#### **Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund**

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## **Corps Navigation Mission**

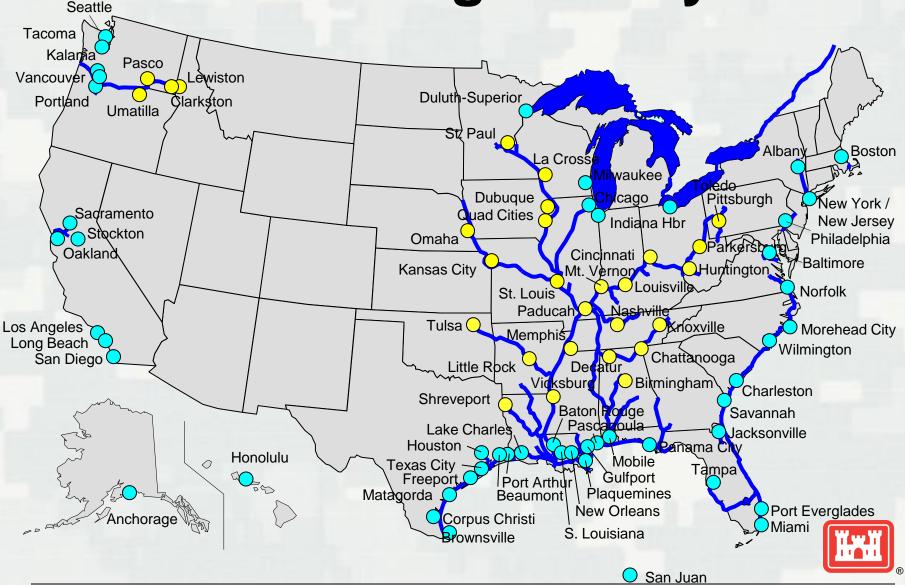
Provide safe, reliable, efficient, effective and environmentally sustainable waterborne transportation systems for movement of commerce, national security needs, and recreation.







# The U.S. Navigation System



# **USACE** Navigation Assets

COASTAL NAVIGATION 1067 Navigation Projects 19 lock chambers 13,000 miles of channels 929 navigation structures 844 bridges



INLAND NAVIGATION 27 Inland River Systems 207 lock chambers @ 171 lock sites 12,000 miles of inland river channels



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# **Current Infrastructure Situation**

- Channels and harbors are not maintained to authorized dimensions
- Much of our economic and physical security and quality of life depends on infrastructure that is wearing out faster than it is being replaced or rehabilitated.



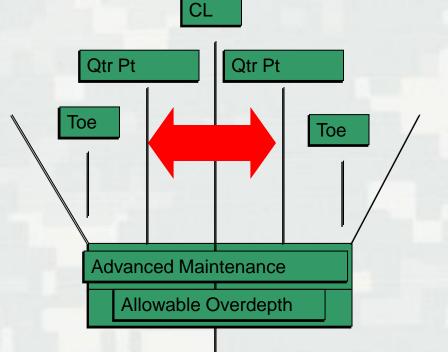
 Decreasing reliability of locks and other navigation infrastructure impedes transportation of goods.

- A direct relationship exists between increasing age and increasing needs for maintenance, rehabilitation, replacement and repurposing.
- 21st Century needs are different or greater than those of the last century.



# Coastal Navigation Channel Performance

- High Use Projects,
  >10M tons/year
- Goal: Half channel width, 95% of time
- Actual: 35% of time



Analogy to building a 2-lane road; Present funding allows one lane, one-third of the year



#### President's Budgets (\$millions)

Pres Bud	Coastal	Inland	Nav	CW total	Nav Percent
FY13	\$967	\$780	\$1,747	\$4,731	37
FY12	\$832	\$744	\$1,575	\$4,631	34
FY11	\$873	\$779	\$1,652	\$4,939	33
FY10	\$971	\$796	\$1,767	\$5,125	35
FY09	\$969	\$931	\$1,900	\$4741	40
FY08	\$957	\$1052	\$2,009	\$4,900	41



# Navigation Budget by Appropriation (\$millions)

Pres Bud Fiscal Year	Investigations	Construction	O&M	MR&T	Total Nav
FY 13	\$25	\$352	\$1,326	\$44	\$1,747
FY 12	\$18	\$283	\$1,237	\$37	\$1,575
FY 11	\$19	\$291	\$1,297	\$45	\$1,652
FY 10	\$19	\$288	\$1,411	\$48	\$1,767
FY 09	\$20	\$495	\$1,346	\$39	\$1,900
FY 08	\$19	\$572	\$1,383	\$35	\$2,009
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### FY 13 Navigation by Account (\$millions)

	Investigations	Construction	O&M	MR&T	Total Nav
Pres Bud	\$25	\$352	\$1,326	\$44	\$1,747
House	\$22	\$359	\$1,469	\$43	\$1,893
Senate	\$36	\$438	\$1,351	\$47	\$1,872



## **Navigation Funding Needs**

- Estimated \$1.5 B needed over 5 years to restore authorized dimensions for high and moderate commercial use coastal channels and harbors
- Additional \$500 M needed for low commercial use projects
- Estimated \$1.2 B needed after that to maintain authorized dimensions for high and moderate commercial use coastal channels and harbors
- Additional \$300 M needed for low commercial use projects



### Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund

- Established in WRDA 1986
- Ad valorem tax of .125% on cargo value
- HM Tax collected on imports and domestic cargo
- Reimburses Treasury for 100% of harbor O&M since 1990, and DMPFs, Beneficial Use, Sand Mitigation
- Also supports St. Lawrence Seaway operations, Customs data collection
- Revenue:
  - ► FY 11 Revenues \$1.6 B
  - ► FY 11 Reimbursements \$827 M
  - Increasing balance \$6.2 billion at end FY 11



# Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP 21)

- Enacted July 6, 2012
- Section 1536 Sense of Congress on HMTF:
  - Administration should request full use of HMTF
  - HMTF should be fully expended
  - Congress should ensure that other programs, projects, and activities of the Corps Civil Works Program are not adversely impacted
- Requires increase in E&WDA Act or redistribution between Federal agencies
- Not binding on Congress or Administration



# Outlook

- How should Congress address the critical need for additional port and inland waterway modernization?
  - Asking the question indicates a willingness to consider alternative approaches to the project by project historical method.
- White House Navigation Task Force and National Exports Initiative
- Possible National Freight Policy?
  - Coastal and Inland navigation
  - Intermodal considerations
  - Urgency of resolving the Harbor Maintenance and Inland Waterways Trust Funds issues



# Summary

- Navigation funding is an essential component for the Nation's Global trade
- HMTF needed for future channel maintenance
- America's Marine Transportation System infrastructure must become a National priority in order to get adequate funding
- Need national commitment to shipping, global trade and navigation infrastructure
- Navigation funding is key to Economy, Jobs, and Exports!

