths, displaying pledge cards and signage, and encouraging member sign-up and donations.
- At the National Truck Driving
   Championships in St. Louis, where more
   than 2,000 friends, family, colleagues,
   company executives and fans came
   out to cheer on the drivers, TMAF
   displayed signage and also conducted
   video interviews with professionals in
   the industry, resulting in four videos.
- At MCE in October, 1,500 attendees saw the TMAF signage that was displayed all over the conference. TMAF leaders gave remarks during key speeches, and TMAF provided handouts and gear while encouraging sign-ups and donations.



We are proud to be a part of the Trucking
Moves America Forward program by covering
three of our newest trailers with the message,
and we hope that many Americans will
come to appreciate all of the hardworking
individuals in the trucking industry.

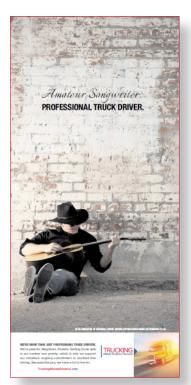
■ Titan CEO Tommy Hodges

### **TRAILER WRAPS**

By the close of 2015, there were 80 TMAF tractor-trailer wraps appearing on trucks throughout the country. This was a significant success, moving TMAF toward its goal of 100 through March and even more in 2016. These "moving billboards" are a great educational tool for the motoring public. They tell a real-time story of how truck drivers are just like you and me – fathers, mothers, friends, and colleagues – diminishing the notion of massive vehicles needlessly taking up space on the road, and instead demonstrating the value that trucks deliver, each earning as many as 16 million impressions per city.



## **2015:** MEDIA





### **PAID ADVERTISING**

TMAF executed two major ad buys in 2015 — a Washington lawmaker-focused campaign in March/April and a consumer-focused campaign in September. With careful consideration of the budget, TMAF executed cost-effective campaigns that tell its story to very targeted audiences.

 The advocacy campaign included print, digital, radio and earned media.
 Print ads in Politico, The Hill and The Washington Post newspapers yielded a combined total of 165,870 impressions.
 Online, website-banner ads on politico. com and thehill.com produced a click-through rate of 0.15 percent.
 And 26 radio spots on WTOP News in Washington reach nearly 1 million gross impressions for adults ages 25+ and 35+.

circulation

The consumer campaign reached a total circulation of more than 1.5 million readers in nine major dailies: the Billings Gazette, Orlando Sentinel, Sacramento Bee, Houston Chronicle, Nashville Tennessean, Omaha World-Herald, Dayton Daily News, Philadelphia Inquirer/Daily News and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.



## **12015:** MEDIA

### **EARNED MEDIA**

TMAF was seen in the news all over the country in 2015. Throughout the year, news stories were secured in trucking trade publications on TMAF news and announcements. Media outlets in Washington and throughout the country provided coverage when TMAF was advocating for better laws that support the industry, and when an association provided a significant donation to the movement.

There were 50 earned media placements in 2015. Half of those were opinion letters drafted to promote the essential benefits of trucking during holidays and critical times of need throughout the year. They were authored by co-chair Kevin Burch and submitted to business journals and daily newspapers during the legislation session in Washington, National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, and the winter holidays.

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News stories secured

**▶ 24** 

Stories placed in daily newspapers and industry trade journals **12** 

Press releases issued

▶ 26

Thought leadership/ opinion pieces







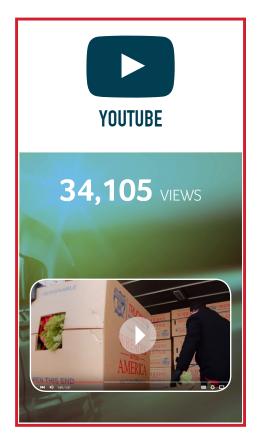




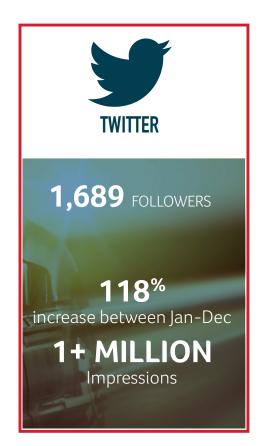


## **12015:** SOCIAL MEDIA









These numbers show TMAF's Facebook page when compared to 9,073 other pages that have fans between 1,000 and 10,000. TMAF outperforms the average.

	PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT (200 USERS)	VIRAL REACH (9330 USERS)	ORGANIC REACH (3257 USERS)	
TRUCKING Moves America Forward	<b>3.1</b> <sup>%</sup>	146.1 <sup>%</sup>	146.1%	
OTHER	2.5%	23.4%	21.3%	
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# TMAF SUPPORTED IMPORTANT ADVOCACY EFFORTS WHERE TRUCKING'S ESSENTIALITY IS AT STAKE.



### **HIGHWAY BILL**

Beginning in April, when federal lawmakers were battling over the passage of a long-term highway bill, TMAF promoted the economic, safety and essentiality-of-trucking messages to Congress in the form of press releases, earned media, advertising and social media.

In December, after many months of debate, the U.S. Congress passed a long-term highway funding bill, for which TMAF advocated strongly. The \$305 billion measure, which includes several major transportation and logistics-related improvements, put an end to the short-term patches that have financed infrastructure projects since 2009.

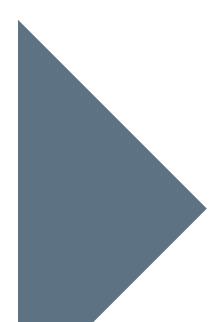
"The long-overdue passage of a bipartisan highway funding bill is great news for America's truck drivers, families and the motoring public," said Kevin Burch, co-chairman of TMAF, president of Jet Express, Inc., and first vice chairman of American Trucking Associations. "I congratulate Congress for taking such an important safety step in improving our nation's roads and bridges."

### **INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK 2015**

In May, TMAF announced it would join Infrastructure Week, a series of events in Washington, D.C. attended by more than 60 national and regional infrastructure and transportation advocacy groups. Participating organizations shared a commitment to educating lawmakers and the public about America's neglected infrastructure and the profound consequences that disinvestment has on American businesses and livelihoods.

Leading up to the week and during the week, TMAF created press and marketing materials for the effort and enjoyed free publicity on the organization's website and in their marketing materials.

"All of us at TMAF are thrilled to join such a diverse and broad group of business and transportation interest groups calling attention to America's critical infrastructure needs and the rapidly approaching Highway Trust Fund fiscal cliff," said Burch. "Trucking companies cannot afford any more delays. Congress must fully fund the federal Highway Trust Fund to safeguard our nation's economic and national security."



### TMAF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Steve Ponder Executive Vice President** 

Great West Casualty Company

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**Communications Manager** 

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TMAF is grateful. Since inception, there has been a total of 180 donors to the TMAF movement. In-kind donations came from publications who donated advertising space. We also are thankful to those individual contributions that came to us at trade shows through checks and visits to our new online store, SHOP TMAF.

### **Statement of Activities**

Support & Revenue	
Contributions	\$1,619,077.70
Other Income (Product revenue)	\$5,494.70
Other Income (Trailer wrap income)	\$12,750.00
Total Revenue & Support	\$1,637,322.40

### **Expenses**

Project Net	\$766,630.50	
Total Expenses	\$ 857,941.96	
Events	\$10,843.61	
Marketing Graphics	\$4,507.45	
Website fees (donation and e-commerce)	\$28,378.63	
PR & Advertising outreach programs	\$814,212.27	



## **IMAJOR DONORS**

























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