# THE DYNAMICS OF THE US CONTAINER MARKET AND SHIFTING TRADE PATTERNS - IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE INVESTMENT TO PROMOTE US EXPORT ACTIVITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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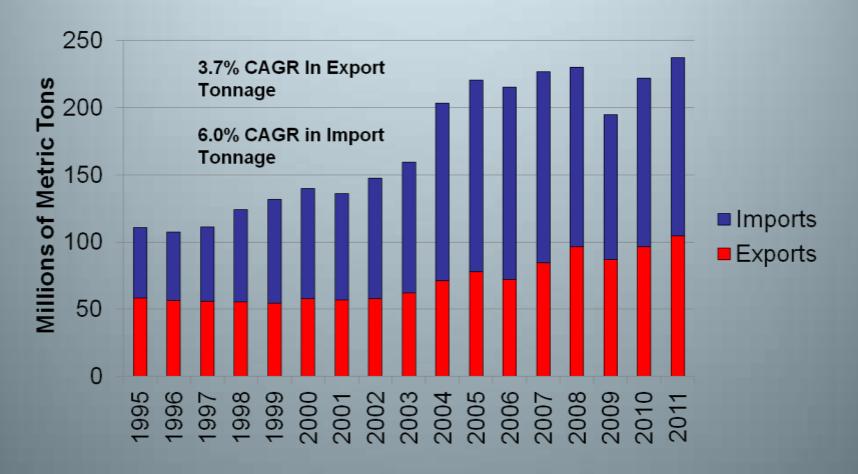
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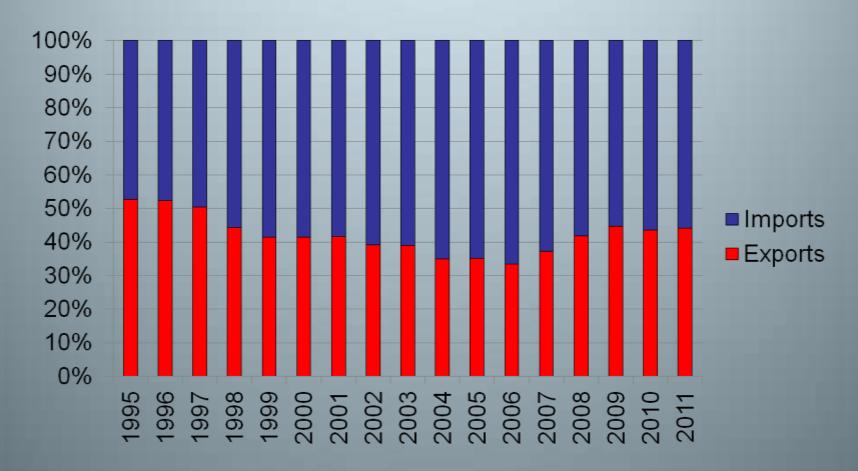
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### In Terms of Tonnage, Containerized Cargo Has Reached a Record Year in 2011



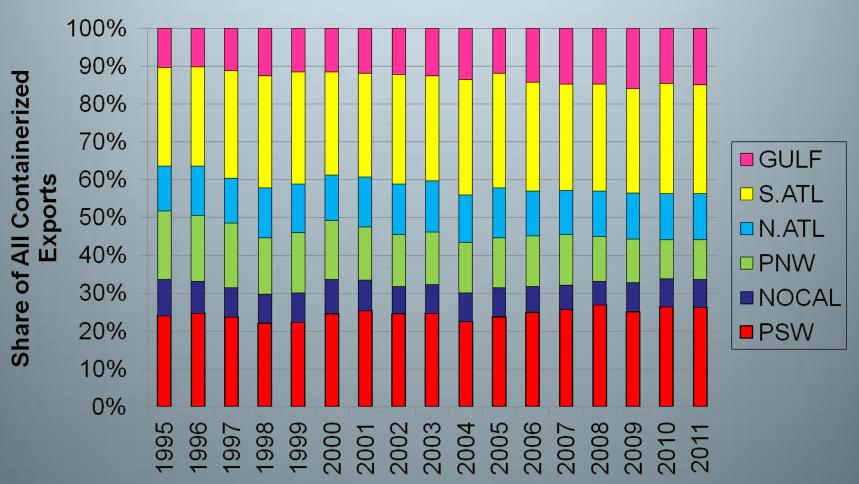
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## Imported Containerized Cargo Dominates, but Exports Have Been Increasing Since 2006

