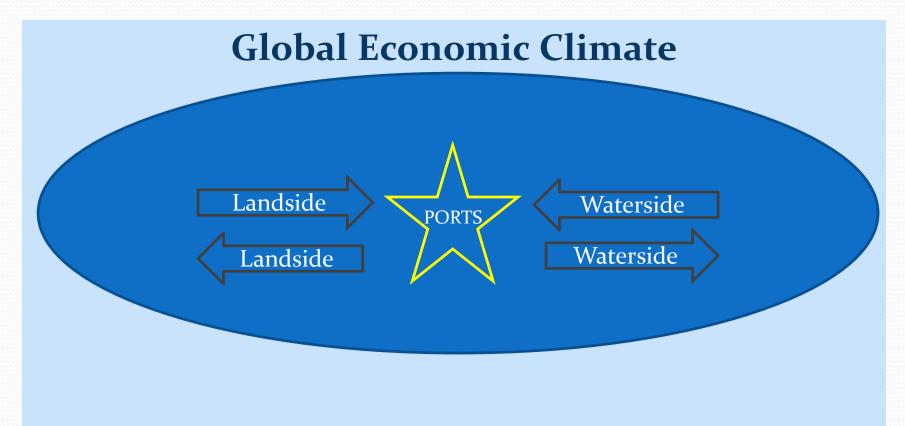


Port Perspectives: The View from the Middle

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Ports are the Essential Link in the Multimodal Global Freight System



The Charge for this Panel

As Port Leaders we must:

- Participate in National Freight Policy Development
- Understand and Respond to Shifting Trade Patterns
- Advocate for Investment in our Infrastructure Needs: maintenance, expansion, and connections

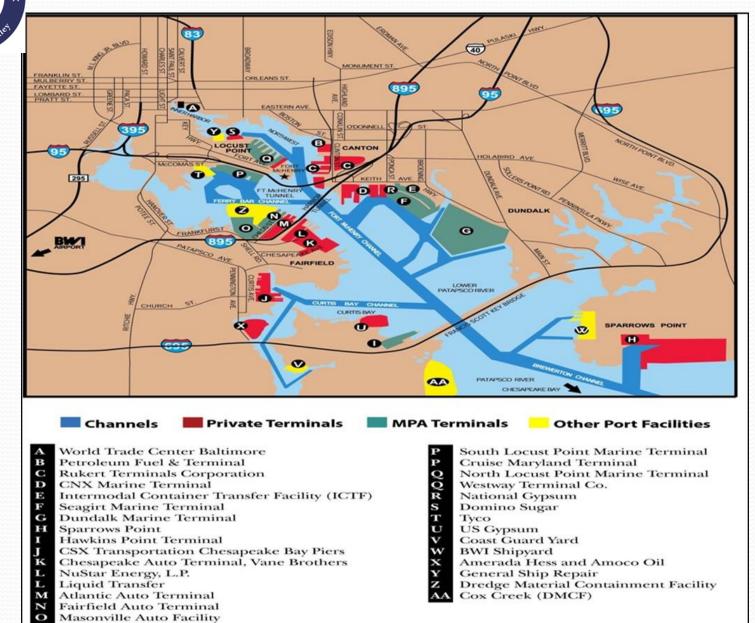
"current need of \$28.9 billion in 125 port-related network projects" AAPA, 2015

Is FAST Act the answer?

Port of Baltimore Overview

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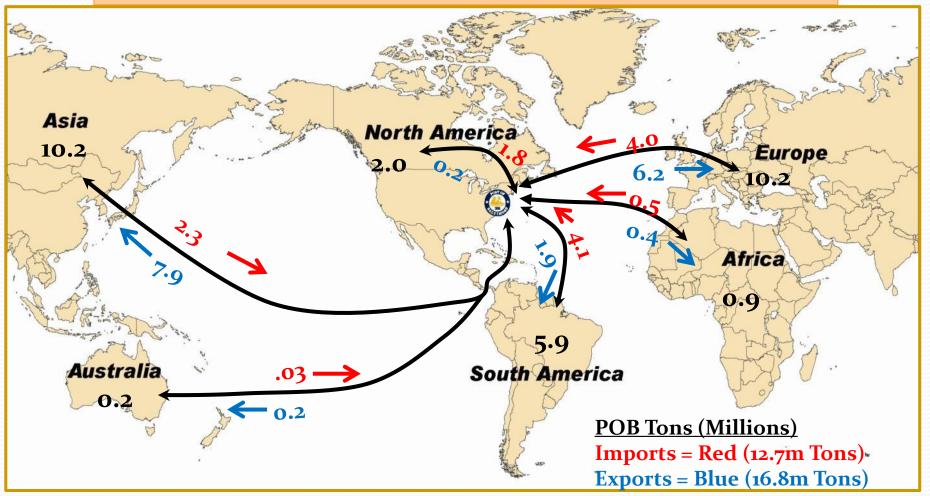


