

The Partnership Process - Issue Resolution in Action

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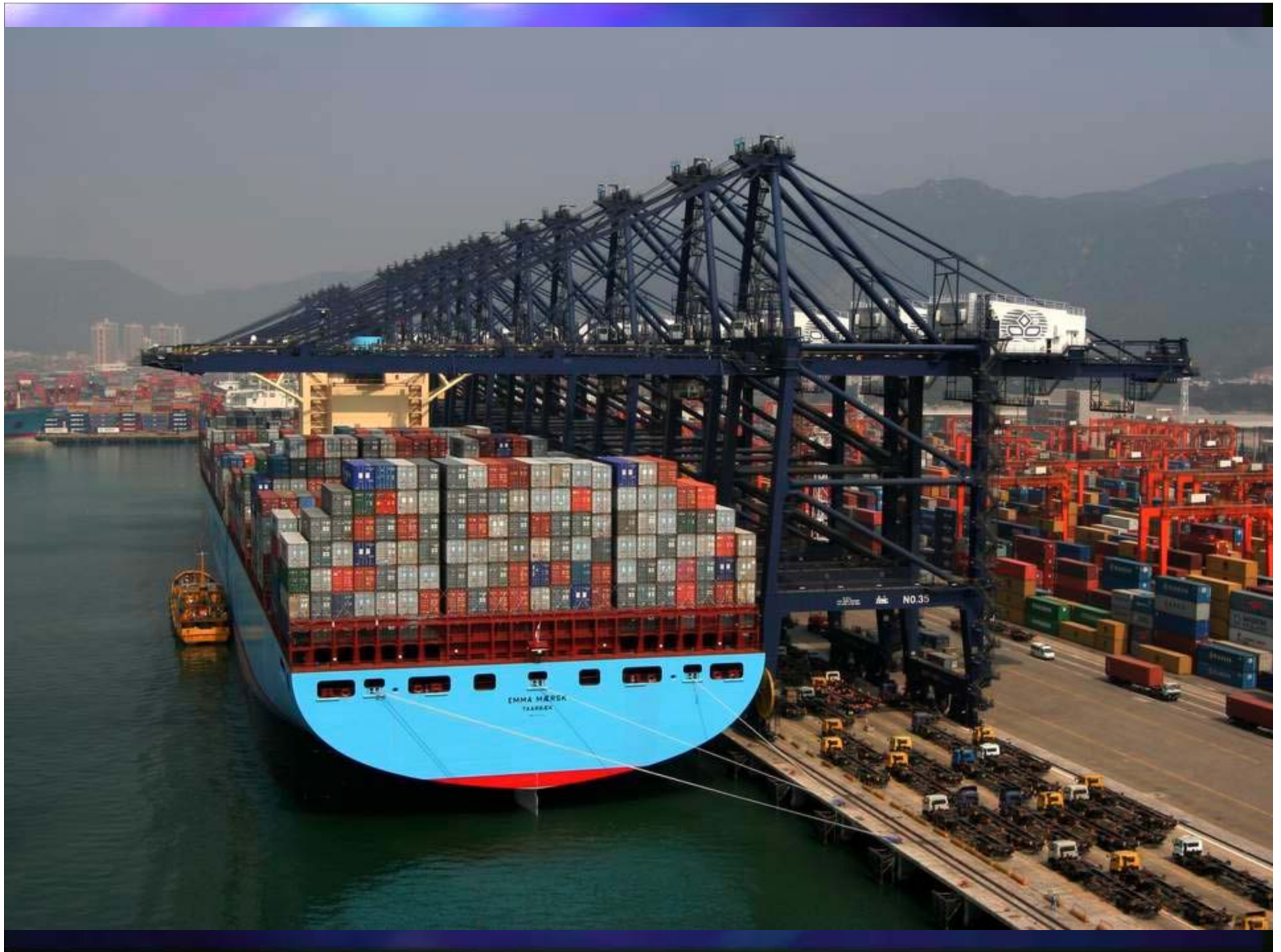
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Ports' Objective

**Improve Navigation
Channels:
In a Timely Manner!!**





The Corps' Process

- * Completes Recon**
- * Initiates Feasibility Study**
(Subject to Appropriations)
- * Continues Feasibility Study**
- * Independent Peer Review**
- * CWRB Approval/Chief's Report**
- * ASA (CW)/OMB Approval**
- * Congressional Authorization**
- * Congressional Appropriations (PED)**
- * Congressional Appropriations (Construction)**
- * PCA Negotiations**

Assessment

- * Corps Process Takes Too Long**
- * Feasibility Study Funding Constrained**
- * New Requirements Added**
- * Funding of PED Virtually Eliminated
From the Budget**
- * Very Few New Starts**
- * Infrequent/Unpredictable Timing of
WRDAs**

Issue Resolution Suggestions

- * **Appeal to Corps HQ, ASA (CW) & OMB for higher GI Budget for studies & PED**
- * **Consider Section 203 Studies by Ports**
- * **Undertake certain studies as GRRs (treat as feasibility studies)**
- * **Seek higher appropriations from Congress**
- * **Assure timely Independent peer review**
- * **Assure timely response to review comments**
- * **Update EC 1105-2-409 that calls for completing recons and feasibility studies in 3 years**

Ports' Objective

**Obtain Sufficient Federal Funds
to
Maintain Project Dimensions
and
Other Navigation Features**

Corps Agrees - BUT ?

Steinberg & Associates

Issues & Problems

- * Inadequate O&M Budget and Appropriations**
- * Higher Priority Given to Projects That the Corps Operates and Maintains**
- * Increasingly Difficult Problem as Projects Get Older**
- * Other Budget Priorities**
- * Bottom Line: Insufficient Funds for Ports**

Issue Resolution Suggestions

*** Section 2029 of WRDA 2007**

- * AAPA and the Ports need to follow through to assure implementation**
- The Corps needs the Ports' input before issuing policy guidance**

Issue Resolution Suggestions (Cont'd)

- **Section 2042 of WRDA 2007**

- * **Repeals Appropriations Act restrictions on the use of continuing contracts and very limited reprogramming**
- * **AAPA and the Ports need to appeal to the Appropriations Committees to:**
 - * **Not reverse Section 2042 of WRDA 2007**
 - * **Allow the Corps greater flexibility in reprogramming O&M funds**

Issue Resolution Suggestions (Cont'd)

- * Seek higher Appropriations for maintenance dredging**
- * Make Congress aware that the O&M funds available for dredging, are actually significantly lower than the amounts appropriated**



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