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Ports Have Always Been the Most Private of Public Enterprises

North American Landlord Ports

- Prince Rupert
- Vancouver
- Seattle
- Portland
- Oakland
- Hueneme
- Los Angeles

- Long Beach
- San Diego
- Galveston
- Mobile
- Tampa
- Miami
- Everglades

- Jacksonville
- Baltimore
- New York
- Halifax
- Montreal
- Tacoma

The value of the location is in the business enterprise

- Who owns the business?
- Who owns the revenues?
- Operating ports are valued much higher than landlord ports

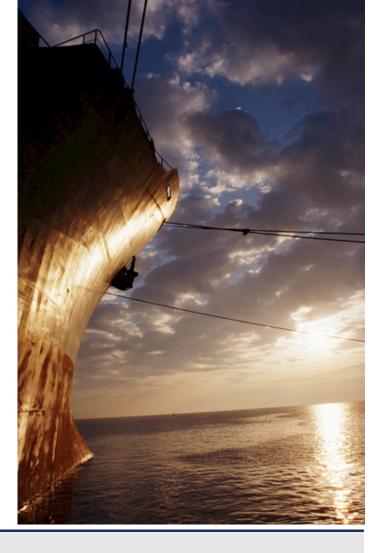
North American Operating Ports

Houston

Savannah

Charleston

Virginia (partial)



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Credit vs. Revenue

- If a Port has the revenue (historic), it has credit
- Port can borrow at very low rates tax exempt in the U.S.
- The downturn has affected landlord credit everywhere
- Project financing is all about reducing uncertainties
 - Firm contracts
 - Carrier commitments





















Going Concern Credit vs. Project Finance



Private Sector Participation

- Interest in Having the Private Sector Participate in the Project or Terminal
 - Authority may not want to take the risk with their existing revenues
 - Authority may not have the existing revenue, nor the credit
 - The revenues may be too uncertain, and therefore the risk may be too great to get additional credit
- Private Sector Resources
 - The private sector has credit
 - The revenue case must be compelling and should cover debt service plus a decent return on their equity
- There is Private Sector demand for Port Exposure
 - Infrastructure funds
 - Operators
 - Carriers

Interested Infrastructure Funds, Operators, and Carriers

	Infrastructure Funds	Operators	Carriers
Potential Partners	Highstar/ Ports America, GSIP/ Carrix, Carlyle, Brookfield, Ontario Teachers/ GCT, Fortress	Highstar/ Ports America, GSIP/ Carrix, Ontario Teachers/ GCT, Maher Terminals, DPW	
Source of assets	Pension funds	Family-owned platforms acquired by infrastructure funds	
Preferred Investment Level	Minimum of \$100mm, preferred \$300mm+	Minimum of \$100mm, preferred \$300mm+	
Interest in Sector	Interest is high	Interest is high	Low appetite for contractual commitments Maersk made an attempt
Preferences	Prefers negotiated transactions; term of investment varies	Prefers negotiated transactions; term of investment varies	

Private Sector Participation Diversifies Risk Away From Port



Greenfield vs. Existing Business

- Greenfield Container Terminals bear many high risks
 - Without contracted volume, market risk is too high
 - With contracted volume, credit risk is carrierdriven
 - Funds have not stepped up to Greenfield opportunities
- Expanding existing facilities in proven gateways does work
 - Oakland, Baltimore proved well the premise
 - Lower available (going concern) credit in most ports
 - Expansion only creates increased competition for other terminal operators in the gateway
 - For operating Ports any partial concession cannibalizes the business
 - VPA





Concessions to Private Sector Participants can be a Successful Alternative to Traditional Public Funding

Government Subsidies are Decreasing

Federal US Subsidies have Changed to Loans

- Other than RRIF for rail elements, TIFIA has not been available to the Port Sector
- States and counties are putting pressure on ports to take away existing tax subsidies
 - VPA Gas Tax
 - Seattle Prop Tax
 - Houston, probably no more bond elections

