Maritime Administration
Harbors and Navigation Committee Update

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Mission:

To improve and strengthen the U.S. marine transportation system - including infrastructure, industry and labor - to meet the economic and security needs of the Nation.

- Secretary of Transportation, through the Maritime Administrator “…shall establish a port infrastructure development program for the improvement of port facilities.”
- Provide technical assistance as needed for project planning, design and construction.
- Coordinate with Federal agencies to expedite NEPA
- Coordinate reviews or requirements with local state and federal agencies.
- Receive (Federal, non-Federal, private) funds to further projects.
Public Benefit & Public Stake

A. Guidelines & Data:

   Sector advocate through analysis & showcasing opportunities/consequences regarding port role/investment

   Possibilities Include:
   • Port Investment Plan Guidelines (With Stakeholders)
   • Facilities Assessment Guidelines (With Stakeholders)
   • Port Terminal Ops Guidelines for AMH (With Stakeholders)
   • National/Regional Studies & Impact Analysis
   • Condition & Performance Tracking & Measures

B. Assistance:

   Direct support to individual ports (upon request)

   • Investment Plan Devel. Support (Possible Planning Grants)
   • Facility Needs Assessments (Possible NEPA Support)
   • Gateway Office Engagement – Delivery of Federal Services

Financing:

   Direct funding support via existing/future programs

   • TIGER I-IV Grants
   • Marine Highway Grants
   • Other Future Grant Programs
   • Loans/Loan Guarantees
   • Possible Cargo Facility Fee Program
   • Eligible for Port Infra Devel. Fund

   • Eligible for MARAD Lead Fed Agency Support
   • Eligible for Project Delivery Initiative
   • Sel. Criteria in Grant Program
   • Project Defined in Grant App.

Project Mgt:

   Increased Federal project assistance where unique Federal interest exists

   MARAD Co-Manages Project w/Port
   • Design Development
   • Eligible For PID Fund
   • Elig. For Project Delivery Initiative
   • Sel. Criteria
   • Investment Plan Req’d
   • Project Defined
1. Panama Canal Study –
   - Scope Differs from Corps of Engineers’ Study (Coordinated)
   - Emphasis is on Containers but All Cargoes Included
   - Goes beyond channels and ports to include entire Supply Chain
   - Desired Outcome: Range of Options/Recommendations for Decision-Makers
   - Release Date  ???????

2. Cargo Facility Fee –
   - Subject of last Harbors and Navigation Committee Meeting
   - Subject of Current Analysis by MTSNAC
   - Will Develop Recommendations and Socialize w/AAPA, ports, etc.

Dames Point Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (TIGER III)