

# New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations **WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES**

**WORKING GROUP:** Freight

**MEETING DATE:** August 17, 2016, 1PM to 2:30PM

**LOCATION:** Meeting Room in the Security Building at the Port of Albany  
107 Smith Boulevard, Albany, NY 12202  
1-719-234-7872, Code: 6135021939.

**ATTENDEES:** *Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council – A/GFTC: Not Present*  
Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study – BMTS: Casandra Gascon (Phone)  
Capital District Transportation Committee – CDTC: Chris Bauer  
Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council – ECTC: Jerre Cress (Phone)  
Genesee Transportation Council – GTC: *Not Present*  
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council – GBNRTC: Rich Guarino  
*Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study – HOCTS: Not Present*  
*Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council – ITCTC: Not Present*  
New York Metropolitan Transportation Council – NYMTC: Geoff Rick  
Orange County Transportation Council – OCTC: Ashlee Long  
Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council – PDCTC: Mark Debal (Phone)  
Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council – SMTTC: Mike Alexander  
Ulster County Transportation Council – UCTC: Brian Slack, David Staas  
Watertown Jefferson – WJCATC: Scott Docteur, Al Ricalton  
New York State Department of Transportation – NYSDOT: Dave Rosenberg  
FHWA: Maria Chau, Gautam Mani, Katie O'Sullivan, Scott Davies, Travis Black  
RSG: Christine Sherman

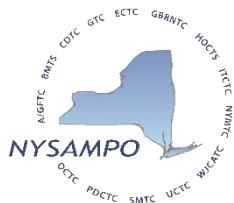
## **MINUTES:**

- 1. Introductions (All)**
- 2. Updates on the Marine Highway Program, StrongPorts Program, Build America Bureau, and the Panama Canal Study (Office of Marine Highways and Passenger Services)**

Please reference the attached slides for the presentations provided by the FHWA Office of Marine Highways and Passenger Services:

- 3. National Freight Program and FASTLane Grants (Chau)**

New York received two grants in the first round of the FASTLane program. \$850 million was distributed this year, and next year will be \$900 million. The MPOs will dictate what these projects look like and what moves forward. NYSDOT and the MPOs are encouraged to have a strong prioritization process for their projects and cost-benefit analysis and other criteria to support why a project rose to the top priority. Chau will distribute links regarding the FASTLane Cost-Benefit Analysis Trainings as a reference.



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Freight plans are more important than ever because they are tied to national funding. In addition to the discretionary FASTLane program, the FAST Act provides formula funding for freight projects. These projects must be on the National Highway Freight Network. New York State will need to develop critical urban and rural freight corridors. The NYSAMPO Freight Working Group may be the best venue to develop these corridors.

FHWA encourages NYSDOT and NYSAMPO to provide comments to the docket on the National Multimodal Freight Network (NMFN) due September 6.. (Not part of the meeting, but the docket to collect comments has been open since June 6th.)

#### **4. NYSDOT Updates (Rosenberg)**

The stakeholder engagement meetings for the Freight Transportation Plan will occur in October and November of 2016. NYSDOT will coordinate with the MPOs in the strategic locations for the stakeholder meetings to identify specific locations and critical stakeholders.

The project team is wrapping up the Freight Transportation Plan's Existing Conditions and Forecasts Report (Technical Memorandum 5), which will be available for review by the MPOs in the next few weeks. The report will include analyses for each major freight corridor and facility by mode, as well as overall statewide economic and commodity flow trends.

The project prioritization process for the Freight Transportation Plan is still in development.

#### **5. Action Items/Next Meeting (All)**

- Chau will distribute links regarding the FASTLane Cost-Benefit Analysis Trainings (See Below).
- MPOs should stay tuned for a call for comments on the National Multimodal Freight Network (NMFN).
- NYSDOT will follow up on the critical urban and rural corridors.
- NYSDOT will reach out to MPOs regarding the stakeholder meetings for the Freight Transportation Plan.
- NYSDOT will distribute the Freight Transportation Plan Existing Conditions and Forecasts Report to the MPOs for review in the next few weeks.

