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“Intermodal Freight Priorities in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act”

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AAPA Overview

**Committed to keeping seaports
navigable/secure/sustainable**



- **AAPA a hemispheric alliance of 160 port authorities; 86 in U.S.**
- **Members include 320 related organizations**
- **Association promotes info sharing/education & training**



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For centuries, seaports have served as a vital economic lifeline

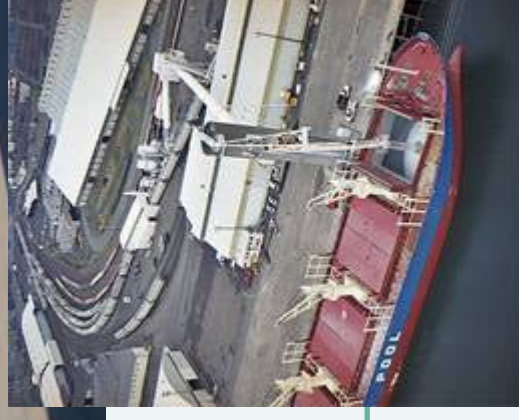
- *In 2007, U.S. seaports generated \$3.2 trillion of business activity and supported 13.3 million high-paying jobs*
- *99.6% of U.S. overseas imports & exports moves through seaports*
- *International trade now generates more than 1/4 of U.S. GDP*
- *Seaports spend >\$2 billion/year on infrastructure, but investment needed in connections on land- and waterside*



Everyone Depends On Seaports (whether they know it or not!)

Appreciation of seaports' value is crucial to success

- Seaports are vital economic lifelines for communities, regions & nations
- Modern, uncongested land & waterway infrastructure needed for trade & economic prosperity
- Seaport stewardship programs helping to protect environment
- Secure seaports crucial to national defense & reliable goods movement



Seaport Industry Challenges

Infrastructure, environment & security top concerns



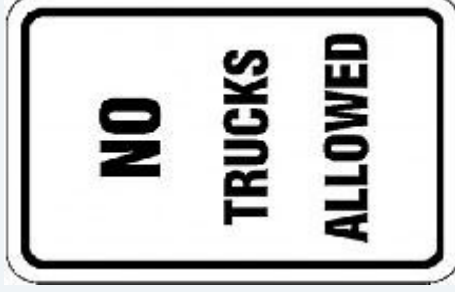
Infrastructure Challenges

Freight movement must be efficient, on land & water

Landside access to seaports becoming severely congested



Federal navigation channel depths not keeping pace with needs



In U.S., freight movement often takes back seat to passenger traffic needs

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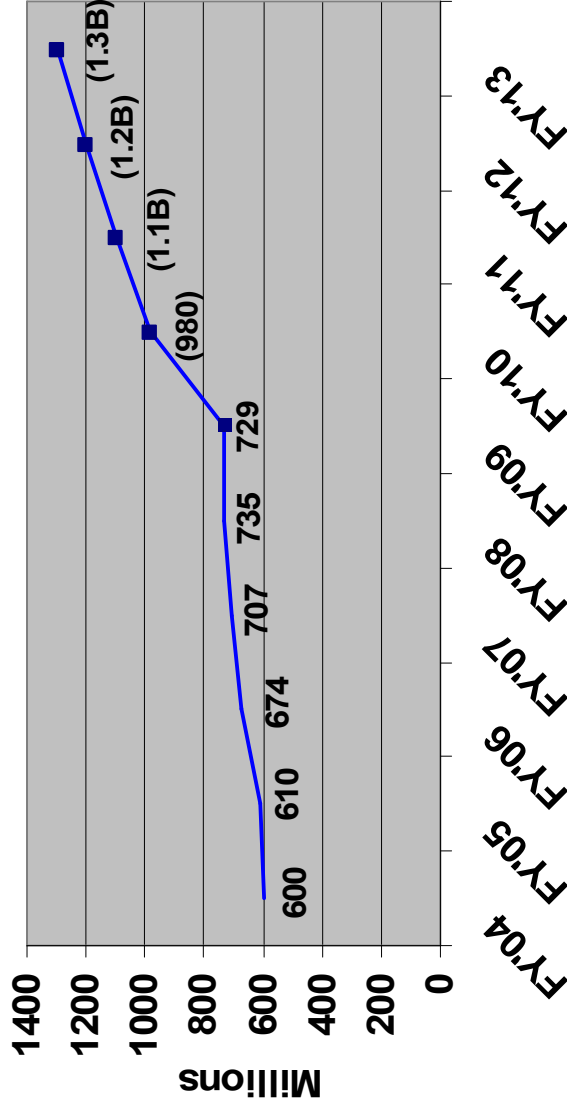
Relieving cargo-moving impediments is the goal



Authorized Channel Dimensions Only Available 30-40% Of The Time

- *Make full use of HMT to maintain federal channels at required depths & widths*
- *Increase federal appropriations for channel deepening, widening & studies*
- *More federal investment needed to help keep U.S. competitive globally*

Meeting Maintenance Dredging Requirements
5-year Plan FY'09-13



Future values in 2008 dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

Making Freight Transportation A Priority

Modern goods movement infrastructure is vital to international trade, America's economic prosperity

- *Investing in freight transportation infrastructure imperative for meeting nation's economic demands*
- *For the industry, AAPA supports a national freight policy & funding for projects/corridors of national/regional significance*
- *AAPA also supports funding for marine highways*
- *Inland & coastal waterways connect with seaports to move everything from grain, oil, steel and coal, to intermodal containers*



AAPA's Surface Transportation Reauthorization Guiding Principles

Create a National Freight Program that . . .

- *Funds projects & corridors of national/regional significance*
- *Funds intermodal freight corridors*
- *Allows ports to apply directly for project funds*
- *Requires state/MPO level expertise on freight transportation & marine highway alternatives*

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Program Reform should . . .

- *Consolidate existing 108 programs, including one focused on freight transportation*
- *Establish multi-modal freight office in U.S. DOT*

Project Delivery should . . .

- *Address environmental review inefficiencies*
- *Address NEPA redundancies*
- *Delegate NEPA responsibilities to state agencies*

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Freight Rail Investments should . . .

- *Offer tax incentives to invest in port access*
- *Include cost-share grants*
- *Define freight corridors of national significance*
- *Require state/MPO-level expertise on rail access*

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Develop marine highways that alleviate highway congestion & improve environmental sustainability through . . .

- *HMT exemptions for port-to-port cargoes, including container-on-barge*
- *Federal funding support for short-sea shipping services*
- *Incentives for shippers (e.g., green tax credit)*
- *Development of expertise at state/MPO level on marine highway alternatives/benefits*

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*Funding freight infrastructure investments will be
challenging, but not impossible*

- *Combination of funding mechanisms likely required*
- *If freight trust fund created, must be fully spent on freight mobility*
- *Shouldn't disadvantage U.S. exports or U.S. ports' competitiveness*

Seaports Deliver Prosperity

- *Ports are our economic lifeline with the world*
- *They provide jobs, goods, choices, security, environmental stewardship & more*
- *Port infrastructure investment will aid in our economic recovery and long-term prosperity*

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