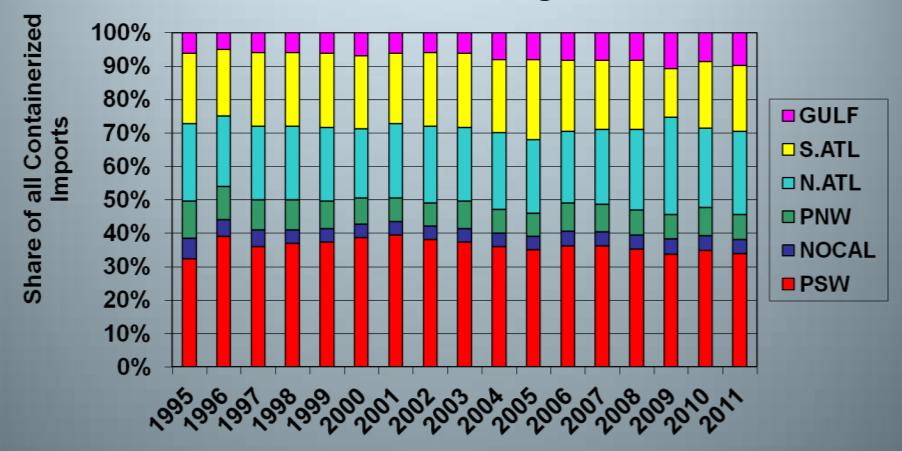


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### **About 45% of the Containerized Exports Move via the West Coast Ports**



## West Coast Ports Also Handle About 45% of Imports - 35% Moves via the PSW Ports, and this Share has Been Declining Since 2001



Source: US Maritime Administration

#### Shocks Have Occurred in the Existing Logistics Patterns of Importers and these Changes Occurred Between 2002 and 2007

- Consolidation of imports via San Pedro Bay (Los Angeles and Long Beach) Ports -- mid 1990's:
  - Distribution center growth
  - Cross-dock operations
  - Rail investments in S. Cal to Midwest routings
- But then.....
  - **9/11**
  - West Coast Shutdown
  - Capacity issues land and labor shortages
  - Rail and truck shortages
  - High intermodal rates
  - Search for alternatives
  - Shifting production centers
  - Economic crisis

#### All Water Routings are Growing



#### All Water Services to the East and Gulf Coasts are Growing

#### Panama Canal:

- Current size limitations (-)
- New, bigger canal (+)
- □ Transit time issues (-)
- Carriers can internalize rail revenue (+)

#### Suez Canal:

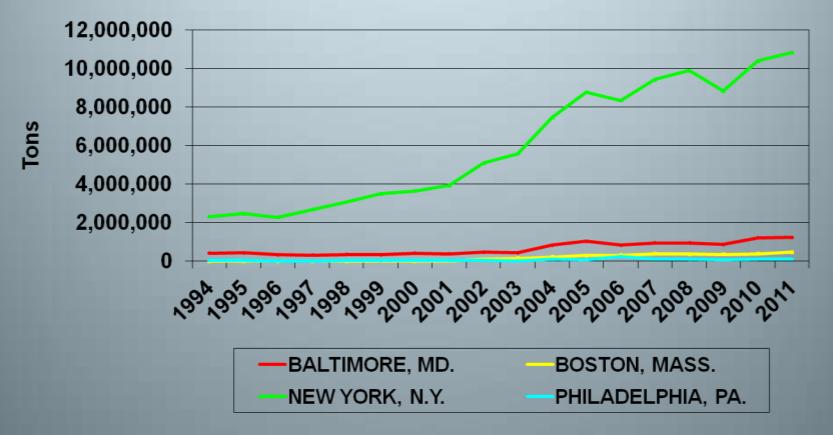
- Accommodates larger vessels (+)
- Better transit to SE Asia/India (+)
- Political instability/Piracy (-)
- Transit time issue to Midwest (-)
- Shifting production to India/SE Asia: (+)
  - New India-Med direct express services (+)
  - > \$500 billion infrastructure investment in India by Spring of 2012 and \$1 trillion by 2017
  - > Growth in terminal development in Vietnam
- Transshipment operations in Med (+)

#### All Water Services are Growing

- Significant growth in distribution centers in Gulf and Atlantic Port Ranges
- Proximity to Southern Asia/India is a positive –
   Suez Canal:
  - Growth in Indian port infrastructure
  - Growth in production centers and port infrastructure in Vietnam and SE Asia
- With direct services to East and Gulf Coast, transit time differentials are narrowing
- Port infrastructure investment/distribution center development on East and Gulf Coasts