Canadian Government subsidies center around Gateway developments and Plan Nord

- Oil, gas, and minerals rule the day
- Plan Nord \$500 mm

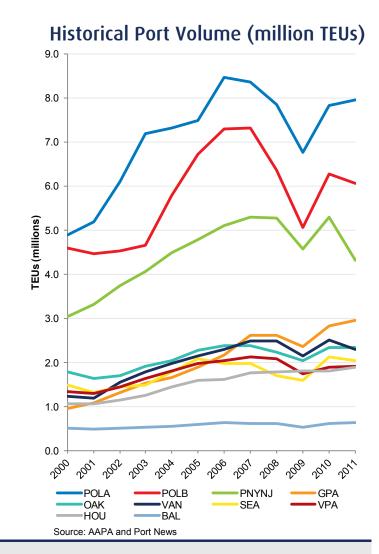


Source: Quebec Mining Association

Projects are less likely to receive Gov't support going forward

There is Higher Risk in Container Terminals Recently

- Carriers are hurting
 - NOL stated last week that 5% of the world's fleet has been "parked"
 - Carriers will move containers for a price
 - Grand Alliance to Tacoma
 - COSCO to Prince Rupert before that
 - T-18's credit premise was that containers will continue to move through the Seattle gateway and that a certain amount of terminal capacity was always necessary in Seattle
 - No longer the premise
 - When Seattle volumes are down SSA / GS also competing against other Seattle terminals
- Funds are very concerned about risks in container ports
 - Volumes down 40% in some gateways during the recession
 - Carriers and BCO's have assessed alternative gateways
 - Costs and distance LA / LB issues
 - Prince Rupert Worked
 - Rail Consolidation worked RRs can guarantee delivery times



Traditional High Values in Container Terminals have changed and are more complex



Many Government Sponsors are looking at their Port Gateway Assets

- North American Model is individual Silos
 - All compete on price
 - All compete for Gov't subsidies
 - All eventually gets passed on to Terminal Operators and Carriers as lower operating cost
- Ports Going Concern Credit has narrowed considerably in recent years
 - Many ports cannot meet the capital needs of their tenants
 - Many Ports are facing deteriorating infrastructure
- Governments are reviewing alternatives
 - Galveston
 - Chicago scarce waterfront land
 - Delaware
 - Ability to "harvest" the asset's value
 - Shift of 100% of Cap Ex and Facility condition risk to private sector going forward
 - Opportunity to dramatically increase investment in the gateway immediately
 - Jobs & Economic development



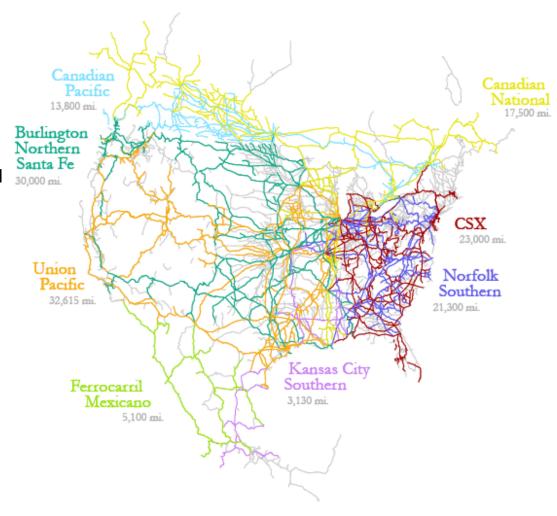


Source: World Trade Center Delaware

The Private Sector can change a Landlord Gateway Dramatically

Other Changes are Affecting North American Shipping Preferences

- Panama Canal will have some impact
 - No one can say until it happens
 - Pricing of the Canal
 - Larger Ships need to come online
- Railroad Consolidation has been very successful
 - Efficiencies and speed improvements
 - Service improvements
 - Prices have come down
 - Railroads have forced changes in shipping
 - Shipping on the Great Lakes is down
 - Seasonal
 - High Costs
 - Barge traffic down Mississippi is still competitive
 - Barge quantities are no longer necessary

