After years of underutilizing Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT), a comprehensive solution that dedicates full use of the annual revenues to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will result in the long-term sustainability of our nation’s harbor maintenance needs.

The port industry has agreed on a fair and equitable framework that provides full use of the HMT by the Corps, ensures year-to-year funding sustainability and assures the most efficient use of collected harbor maintenance funds. Under this plan, the prior year’s HMT revenues would be appropriated to the Corps.

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A 3-stage plan to restore and fully maintain the nation’s water highways using existing revenues – NO NEW TAXES

**FULL HMT COLLECTIONS**

(including taxes + surplus interest)

Emerging harbors nationwide would receive a minimum of 10% of HMT collections.*

Transition between stages with no reduction to channel maintenance from maximum stage funding level.

**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**

- HMT Collections over $1.54B
  - 85% to Channel Maintenance
  - 15% D&E ports (10% Donor, 5% Energy Transfer)‡

**FULLY MAINTAINED STAGE**

Determination that projects are fully maintained
- 80% to Channel Maintenance
- 20% D&E ports (10% Donor, 10% Energy Transfer)‡

* Emerging harbors are defined as those harbors that handle less than 1 million tons of cargo annually.
‡ Expand HMT eligible uses