

Maritime Trade: A State DOT Perspective

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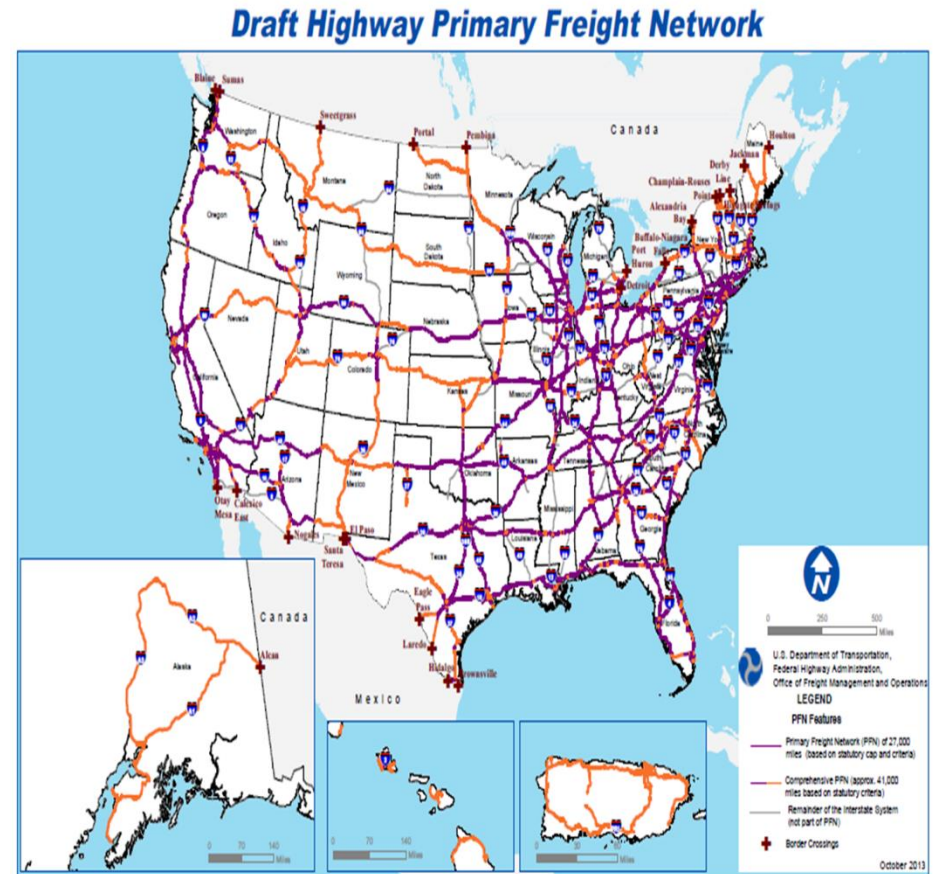
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MAP-21



MAP-21 Freight Provisions

- National Freight Network
 - Primary Network: 27,000 miles
 - Critical Rural Freight Corridors





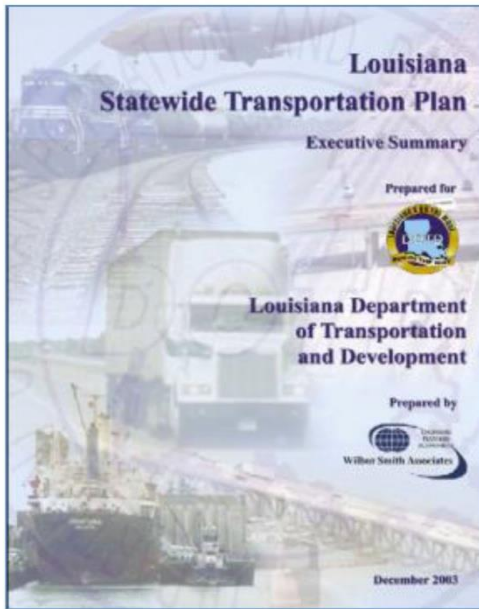
MAP-21 Freight Provisions

- National Freight Advisory Committee
 - Tasked to develop a “Condition and Performance” Report with recommendations.
- Encourage State Freight Plans
 - Incentives of 95/5 Interstate and 90/10 Highways for freight projects in the State Freight Plan

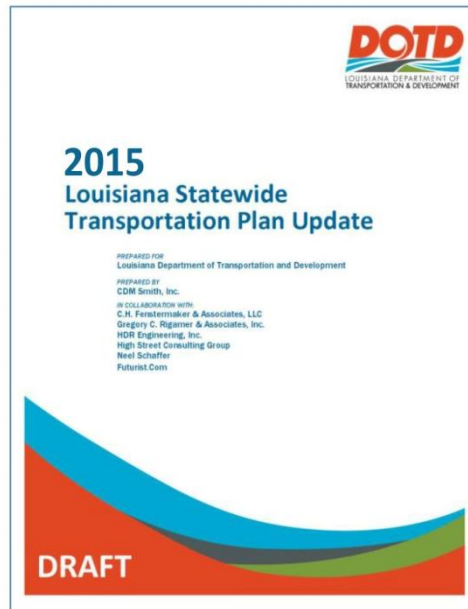


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Statewide Transportation Plan



