

# Marine Terminal Management Training Program Jacksonville, FL

# Trends in Container Terminal Design

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# Introduction

- Container terminal design trend
- Factors driving the trend
- Planning and engineering of a terminal
  - Number of berths, water depth
  - Land usage
  - Site elevation
  - Infrastructure





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# Container terminal design trend North America

# Historically operating at low density and high labor cost

# Due to growing environmental concerns pressure to operate with

- Fewer air emissions
- Higher density

#### Automation has been slow but growing

- Perceived inefficiency of the first systems
- Resistance of organized labor
- Capital cost of implementation







# **Container terminal design trend** North America

#### **APMT Terminal in Norfolk, VA leading** the trend

- ASCs with manual shuttle carriers
- 50% increase in avg QC productivity
- Ports America Concession at Port of Oakland with similar scheme

### Strong interest in hybrid RTGs

- Reduce pollution
- Increase fuel savings
- Battery and flywheel-based

#### Tandem 40 Quay Cranes arrived in **Deltaport**, Vancouver









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# Container terminal design trend Asia

High density, low labor cost (RTG + tractors)

Low but growing environmental concern

#### **Trending towards semi-automation**

- Overhead bridge crane system at Singapore
- Automated RTGs Toshima terminal in Japan
- Double cantilever RMGs at Pusan and Shanghai

#### Early adapters of Tandem-40 cranes











# **Container terminal design trend** Europe

- Medium density, high labor cost (straddle carrier based)
- High environmental concerns
- Moderately strong union
- Pioneer of highly automated terminals
- Robotic AGVs + ASCs
- Dual hoist cranes (2<sup>nd</sup> hoist automated)











# **Factors Driving the Container Terminal Design**









# **North America Container Port Traffic (TEUs)**









# North America Container Port Traffic (% of total)



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# Length Distribution of Recently Built Container Verset of Grade, the Caribbean (Panamax or larger)







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# Draft Distribution of Recently Built Container Vessels (Panamax or larger)







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# **Automation Technology**







# **Safety and Security**



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#### Safety

- Fewer people = fewer people getting hurt
- No need for trucks to drive underneath yard cranes



- Security
  - Street truckers cannot access containers directly
  - Fewer terminal personnel
  - Computer control and recording of all container movement
  - Automated scanning of cargo while in the CY



# Brisbane, Australia Fully Automated Operating System







# **Environmental Concerns**









# And.....Site Location... Location... Location

- Green field or brown field?
  - Relocation of existing tenants
- Excavation vs. dredging
  - Environmental mitigation
- Terminal access and utilities







# 1. Waterside Infrastructure Planner's Concerns









# 1. Waterside Infrastructure Engineer's Concerns















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# **Berth Alignment Study**







#### Minimal Environmental Impacts





Bulkhead aligned to minimize impacts on St Johns River





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# Site fill required



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Solution was to dredge at the same time of bulkhead construction









# *Temporary and permanent spoil cells*







# Modified Cell XY



Dredge concept was to allow muds to flow into a channel and be pumped over to Bartram Island







Cell XY



Dredger was placed inside cell to pump excess water and muds over to Bartram Island



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Cell XY



Sand dredged into cells on Dames Point was very good quality







# Bartram Island



...and muds that separated out were pumped over to Bartram Island via a submerged pipeline





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# Construction activities





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#### August 2007

Dredging and bulkhead construction scheduled in parallel

By September, dredging, bulkhead and civil works concurrent





# 2. Land Usage Planner's Concerns







# **Plus....Terminal Layout Needs to Account for**



Productivity	Capacity	Service reliability	Flexibility for increased velocity or capacity
Flexibility for expansion	Startup risk	Suitability for robotic operation	Flexibility to respond to odd operating situations
Maintainability and durability	Capital Cost	Labor	Entry and exit gate locations
Location of any on- terminal queuing locations	Width of traffic aisles	Location of private vehicle parking	Procedure for transporting personnel to and from work locations





# **Case Study: West Basin Container Terminal**



# **Terminal Layouts (RTG Cases)**











### ASC Layouts Left ASC with Straddle Carriers; Right: ASCs with terminal tractors







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# **Container Yard Capacity and Equipment Fleet**



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# **Cost per Vessel Move by Option**





# Freeport Bahamas – Transhipment Terminal Parallel RMGs with Strads







# 2. Land Usage Engineer's Concerns

- Geotechnical information of site (suitability for pavements and building foundations)
- Topography of site cut and fill
- Environmental impacts for permitting (wetlands?)
- Storm water drainage
- Tide levels
- Flooding (storm surges, hurricanes, heavy rain)





#### Minimal Environmental Impacts



Yellow – Freshwater wetlands impacts 3 acres of impact

Red – saltwater wetlands impacts 0.4 acres of impact

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#### Minimal Environmental Impacts





# **3. Infrastructure Connectivity**



# Planner's Concerns

- Access to main roads
- Access to rail
- Connection to local utility providers
  - Terminal demands (power, lighting, sewer, water)
- · Intensity of traffic flows







# **Road Access and Queuing Capacity**



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### **Rail Access and Bottlenecks**







# **Intermodal Container Transfer Facility**





# **3. Infrastructure Connectivity**



# Engineer's Concerns

- Traffic studies (impact on local traffic) solutions?
- Power demands substation, direct service, voltage etc.
- Sewer gravity, force main, pump stations etc.
- Water potable, fire mains, irrigation (local service, wells, salt water etc.)
- Telephones and data
- Permitting





#### **Site Access**









### **Early Concept**







# **Final Layout**





# **Summary of Container Terminal Design Trends**



- Longer and deeper container vessels
- Automation of processes and equipment
- Densification of storage
- Sustainable and environmentally friendly

# Questions or comments?