#### **Docket to collect comments on the NMFN**

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/06/06/2016-13261/establishment-of-interim-national-multimodal-freight-network>

#### **Links to the March 2016 Benefit Cost Analysis Webinar Materials (Sent by Chau 8/17/2016):**

Benefit Cost Analysis Presentation PDF

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/FASTLANE%20BCA%20Webinar%20031016.pdf>

Benefit Cost Analysis Project Readiness Guidance

<https://www.transportation.gov/fastlanegrants/bca-and-project-readiness-guidance>

Benefit Cost Analysis Recorded Webinar

<https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/p260usm4vur/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>



# America's Marine Highways

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# **MARINE HIGHWAY WHITEBOARD PRESENTATION**



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# Agenda

- ☐ **Mission & Vision**
- ☐ **Governing Legislation**
- ☐ **Marine Highway Routes**
- ☐ **Marine Highway Projects**
- ☐ **Marine Highway Grants**
- ☐ **Factors of Success**
- ☐ **Success Story**



## **Mission**

**To lead the development and expansion of America's Marine Highway system and to facilitate its integration into the U.S. surface transportation system.**

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## **Vision**

**The full integration of Marine Highway vessels and ports into the surface transportation system to ensure that reliable, regularly scheduled, competitive, and sustainable services are a routine choice for shippers.**

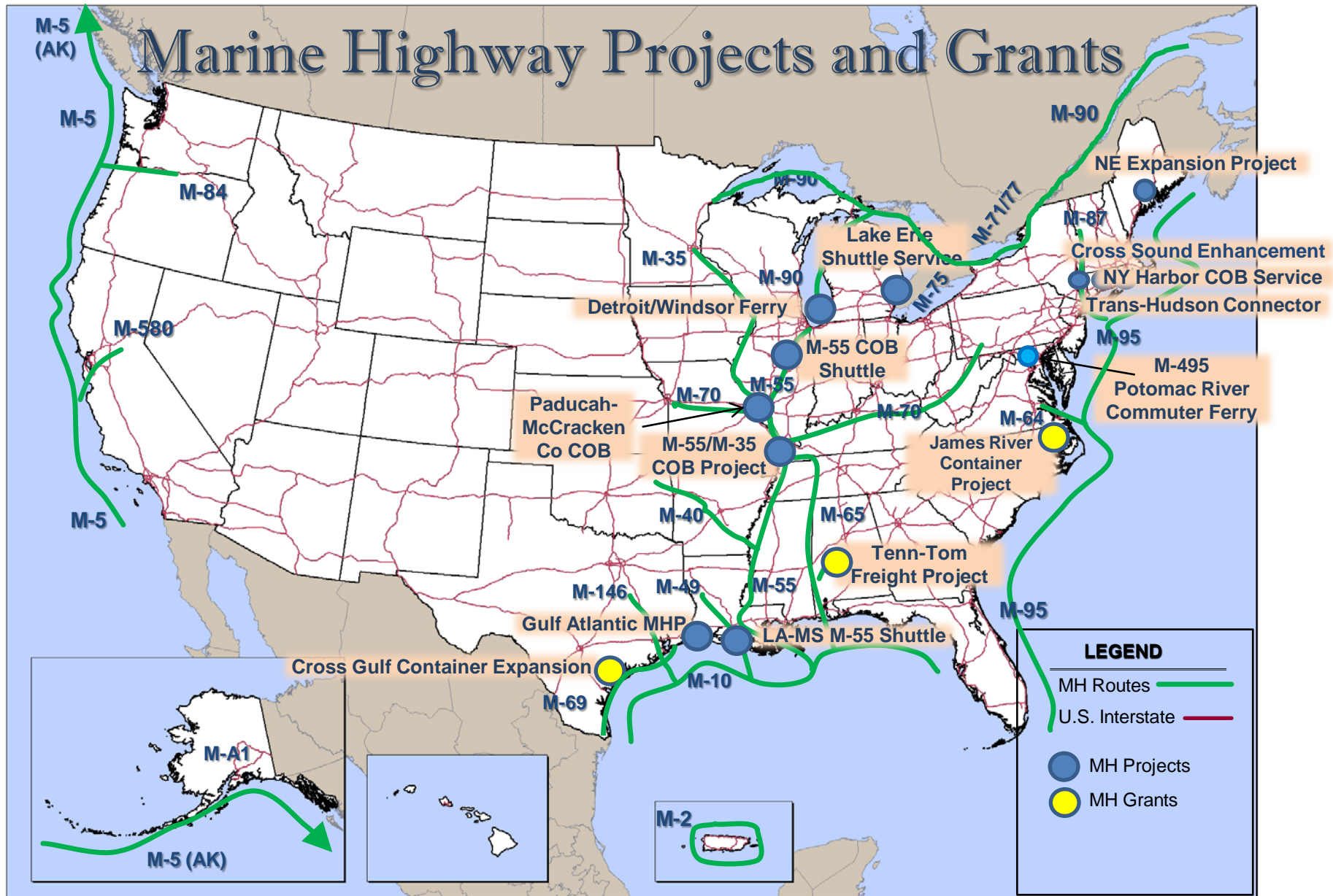
- **PL 110-140, The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007**
  - Established the America's Marine Highway Program
  
