

# **AAPA Legislation Update for Harbors and Navigation Committee**

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# 2020 Funding – Work Plan Highlights

- \$2.688B for coastal navigation program
- \$1.63B for HMT work
- \$1.092 for construction
  - \$377M for Regional Dredging Demonstration Project
- New starts
  - Studies: Oakland Turning Basin, Baltimore,
  - Construction: Port Everglades, Freeport, MS River and Mobile

# FY21 Nav 1 Number Request

- 7<sup>th</sup> year of post cards for association Hill visits
- WCI, DCA, PNWA, NAWA
- ‘Very effective’ per appropriations staff
- FY16: \$2.75B



**NAVIGATION  
STAKEHOLDERS  
NEED \$4.4B  
FY21 CORPS  
NAVIGATION  
PROGRAM**

Ports and Inland Waterways Are Critical for  
Creating American Jobs, Propelling the Economy,  
and Keeping America Moving.

**AMERICA:  
KEEP IT MOVING**

The graphic features a background illustration of a port facility with a large cargo ship docked at a pier, surrounded by various industrial buildings and infrastructure. The text is overlaid on this background. To the right of the main text is a 2x2 grid of icons: top-left is a red square with a white American flag; top-right is a blue square with a white truck; bottom-left is a blue square with a white train; bottom-right is a blue square with a white ship. Below the grid is the slogan 'AMERICA: KEEP IT MOVING' in bold blue and red letters.

# FY21 Nav 1 Number Request

## We Urge Congress to Support \$4.4 Billion for the 2021 Corps Navigation Program

	2021 Stakeholders	2020 Omnibus	2021 Pres Budget
<b>COASTAL NAVIGATION</b>	<b>\$3.035 B</b>	\$2.688 B	\$1.618 B
Investigations	<b>\$20 M</b>	\$14 M	\$5 M
Construction	<b>\$1.300 B</b>	\$1.092 B	\$634 M
Operations & Maintenance	<b>\$1.665 B</b>	\$1.532 B	\$979 M
Donor and Energy Ports	<b>\$50 M</b>	\$50 M	\$0 M
<b>INLAND NAVIGATION</b>	<b>\$1.325 B</b>	\$1.183 B	\$750 M
Investigations	<b>\$25 M</b>	\$23 M	\$9 M
Construction	<b>\$400 M</b>	\$364 M	\$15 M
Operations & Maintenance	<b>\$900 M</b>	\$796 M	\$726 M
<b>MS RIVER &amp; TRIBUTARIES</b>	<b>\$40 M</b>	\$39 M	\$41 M
<b>TOTAL NAVIGATION</b>	<b>\$4.4 B</b>	<b>\$3.910 B</b>	<b>\$2.409 B</b>

# HMT Legislation

## AAAPA's HMT 4 pillars

- **Full use of HMT annual revenues – tax collections plus interest on unspent balance**
- **Permanent and expanded Donor and Energy Transfer Port program**
- **Funding assurances for Great Lakes region (10% of HMT revenues)**
- **Funding assurances for Emerging Harbors (10% of HMT revenues)**

# HMT Legislation - HOUSE

- **Passed H.R. 2440, the Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act, in Oct 2019**
- **Full use of HMT revenues and the unspent tax collections (\$9.3 billion) as part of a budget cap adjustment**
- **AAPA supported H.R. 2440 as good effort towards accomplishing AAPA's 4 pillars**

# HMT Legislation - SENATE

- **AAPA provided draft legislation for the 4 pillars to the House and Senate**
- **Senate EPW Ranking staff developed draft legislation very similar to AAPA. Great Lakes and Emerging Harbors at 12% rather than 10%**
- **Efforts to get this provision in WRDA – need ‘R’ support**
- **EPW committee March discussions were sidetracked with coronavirus supplementals**

# HMT in Coronavirus Legislation

- **Senate CARES act Section 14003 HMT**
- **Budget Cap Adjustment for up to prior year's HMT tax collections**
  - Goes into effect Jan 1, 2021 or upon passage of WRDA, whichever is earlier
- **Enacted on Friday, March 27**
- **Other Port highlights:**
  - Ports eligible for \$454B in State/Local low interest loans (AAPA helped define 'municipality')
  - AAPA worked w/DHS for the 'essential worker' definition to include maritime



# Budget Cap Adjustment

## Current Approach

- \$34B for E&WD appropriations
- \$27B for Energy
- \$7B for Corps
  - **\$2B HMT**
  - \$5B for all Corps non-HMT

## CARES Act HMT

- \$34B for E&WD
- \$2B HMT exempt from spending cap
- E&WD still has \$34B to distribute

# Coronavirus Economic Recovery

- **Early consideration of including recovery efforts in Phase 3, Cares act.**
- **AAAPA's March 19 letter identified**
  - **\$1B for the PIDP/PIIP efforts – fund the balance of 2019 qualified proposals**
  - **\$4.5B for Corps coastal navigation - \$2B for channel maintenance and \$2.5B to complete channel improvement projects, including some new starts**
- **Phase 4 legislation is anticipated to focus on economic recovery, anticipated in late April**

# Post-WRDA Efforts

- **Next step is to pursue the additional budget cap adjustment funding for coastal navigation, i.e. the \$9.3B in unspent HMT tax collections**
- **Ports need to work with Corps on**
  - 1. Some form of channel availability performance measure**
  - 2. An estimate of the cost to achieve ‘state of good repair’ and/or ‘well maintained’**

# Summary

- **Need all Ports to support HMT language in WRDA**
- **Support WRDA passage in 2020**
- **Ports discuss channel performance measures and funding needs issues with your Corps District**



**Thanks for all you do!**