2003



2015

Louisiana DOTD Multimodal Plans

Rail System Plan

Aviation System Plan

Marine Transportation
System Plan

Individual Port Master
Plans

Freight Plan

Metropolitan
Transportation Plans



Proposed Federal Legislation

- New Federal Freight Program
- Grow America
- Revenue for multi-modal freight
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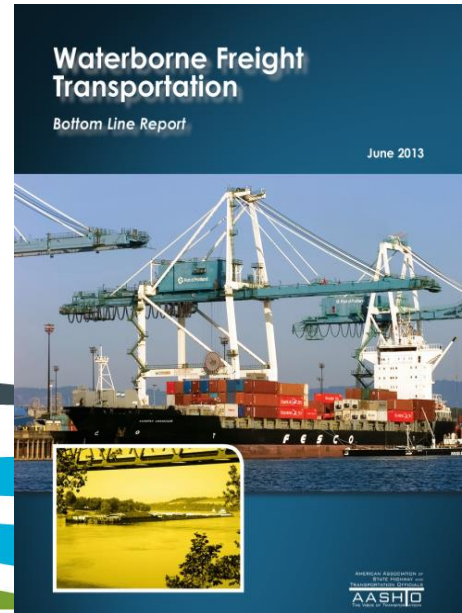
Water Resources Reform and Development Act

- Corps navigation mission
- Pilot Program to contribute resources
- Bottom Line Report



AASHTO Waterborne Freight Bottom Line

- Continuing “Business as Usual” will not help the Nation's maritime system and ports
- Basic waterway maintenance not being met
- Needed projects are delayed too long
- Funding for critical Marine Transportation System projects is inadequate and uncertain





AASHTO Waterborne Freight Bottom Line Recommendations

- Direct the Army Corps to develop a plan to address the nation's MTS maintenance backlog, and ensure funding to eliminate the backlog by the year 2020.
- Develop and adopt new Water Resources Development Act, focusing on upgraded project benefit-cost analysis and project delivery streamlining.
- Pass legislation requiring full utilization of HMT funds, with HMT exemption for domestic Marine Highway services.



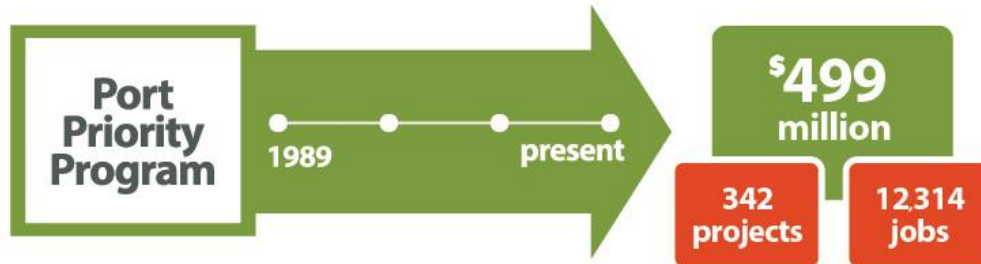
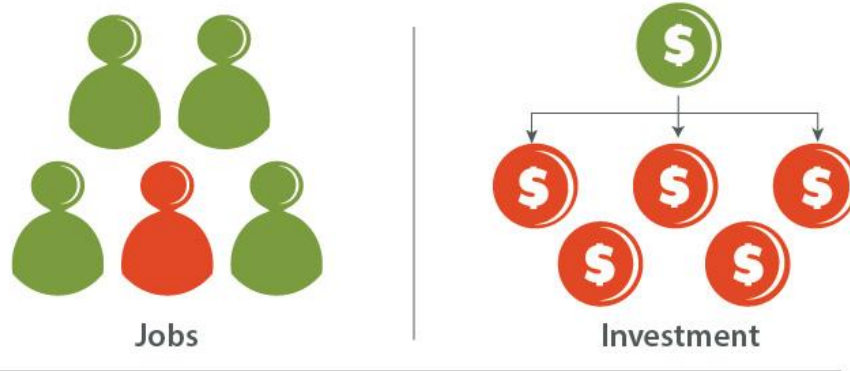
Additional Bottom Line Report Recommendations

- Establish new Office of Multimodal Freight, empowered to coordinate and advance MTS planning and projects.
- Promote “best practices” for MTS planning and investment, including “fast track” guidance for MAP-21 input and compliance.

State Role and Response



Louisiana Ports Priority Program





Impact of Landside Congestion at Ports

- A nationwide problem
- Congestion at 16 ports
 - \$795 Million impact on imports
 - \$311 Million impact exports

What is Louisiana doing about Congestion?

- New Orleans Rail Gateway Study
- Connectors program





Other Challenges at a State Level

- Backlog of road projects
- Maintenance
- Revenue
- Emerging competition for funds





The Challenges at a National Level

- Panama Canal Expansion
- Mississippi River Deepening



What's next?

- Transportation for new energy production
- Balancing economic growth with safety and preservation
- Leadership