- **PL 112-213, The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012**
  - Added public benefit – reducing landside congestion
  
- **PL 114-92, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 amended the term short sea shipping to include...**
  - Discrete units or packages that are handled individually, palletized, or unitized for purposes of transportation; or'
  - Freight vehicles carried aboard commuter ferry boats.

- **Serve as extensions of the surface transportation system and follows established navigable waterways and shipping lanes.**
- **Are commercially navigable coastal, inland, and intracoastal waters of the U.S. or connections between U.S. ports on those waterways.**
- **Designated by the Secretary of Transportation as having the potential to benefit the public by providing additional transportation capacity as a part of the surface transportation system.**





- **Must be located on a Designated Marine Highway Route**
- **A public/private partnership between MPOs, vessel owners, labor, and freight owners**
- **A solid business case including analysis of competing modes (truck and rail)**
- **Adequate capital for start up and initial operations**
- **A coordinated promotion effort between key stakeholders**



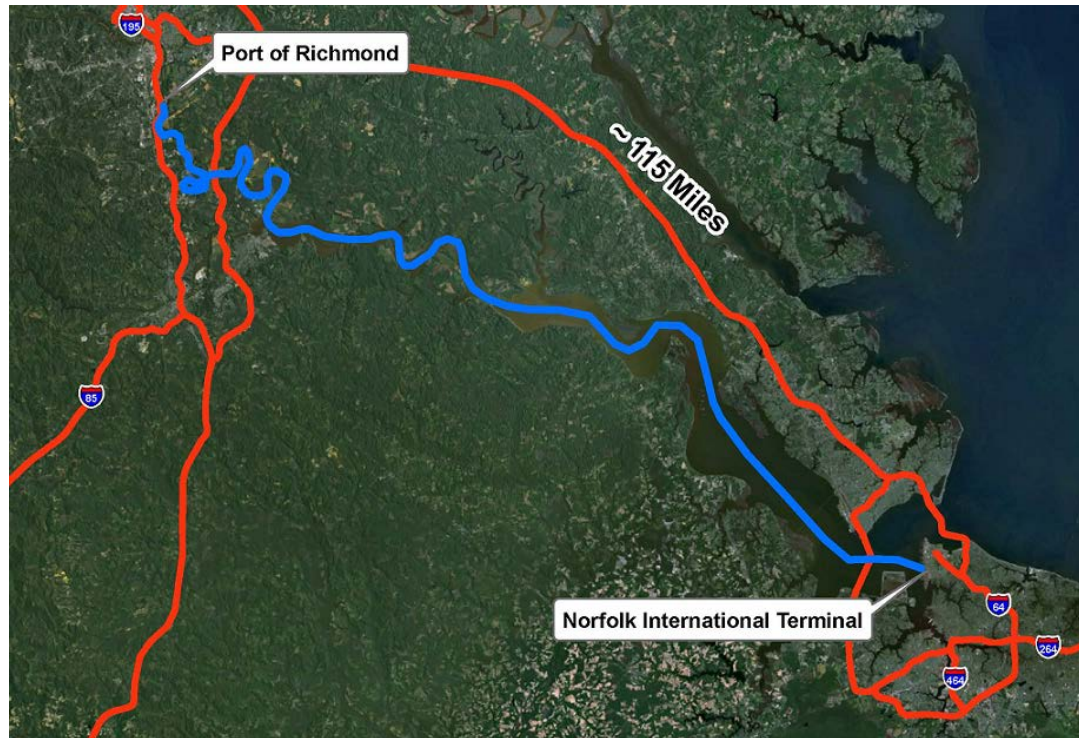


- **\$5 Million appropriated for FY16**
- **Purpose**
- **Eligibility**
- **Grant timeline**
- **Outlook for future AMH Grants**



- **Partnership**
- **People**
- **Process**
- **Product**

## Marine Highway Grant Funds provided for purchase of a barge and cargo handling equipment



- 2008 M-64 Express created
- 2010 Received MARAD grant
- Service created hubs at the Port of Richmond and Virginia's Inland Port
- Currently moves ~1300 TEUs/month on the M-64
- Provides relief for the congested I-64 corridor

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## Questions?





