

# Corps Navigation Program Funding – AAPA Views

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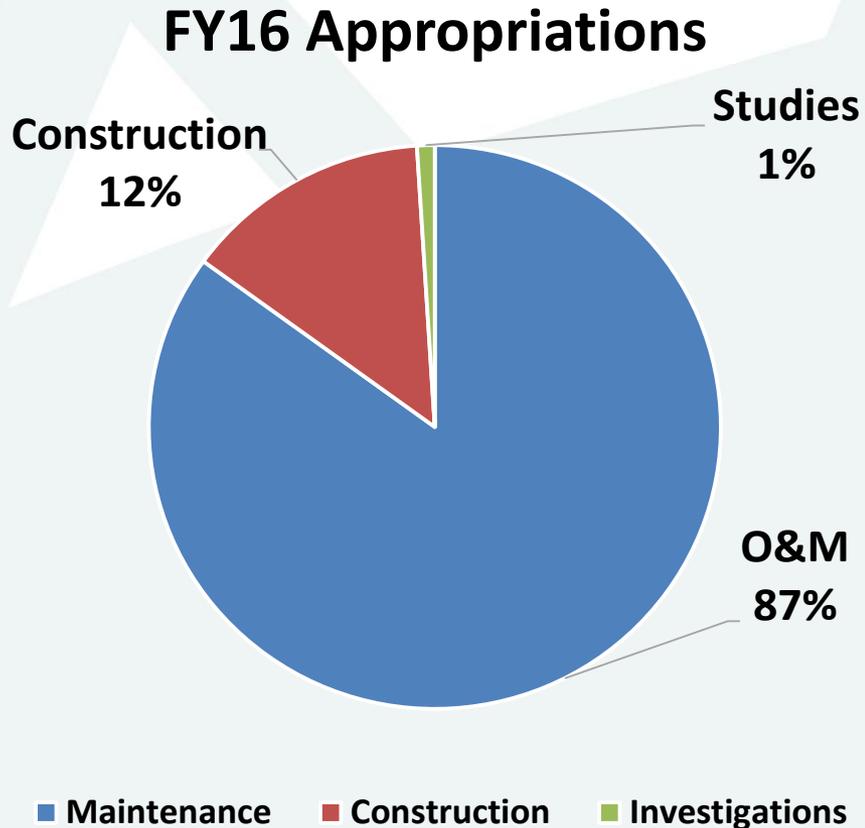
# Trends in Navigation Funding

- Last 5 years
- Administration budget request up 20%
- Congress funding up 50%
- We're making progress
- More to be done
- Success: Full use of HMT revenues

# Navigation Program by Account

- Investigations – fewer studies but funded to capability
- Construction – fewer projects; funding levels declining; more State funding
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) – increasing funds

# HMT and Channel Maintenance



- HMT established to fund 100% of coastal navigation channel O&M
- O&M is the major effort (87%) of Corps coastal navigation program
- HMT is not used for channel improvements or construction

# HMT Addressed in WRRDA 2014

## TARGETS

- FY 2015 67% of FY 2014
- FY 2016 69% of FY 2015
- FY 2017 71%
- FY 2018 74%
- FY 2019 77%
- FY 2020 80%
- FY 2021 83%
- FY 2022 87%
- FY 2023 91%
- FY 2024 95%
- FY 2025+ 100%

## Water Resources and Reform Development Act of 2014, Section 2101

Navigation supporters initiate the 'Hit the HMT Target!' campaign



# HMT Revenue, Actual & Estimates

Source: Pres Budget Appendix

FY Budget	Actual HMT	Actual HMT	Est HMT	Est HMT	Est HMT	Est HMT
2017	2015	1517	2016	1662	2017	1802
2016	2014	1617	2015	1817	2016	1887
2015	2013	1696	2014	1792	2015	1925
2014	2012	1587	2013	1847	2014	2005
2013	2011	1629	2012	1691	2013	1864