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The Port has global reach, connecting many Mid-Atlantic suppliers and markets worldwide

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POB's International Cargo in 2014 was 29.5 Million Tons.

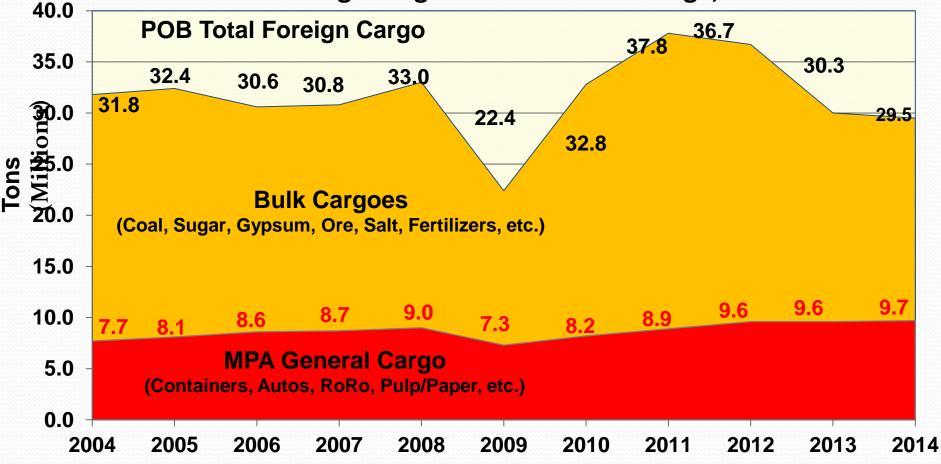


The Port of Baltimore's foreign tonnage has recovered from the economic recession.

Port of Baltimore Foreign Cargo & MPA General Cargo, 2004 – 2014

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Partnering is the foundation for success

- City of Baltimore—Land use
- Tenants Long-term lease agreements which supports investments.
- P3—Ports of America/MPA 50-year agreement.
- Private Terminals Port Alliance monthly meetings.
- Federal agencies Interagency Port Committee to communicate and coordinate.

Challenges: Known and Controllable Unknown and Uncontrollable

- Increasingly competitive environment
- Ensuring efficient transportation options for cargo
- Growing volumes w/ aging facilities & limited landside capacity
- Cost of dredging & dredged material placement solutions
- Continuing Green Port, Security & Community Initiatives (Maintaining our Social License to Operate)
- Tracking and responding to events on the land and in the global economy
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FAST Act took a historic step forward on freight policy and funding

- National Freight Multimodal Freight Policy
- National Multimodal Freight Network
- State Freight Advisory Committees
- State Freight Plans
- National Highway Freight Program
- Nationally / Regionally Significant Freight and Highway Projects
- Innovative financing--TIFIA

FAST Act provisions important for our national agenda

- National Freight Multimodal Freight Policy
- National Multimodal Freight Network
- Nationally / Regionally Significant Freight and Highway Projects

FAST Act has provisions important for our local agendas

- State Freight Advisory Committees—64% of ports surveyed are members of local freight advisory committees (AAPA 2015)
- State Freight Plans--71% of ports surveyed have participated in the development of statewide freight plans (AAPA, 2015)

Conclusions

Ports are the essential link in the global freight system

- We should work together to make sure that ports are well-positioned in national freight policies.
- We need to track and respond to changing trade patterns.
- We must make the case for adequate funding for port-important infrastructure.

Final Thoughts

- Ports have demonstrated they are visible and influential in the national policy discussion.
- Our work is not done. We must continue to stay engaged in the implementation.
- We must focus on preparedness intellectual and institutional.
- A strong freight policy has clearly established waterside connections and land connections as part of an overall intermodal system.

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