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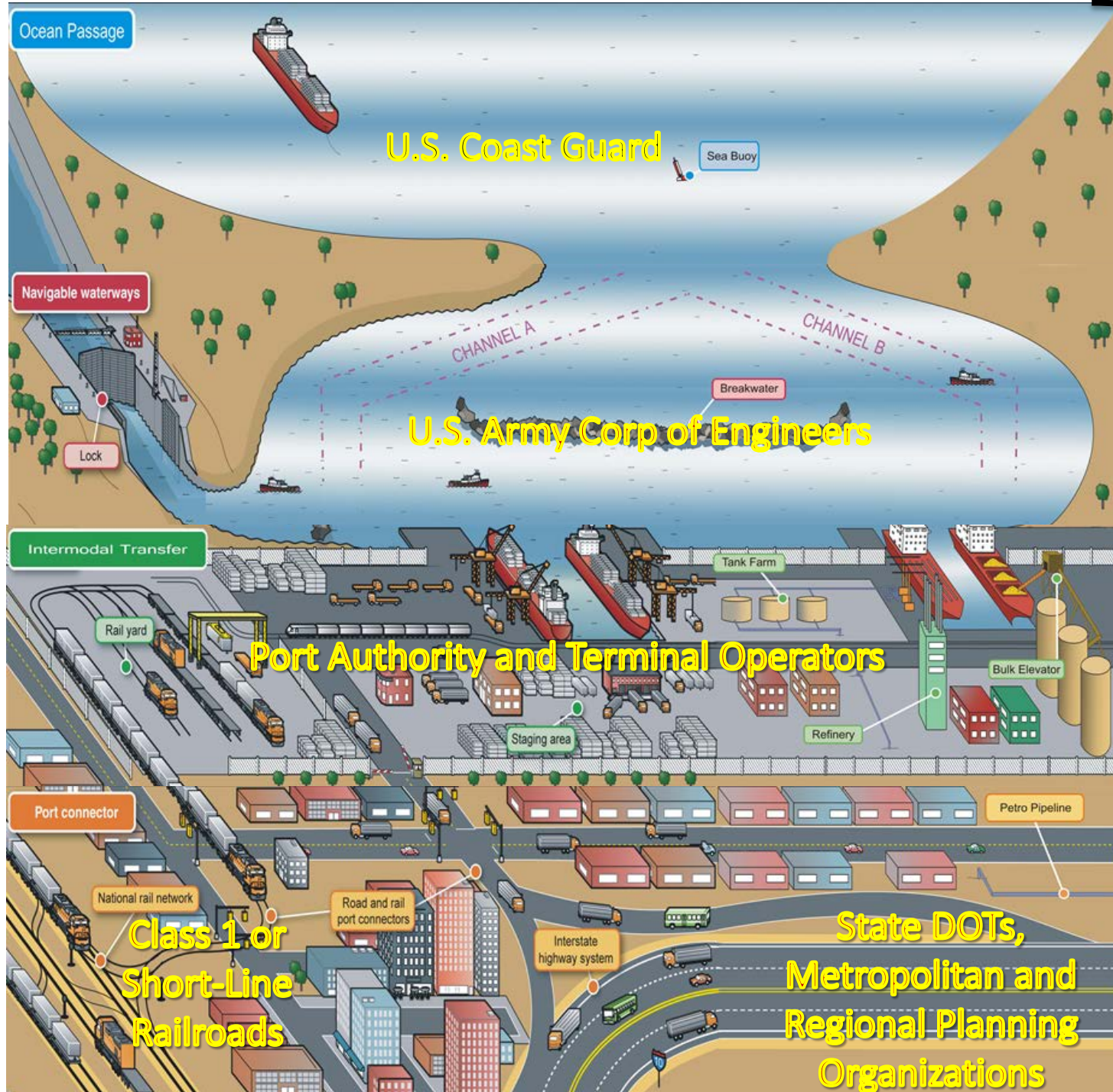
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