Initial Issues

This listing is for discussion purposes and does not represent a complete list of issues. During the Advisory Council meeting, you will use this list as a starting point and add, delete, modify issues as appropriate.

• Waterway Management
  – Increasingly inadequate maintenance funding for dredging
  – Lockage delays due to lock dimensions that limit traffic flow
  – Inadequate channel depths and widths, particularly coastal waterways that support oil & gas
  – Limited to no public knowledge on importance of waterways to state economy
  – Climate change and sea-level rise

• Ports
  – Infrastructure to support freight handling
  – Intermodal connections for efficient freight movement
  – Maintaining economic competitiveness with other Gulf ports
  – Readiness for Panama Canal expansion
  – Potential for large offshore receiving port (post-Panamax vessels)

• Governance
  – Federal ownership of navigable waterways dictates/restricts State DOTD partnership
  – Ports are self governing, with a voice through the Ports Association