

DC TRENDS - A Ports Perspective

For PNWA

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American Association of Port Authorities

Representing Seaports of the Western Hemisphere for over 100 years!

- AAPA was established in 1912
- Since that time AAPA has been providing a space for collaboration and exchange of best practices
- Fostering collaboration among members and allied groups. We do this through:
 - Education and Training, PPM
 - Networking and one on one interaction
 - Legislative and Policy support
 - Outreach



Freight Movement



DC Trends

- **Water Side**

- FY 2015 Cromnibus & Corps Work Plan
- FY 2016 Budget
- Navigation Funding Initiative

- **Land Side**

- Surface Transportation Bill
- Freight Fund

Congress' 2014 Navigation Legislation

- **WRRDA 2014**
 - Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) Targets
 - 3x3x3 study process
 - New Authorized Projects to start construction
 - Donor and Energy Transfer Port funding
- **Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014**
 - Increased IWTF rates and resulting funding for inland navigation construction projects
- **We need to develop a collective and uniform stakeholder message for Appropriations to implement this legislation**

FY 2015 Cromnibus

- Programmatic ‘Pots of Funds’ continued
- Congress supported Corps Navigation Program
- \$523 million above the President’s budget request
- \$1.17B HMT target missed by \$50 million
- New Study and Construction starts – Corps decides
- WRRDA Section 2102 distribution process not used per Cromnibus sentence “The Secretary shall allocate funds made available in this Act solely in accordance with the provisions of this Act...”

FY16 Corps Navigation Budget

- President's navigation budget request a disappointment
- HMT request \$915 million – same as last year and only 50% of estimated FY15 HMT revenues
- Coastal navigation construction is \$81 million, it was \$97 million in FY15. Lowest level in at least 10 years.

\$2.755 billion for 2016 Corps Navigation Program

	2016 Nav Stakeholders	2015 Cromnibus	2016 Pres Bud	Remarks
Nav Investigations Coastal & Inland	\$50 M	\$38 M	\$25 M	Complete WRRDA studies in 3 years
Coastal Navigation Construction	\$300 M	\$184 M	\$81 M	For WRRDA channel improvements
Inland Navigation Construction	\$360 M	\$300 M	\$240 M	Inland Waterway Trust Fund full use
Coastal Navigation O&M (Harbor Maintenance Tax)	\$1.25 B	\$1.12 B	\$871* M	Hits WRRDA Target *Total HMT \$915; \$44 of Const is HMT
Donor & Energy Transfer Ports	\$50 M	\$0	\$0	WRRDA Section 2106
Inland Nav O&M	\$700 M	\$661 M	\$691 M	
MS River & Trib	\$45 M	\$45 M	\$38 M	Construction & O&M
Total	\$2.755 B	\$2.348 B	\$1.948 B	

'Nav 1 Number' Graphics

- \$2.755 billion for the Corps Navigation program
- Simple, straightforward message like the 'Hit the HMT Target!' campaign
- Build and maintain 21st century US infrastructure
- US Jobs and Economic Growth!



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**\$2.7B FY16
CORPS NAVIGATION PROGRAM**

Essential dredging, maintenance,
construction and studies for:

- Competitive ports
- Stronger infrastructure
- More U.S. jobs
- Economic growth

The graphic also features an illustration of a large cargo ship docked at a port with cranes and trucks.

Join us!

Stakeholder		Stakeholder		Stakeholder		Stakeholder	
AAPA	Y	WCI	Y	ASCE		AGC	Y
DCA/RAMP	Y	AWO		ARTBA		GICA	Y
Gulf Ports	Y	NWC	Y	AASHTO		ATA	
PNWA	Y	Soy Transportation		Chamber Commerce		Conf of Mayors	
CMANC	Y	Big River Coalition	Y	NAM	Y	Nat'l Gov Assoc	
Great Lakes	Y	NAPA		NRF		API	
LCA	Y	CAPA		LABOR			

AAPA Freight Priorities

✓ *Need for Federal and State Planning*

- Designation of Gateways and Corridors
- Identification of Connectors on Primary Freight Network
- Expertise in Maritime Planning should be a part of every state DOT
- Short Sea Shipping or America's Marine Highways

✓ *Dedicated Freight Funding*

- Port authorities should be eligible to apply directly for funding
- Funding for Connectors, Intermodal projects and 'First and Last Mile' projects
- Funding for Projects of National & Regional Significance (PNRS)

✓ *TIFIA and Strong Financing Options*

AAPA Freight Infrastructure Survey

- Developing a baseline of needs & policy for freight Funding
- Nearly 100% response
- Survey Monkey – 15 questions
- AAPA POC is John Young



SurveyMonkey - Question Builder Page 1 of 6

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1. Port Surface Freight Infrastructure Survey

As the debate on a funded freight program moves forward, AAPA anticipates that Congress will have several questions for our industry such as, how funding for a freight program would be spent? How much total funding is needed? What port-related freight infrastructure projects look like? And how they connect with the freight network?

The following brief survey is designed to collect information from AAPA-member U.S. port authorities about any freight-related infrastructure projects you are building and/or are planning. Your answers will be used to create a database of examples to illustrate to Congress the benefits of investing in port-related freight transportation projects, and the value of creating a dedicated federal fund to help pay for those projects.

We are particularly interested hearing about the state of your port's intermodal connectors, typically referred to as first and last mile project; projects that connect ports to the entire freight network. Are these connectors keeping up with current and projected freight demands? Are they meeting community demands?

To provide the most compelling, influential answers to these questions, AAPA requests that you complete this survey by Thursday October 30th.

The results of this survey will be kept confidential and used in an aggregated manner that does not identify a specific port. AAPA will contact the port prior to any disclosure of port specific information.

Thank you for contributing to the success of this survey.

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***1. To identify you and your port, please answer the following:**

Your first and last name

Your title

Your port affiliation

AAPA and Stakeholders Need To Continue Work Together

We have to plan for growth and invest in opportunity—and ports are engaging in the planning process: Preliminary results from AAPA's "*Port Surface Freight Infrastructure Survey*," show that:

- 67% of our nation's ports are working directly with their region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or Council of Governments (COG) in the development and planning of a recent (or as-yet-unfinished) freight project
- 75% of our ports participated in the development of their state's statewide freight plan
- 69% of ports are members of a local freight advisory committees

Investment in the Freight Network

Over the next decade (through 2025) to upgrade the intermodal connections so ports can efficiently handle all projected inbound/outbound cargo.

Almost all of our port members participated in the survey and nearly 80% said that a minimum investment of \$10 million in their connectors is necessary over the next decade. 31% said that an investment of \$100 million is necessary.

“Thirty-five percent of Port Authorities said that congestion on their connectors had negatively impacted their port's productivity by 25-50%”

Full report to be released at AAPA's Spring Conference, April 20-21

Infrastructure Week 2015

Recruiting You to Participate! May 11-15



Recruiting

- Advocate for navigation funding – it's your taxes!
- Support increased Freight Movement focus in Surface Transportation Bill
- Help us strengthen the Navigation coalition

Bold goal: Get Infrastructure recognition like AARP and NRA!



THANK YOU!

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