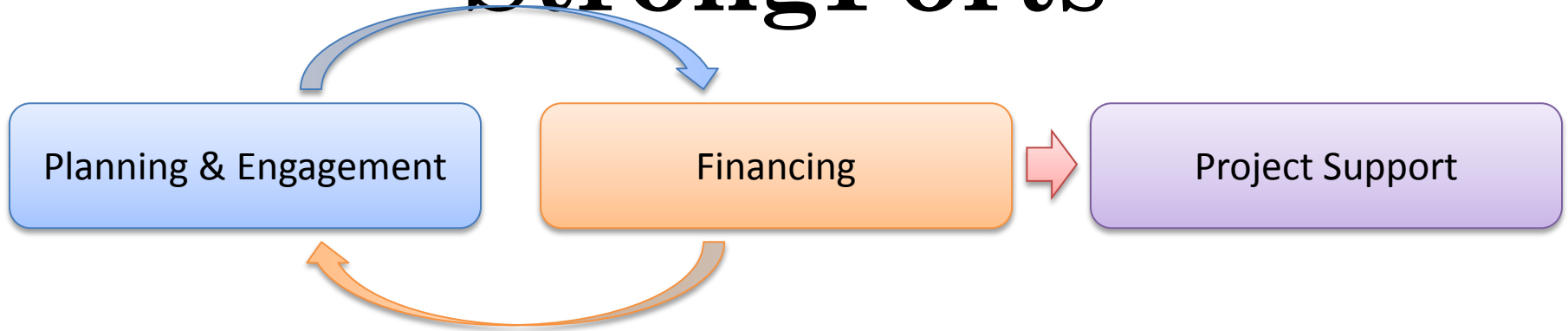
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# StrongPorts