# HMT Target and Funding

FY Budget	Est HMT	Est HMT	HMT %	HMT Target \$M	Less \$40 SLS + CBP	Corps Approp
2017	2016	1662	71	1180	1140	
2016	2015	1817	69	1254	1214	1263
2015	2014	1792	67	1201	1161	1112
2014	2013	1847	—			1070
2013	2012	1691	—			809

# 'Hit the HMT Target!' Campaign



## \$2.755B FY16 CORPS NAVIGATION PROGRAM

Essential dredging, maintenance,  
construction and studies for:

- Competitive ports and inland waterways
- More U.S. jobs
- Economic growth

## \$2.755 billion for 2016 Corps Navigation Program

	2016 Nav Stakeholders	2015 Cronnlbus	2016 Pres Bud	Remarks
Coastal & Inland Navigation Investigations	\$50 M	\$38 M	\$25 M	Complete WRRDA studies in 3 years
Coastal Navigation Construction	\$300 M	\$184 M	\$81 M	For WRRDA channel improvements
Inland Navigation Construction	\$360 M	\$300 M	\$240 M	Inland Waterway Trust Fund full use
Coastal Navigation O&M (Harbor Maintenance Tax)	\$1.25 B	\$1.12 B	\$871* M	Hits WRRDA Target *Total HMT \$915; \$44 of Const is HMT
Coastal Navigation O&M (Donor & Energy Ports)	\$50 M	\$0	\$0	WRRDA Section 2106
Inland Nav O&M	\$700 M	\$661 M	\$691 M	
MS River & Trib	\$45 M	\$45 M	\$38 M	Construction & O&M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.755 B</b>	<b>\$2.348 B</b>	<b>\$1.948 B</b>	

# 'Hit the HMT Target!' Campaign



## NAVIGATION STAKEHOLDERS CALL FOR \$2.8B FY17 CORPS NAVIGATION PROGRAM

Competitive Ports and Inland Waterways Stimulate U.S. and Economic Growth.

FROM NAVIGATION COALITION

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### We Urge Congress to Support \$2.8 Billion for the 2017 Corps Navigation Program

	2017 Stakeholders	2016 Enacted	2017 Pres Budget
<b>COASTAL NAVIGATION</b>	<b>\$1.545 B</b>	\$1.3908 B	\$1.009 B
Investigations	\$15 M	\$ 13.6 M	\$ 8 M
Construction	\$200 M	\$185.2 M	\$105 M
Operations & Maintenance	\$1.280 B	\$1.167 B	\$896 M
Donor and Energy Ports	\$50 M	\$ 25 M	\$ 0
<b>INLAND NAVIGATION</b>	<b>\$1.210 B</b>	\$1.1746 B	\$888 M
Investigations	\$20 M	\$ 19.6 M	\$ 14 M
Construction	\$390 M	\$402 M	\$243 M
Operations & Maintenance	\$800 M	\$753 M	\$631 M
<b>MS RIVER &amp; TRIBUTARIES</b>	<b>\$45 M</b>	\$46.1 M	\$ 37 M
<b>TOTAL NAVIGATION</b>	<b>\$2.800 B</b>	<b>\$2.614 B</b>	<b>\$1.934 B</b>

# The Advocacy Team

- AAPA
- Waterways Council, Inc (WCI)
- Dredging Contractors of America (DCA)
- Pacific Northwest Association (PNWA)
- CMANC
- Gulf Ports Association of the Americas (GPAA)
- Great Lakes Ports Assoc & Lake Carriers Assoc
- Big River Coalition

# Lessons Learned (after 2 years)

- Simple message consistently used
- Communicate early and often
- Have info ready when the President's budget request is released
- Watch for the curve ball: 2017 was reduced HMT revenue estimate
- Ports have adapted advocacy to programmatic funding increases by Congress

# THANK YOU

- to Ports for their support and advocacy;
- to Appropriators for funding;
- to Congressional members that see this as a National issue for inland as well as coastal regions.
- This is an important investment for 21<sup>st</sup> century freight movement.
- Please help us educate and advocate to fully use these tax revenues for their intended purpose