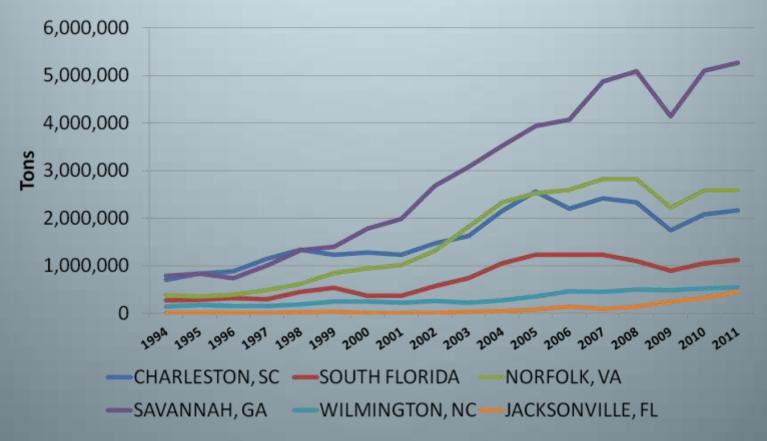
## Impact of Development of All-water Service

## Imported Asian Container Tonnage North Atlantic Port Range



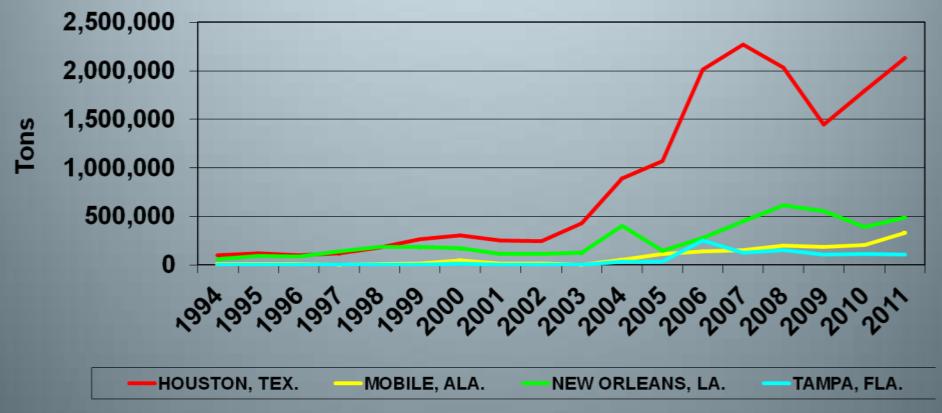
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## Imported Asian Container Tonnage – South Atlantic Port Range

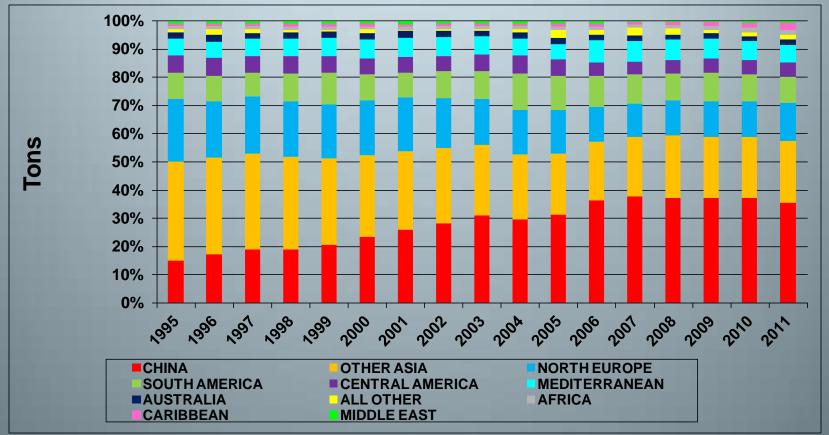


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## Imported Asian Containerized Cargo – Gulf Coast Region Imported Tons of Containerized Cargo