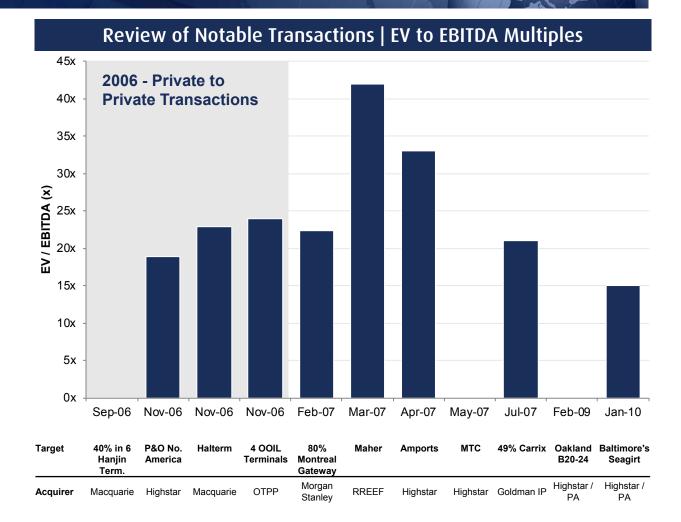


Source: Radicalcartography, Bill Rankin, 2005

The Industry is constantly changing as competitive pressures within modes and between modes changes – Which does and will affect credit available to various physical assets

Players are Changing

- Platforms are strapped and are still unburying from high value days
 - PortsAmerica
 - SSA/GS
 - Maher/Deutsche Bank
- Strategics are few and not interested in containers
- Many new funds still searching for operating arms
 - VPA interest (VIT)

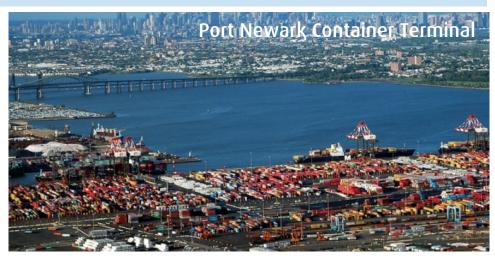




Are there Global Sources for Hemispheric Port Funding?

Part I - Container Ports

- Landlord Container Ports
 - Demand is still high in certain operating platforms
 - Values/Price of the assets has changed given shift
 - Many Ports still undervalue their assets given their desire to trade market value for market share, favoring negotiated transactions with carriers
- Operating Ports are still the highest on the list
 - Face the cannibalization issue
 - VPA Maersk





Container Terminals are still considered valuable assets by the private sector

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Part II – Single Purpose Resource Ports

- Emerging Demand for Energy is driving high values and improved credit for such terminals / developments
 - Mostly in Canada and energy resource driven
 - Kitimat
 - Coal terminals (demand in US NW but great environmental opposition)
 - Jobs vs environmental
 - First Nations Issues in Canada
 - New Developments possible with throughput guarantees
 - Adriana
 - Arch Coal



Source: K.T. Industrial Development Society, Courtesy of Cambria Gordon



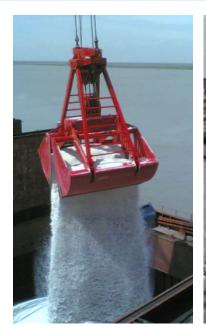
These developments could possibly be the largest movers in the space over the next decade



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Part III - Bulk Ports

- Funds are focused on bulk terminals
- Strategics are focused on bulk terminals
 - Less volatility than containers
 - Rollups possible (to get size exposure to sector)





Source: Alabama State Port Authority

There is more demand than ever for port assets in all sectors – depending on price!

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