**PortTalk**

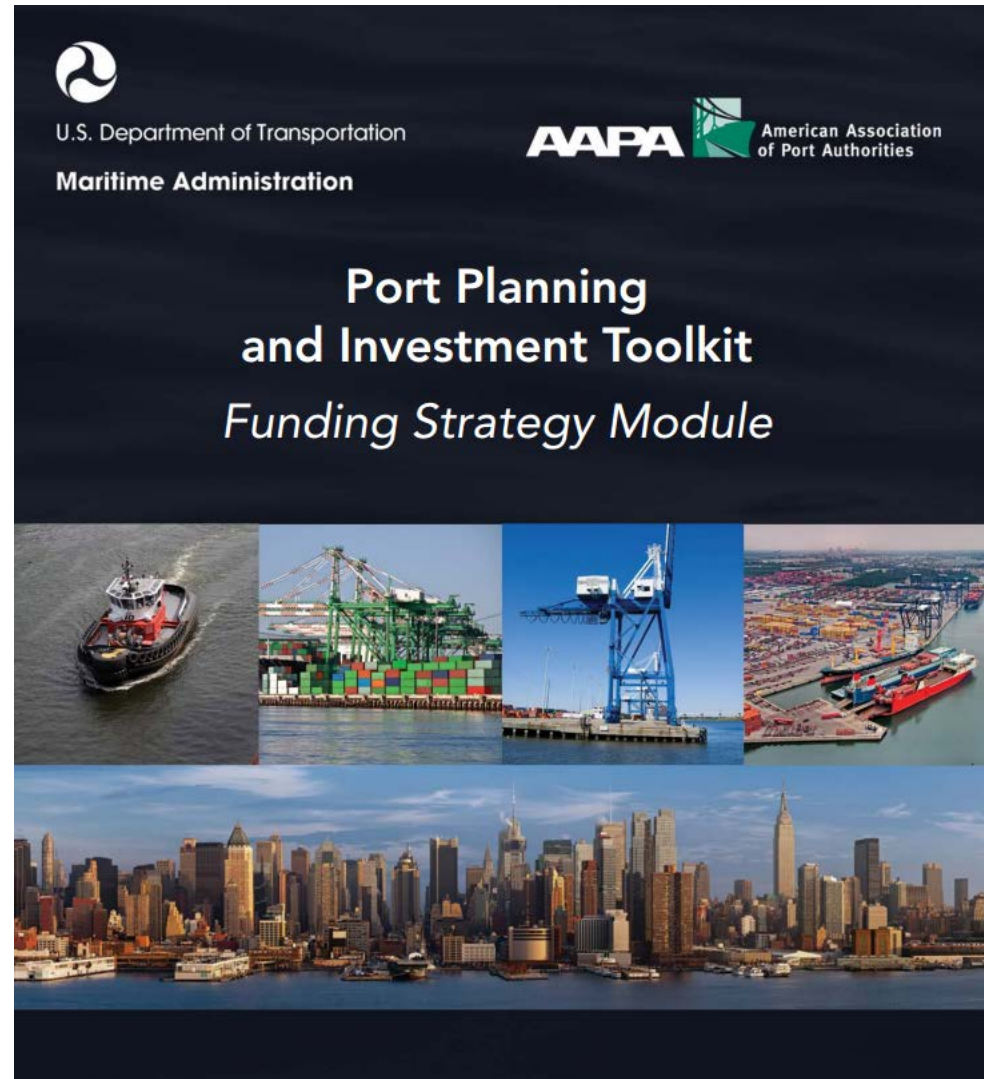
**Planning**

**Working with MPOs**

**Working with State DOTs**

**Being Eligible**

**[www.StrongPorts.gov/toolkit](http://www.StrongPorts.gov/toolkit)**



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## Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

- Signed into Law December 4, 2015
- \$305 Billion for 5 years
- National Highway Freight Program
  - ✓ Up to \$500M of multiyear total can go towards multimodal projects including maritime ports
- Port Performance Program (annual statistics)
  - ✓ Bureau of Transportation Statistics
- Build America Bureau authorized as the National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau
  - ✓ Potential to administer various Departmental credit and grant programs
- USDOT building strategy for execution





# FAST ACT – Grants/Funding

- Funding (5 years)
  - National Highway Freight Program (\$6.3B)
  - FASTLANE Competitive Grant Program (\$4.5B)
  - Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Grants (\$300M)
  - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (\$58B)
  - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program (\$12B)



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## Funding and Financing

- TIGER Grants - TIGER VIII Grant - \$500 Million (2016)
- Build America Bureau - <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica>
  - ✓ Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) - <https://www.transportation.gov/tifia>
  - ✓ Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) - <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0128>
  - ✓ Public Private Partnership - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ipd/p3/toolkit/training/>
- Port Conveyance Program
- Marine Highway call for Projects –

**31404 Federal Register** / Vol. 79, No. 105 / Monday, June 2, 2014 / Notices  
MH Project submissions due June 30, 2016  
\$5 million available



# FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES

## Financing

- National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau
- Build America Bureau
  - Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovative Act (TIFIA)
  - Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF)
  - Private Activity Bonds (PABs)
- State Infrastructure Banks (SIBs)



# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Other Opportunities
  - TIGER Grants [www.transportation.gov/TIGER](http://www.transportation.gov/TIGER)
  - Port Conveyance
  - Marine Highway Grants





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## Tiger/ARRA

States: 24

Ports: 49

Grants: 48

Funds: \$564M

## MH Projects

Ports: 6

Grants: 3

Funds: \$7M

## Land Conveyance

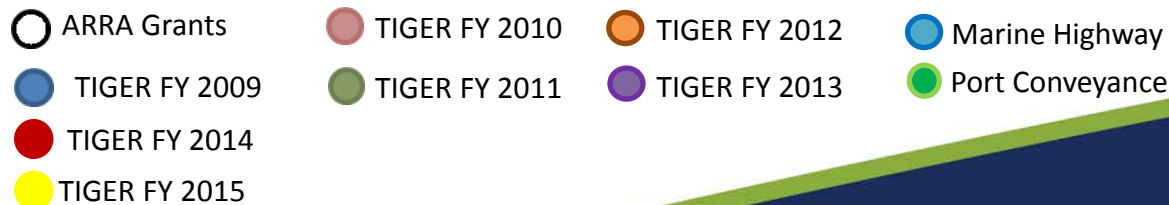
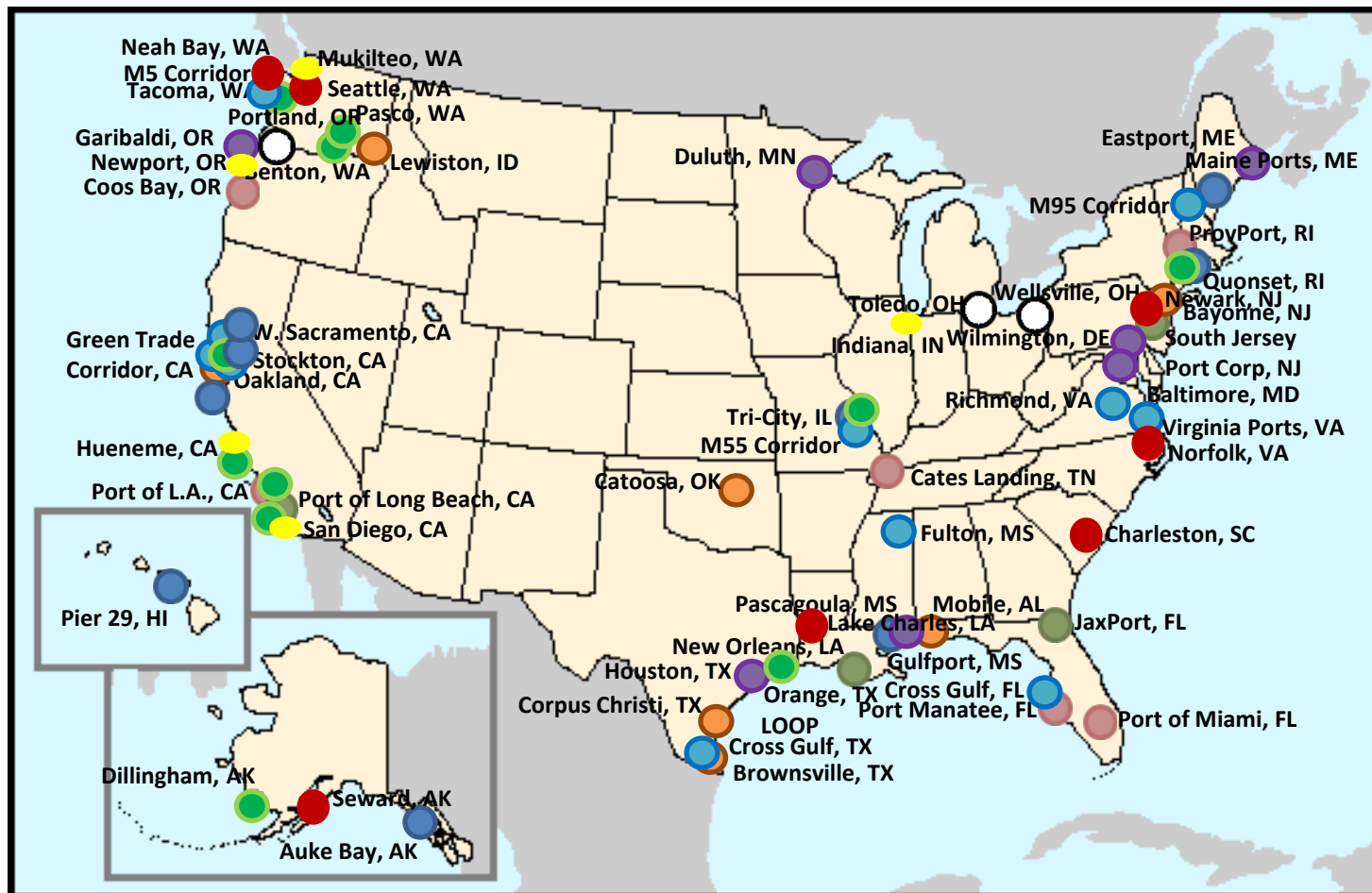
Ports: 10