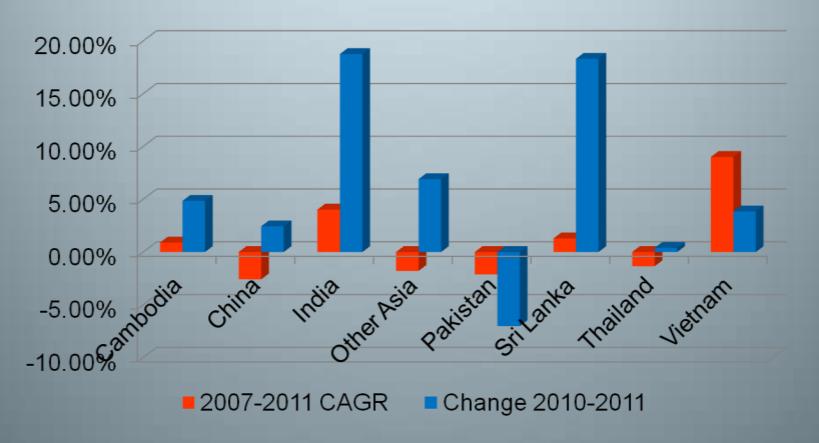
## China Has Been Responsible for Nearly 40% of Imported Containerized Tonnage, but the Growth in Share Has Stabilized



**US Maritime Administration** 

2006 data reflects new data base by MARAD/US Bureau of Census

## Asian Supply Sources are Shifting, Favoring Suez Routing. However, China Remains the Major Trade Source



Source: US Bureau of Census, USA Trade Online

### **Expansion of the Panama Canal and Growth in Suez Canal - Implications on Changing Trade Patterns**

- After 2014, the composition of the fleet will likely change, as 6,500 TEU plus vessels will be deployed
- Actual container volume increases through the Panama Canal into the US Atlantic and Gulf Coast may be less than anticipated:
  - Factors that have impacted growth in all water services are now in place
  - Growth in trade with areas that are more efficiently served via Suez Canal
  - Growth in investments in Central and South America to shorten supply chain
  - Caribbean Transshipment Centers will likely compete with mainland for import distribution center locations

### **Expansion of the Panama Canal and Growth in Suez Canal - Implications on Changing Trade Patterns**

- East and Gulf Coasts will have to compete to handle the larger sized vessels that will be deployed on both Suez as well as Panama Canal based on infrastructure:
  - Channel depth to accommodate larger vessels (both Suez as well as enlarged Panama Canal)
  - Berth capacity to handle 1,000 ft. plus vessels
  - Crane outreach capability
  - Intermodal capacity for discretionary markets
  - All require capital investment
- Investment in Port Infrastructure becomes critical to compete with Caribbean transshipment hubs for development of logistics centers and off-shore distribution activity
- Investment in Port Infrastructure is necessary to grow US exports, and increase competitive position of US:
  - Deepwater ports
  - Inland River Ports

### Federal Funding is Required for Deepening Projects at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports

		Current	Planned
State	Port Name	Depth	Depth
Virginia	Norfolk/Hampton Roads	50	55
Maryland	Baltimore	50	50
South Carolina	Charleston	45	45+
New York	New York (Underway)	45-50	50
Massachusettes	Boston	40	48
Delaware River	DE, PA, NJ Ports Portions Underway	40	45
Texas	Sabine Neches	40-42	42-48
Texas	Corpus Christi (Authorized)	45	52
Alabama	Mobile	45	45
Texas	Freeport	45	55
Florida	Miami (Authorized and Funded)	45	45
Georgia	Savannah	42	48
Florida	Port Everglades	42	50
Texas	Houston-Galveston	45	45
Florida	Jacksonville	40	45+
Florida	Manatee	40	40
Louisiana	New Orleans	45	45
Florida	Tampa	43	43

### More Infrastructure Funding Needed in Addition to Deepwater Ports' Needs

- 12,000 miles of inland waterways:
  - 191 lock systems
  - 237 lock chambers
- Replacement cost estimated at \$125 billion in 1994
- 50% of the locks and dams over 60 years of age
- Efficient River Transportation System necessary for bulk exports
- Failure would be catastrophic in terms of:
  - Economic cost
  - Loss of life

## Implications - Infrastructure Funding is the Critical Issue

- Ports have lost funding for system preservation projects, none-the-less major infrastructure projects:
  - After 9/11 security investments competing with system preservation investments
  - Downturn of trade drastically reducing port revenues
  - Economic crisis reduced state/municipal public funding
  - US Army Corps of Engineers/Federal Government cannot fund the dredging/deepening projects and infrastructure projects necessary to keep US competitive
  - Private sector participation becomes necessary

## The National Export Initiative Cannot be Accomplished Without Infrastructure Investment

- Improving trade advocacy and export promotion efforts
- Increasing access to credit, especially for small and medium-sized businesses
- Removing barriers to the sale of US goods and services abroad
- Robustly enforcing trade rules
- Pursuing policies at the global level to promote strong, sustainable and balanced growth
- Doubling exports over the next five years

