

MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE – *MOMENTUM!!*

AAPA Harbors and Navigation and
Environmental Committees
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2013 – Quite a Year!

- February: State of the Union includes ports
- April: President Obama visits Port of Miami
- May: President Obama visits Ellicott Dredges
- July: President Obama visits JaxPort
- August: President Obama addresses Ports on Jay Leno show
- September: VP Biden visits Maryland Ports, Baltimore
- September: VP Biden visits Savannah
- September: VP Biden visits Charleston

State of the Union

February 12, 2013

- “I’m also proposing a Partnership to Rebuild America that attracts private capital to upgrade what our businesses need most: **modern ports to move our goods**, modern pipelines that can withstand a storm, modern schools worthy of our children.”



President Obama on Jay Leno

A video was viewed of President Barack Obama on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno:

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/08/jay-leno-obama-interview-transcript-video-95279.html>

C-Span Ports Coverage

August 6, 2013

- C-Span dedicated 2.5 hours to Ports during the Congressional recess in August.
- They broadcast from the Port of Virginia, interviewing
 - 2 Port of Virginia officials
 - 2 Virginia Congressmen
 - Kurt Nagle, AAPA CEO.

Washington Journal Travels to Port of Virginia

Washington Journal for Tuesday, August 6 (right-click to copy direct link)



WASHINGTON, DC
Tuesday, August 6, 2013

On Tuesday, Washington Journal will be live from the Port of Virginia in Norfolk for an in-depth look at port security and operations from one of the busiest ports on the East Coast. Guests will include the interim Director of the Virginia Port Authority as well as two Congressmen who represent parts of Norfolk. A variety of topics will be discussed, including port security and operations, the relationship between the federal government and the port, and the top imports and exports to and from the U.S.

Water Resources Reform and Development Act

This Whiteboard presentation was viewed:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSF7Uje6z_E



Putin Hosts Meeting on Port Infrastructure Development

- *“In recent years we have repeatedly turned to the issue of port infrastructure. This is understandable, because following the tragic events associated with the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russian ports’ capacity decreased significantly as we lost a huge number of cargo handling facilities...”*



**Russian President
Vladimir Putin,
8/20/2013**

European Union

- “According to Killas, issues that need to be solved include bottlenecks brought on by inadequate or outdated infrastructure, improving links in the transportation chain that connect ocean vessels with trucks and rail cars at ports, and putting ocean transportation jobs in the limelight.”
- Siim Killas, European Commission Vice President
9/10/2013
- Could Ports and freight movement become the next Space Race?

SUMMARY

A very good year ...

- Ports are now seen as part of the National infrastructure - formerly roads, rails and runways
- The American public and Congress are more aware of the critical role ports have in our Nation's economic future
- The Administration and Congress are engaged in addressing port infrastructure needs
- Global marketplace <—> Ports <—> Exports <—> Jobs

... What's Next?

- Get WRDA passed
- Press the Administration to fund the Corps in FY15 consistent with the President's statements of importance (walk the talk)
- Continue the AAPA/Corps Quality Partnership Initiative progress with Policy adjustments