Land Area:

3,000 Acres

Value: \$54M to

\$1B



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## Planning & Investment Toolkit

*A Maritime Industry Joint Venture*

- A **joint venture** between AAPA, a working group of 57 industry expert volunteers, and the Maritime Administration.
- Toolkit will help **ports obtain funding** by developing **investment grade plans that:**
  - ✓ Clearly identify **future port needs**;
  - ✓ Determine the most **cost-effective**, sustainable and efficient **solutions** to port problems; and
  - ✓ Get port infrastructure projects into **MPO and state transportation programs** in order to receive **formula funding**;
  - ✓ Position port projects for **federal funding** such as TIGER grants; and
  - ✓ Assist ports in obtaining **private sector investment funds**.
  - ✓ **Funding Strategy Module** was released in November 2014

<http://www.aapa-ports.org/Publications/content.cfm?ItemNumber=20033&RDtoken=2689&userID=5980>



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## *PortTalk* - A Regional Maritime Collaboration

- Documents the Ports as-is, to-be, and where MARAD can assist.
- PortTalk engages **Ports, State DOT, MPOs, and other stakeholders** in a facilitated telecon to **foster dialogue** and **develop regional maritime transportation plans**.
- PortTalk Outcomes:
  - ✓ **Understand** Port concerns
  - ✓ Identify resources and programs to help build, **modernize and expand** maritime transportation assets
  - ✓ **Spotlight** maritime transportation's role in regional transportation **system planning**
  - ✓ **Shipper and shipping-company** outreach and needs assessment
  - ✓ Gain **understanding** of freight system plans to 2025
  - ✓ Generate **innovative solutions** to environmental and logistics challenges



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## America's Marine Highway



### Marine Highway Call for Projects

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- MH Project submissions due June 30, 2016
- \$5 Million available 2016

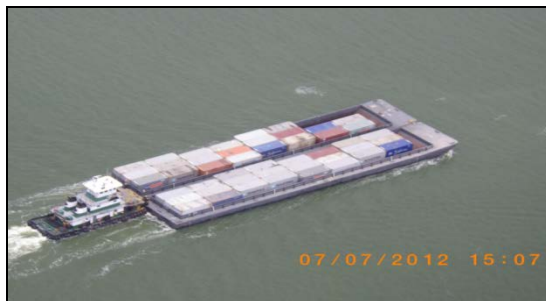
### Texas/Oklahoma Area

- M-40 McClellan-Kerr
- M-10 Gulf IAWW
- M-146 Houston-Baytown

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## Growing Congestion and the Marine Highway Solution

- International trade growth can only increase congestion.
- Landside infrastructure can't support the growth. Roads and railroads are near capacity, are costly, and take decades to expand.
- The U.S. moves about 6% of freight by water
  - ✓ Europe - 40%
- The U.S. has about 25,000 miles of coastal and inland waterways that are operating below capacity.





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