## The National Export Initiatives Cannot be Accomplished Without Infrastructure Funding

- Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Panama, Colombia and South Korea have been ratified:
  - Details differ by agreement, but in general, tariffs will be eliminated on about 80% of bilateral trade between the US and these countries once the agreements enacted
  - Most remaining tariffs will be gradually phased out over the next five to 15 years
- Without adequately maintained shipping channels and port infrastructure, the US participation and benefits will not be maximized

### Increased Exports Will Have an Immediate Impact on Job Creation

- Nearly 950,000 TEUs of export cargo now produced in Florida
- Double containerized exports produced in Florida and move the exports via the Florida Port System
- 95,443 total jobs annually:
  - 2,636 direct port jobs, including:
    - 200 rail jobs in Florida
    - 1,300 jobs with Florida truckers
    - 400 jobs with warehousing
    - 500 jobs with longshoremen
  - 2,793 induced jobs from port operations
  - 1,430 indirect jobs from port operations
  - 88,584 new jobs with Florida exporters
- \$469.8 million of state and local taxes annually
- \$14.9 billion of total economic value to the state

## Increased Investment is Further Necessary to Compete with Development of Transshipment Centers and Logistics Hubs in the Caribbean and Central America

 Key transshipment center development capitalizing on water depth and East-West and North-South trade lanes:

Panama

Costa Rica

Bahamas

Colombia

Jamaica

Cuba

- Dominican Republic
- Natural progression is to logistics center development Outsourcing of distribution center functions
  - Potential to develop competing Logistics/Distribution Centers to mainland locations
    - Lower cost labor
    - Lower cost land costs
    - > Packaging, labeling, pre-racking
    - > 53 ft domestics?
  - Support near market sourcing development in Central America

#### Impact of Transshipment Hub/Logistics Center Development

- Investment required to compete with potential outsourcing of logistics centers to Caribbean:
  - Channel depth
  - Maintenance Dredging
  - Berth Length
  - Turning basin dimensions
  - Crane outreach capability
- Necessary to provide North/South and East/West trade lane service

## The Opportunity Cost to the US Economy to Not Participate in Transshipment Operations is Significant

- Transshipment Cargo at South Florida Ports has declined from 20-30% in late 1990's to essentially 0% currently:
  - Security issues after 9/11
  - Terminal costs
  - Limited water depth
- A weekly transshipment service to a US Port with an 8,500 TEU vessel generates significant economic activity to the local and regional economy:
  - Assume 75% of boxes discharged and reloaded
  - Assume 30% of inbound transshipped
  - Assume 70% of inbound goes to distribution center activity

#### Opportunity Cost of Losing Transshipment Center Activity – 8,500 TEU Vessel Weekly Call

#### Port Impacts:

- 7,900 direct, induced and indirect jobs from terminal operations and movement to DC's:
  - > 2,700 direct jobs
  - > 5,200 induced and indirect jobs
- \$500 million total wages and salaries and local consumption activity
- □ \$115 million Federal Taxes
- Total logistics activity impact less Port Impacts:
  - □ 11,500 total jobs due to distribution/logistics center activity
  - \$660 billion wages and salaries and local consumption
  - \$152 million Federal Taxes

### **Implications**

## The Marine Transportation System Is a Key Economic Engine

- 16.2 million jobs supported cargo and passenger activity:
  - 13.2 million jobs supported by deepwater port activity
  - 2.5 million jobs supported by inland waterways
  - □ 354,000 jobs supported by US cruise activity
- More than \$3.2 trillion economic value 25% of the US Gross Domestic Product

#### **Implications**

- The Global Economy is here!
  - Trade restrictions must be avoided
- The port system has become integral in the world's logistics systems:
  - Ports must provide dependable service:
    - > Labor/management issues must be minimized
    - > Efficient terminal transfer of cargo from ship to inland points:
      - Terminal automation
      - Surface Transportation
    - > Long term sustainable development of Port facilities, including dredge disposal sites to support dredging needs
- Infrastructure funding needs are reaching critical shortfalls and private sector funding has become a substitute for Federal Investment:
  - □ Port sector received less than 15% of the last round of Tiger II Grants
  - Deeper channels, bigger berths are needed to increase the competitiveness of US exports
- What other sectors of the US Economy represent such a major catalyst for economic development and growth?
- The Marine Transportation System represents a key market for future stimulus funding and cannot be ignored as the economic development dividends have been well documented