



Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update
Ports and Waterways
Advisory Council Meeting
October 2, 2013



AGENDA

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Opening Session

- Welcome
- Update of the Statewide Transportation Plan
 - Plan Status
 - Needs
 - Financial Forecast
 - Megaprojects
 - Gap and Revenue Scenarios
- Break Out Session Objectives

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Don Vary, CDM Smith

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ports and Waterways Advisory Council Meeting

- Welcome/Introductions/Role of AC
- Questions Before Starting
- Presentation
- Issues Discussion
 - Handout – List of Issues
- Preliminary Recommendations Discussion
 - Handout – List of Recommendations from 2008 and Round 1 AC Meetings
 - Potential Additional Recommendations

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break



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ISSUES

1. Deepening the Mississippi River and access channels is a priority
2. Need for coastal waterways and channels dredging to accommodate economic growth
3. Louisiana is missing opportunity to be competitive with neighboring states due to funding limitations for ports and waterways investments
4. Waterway Management issues:
 - Increasingly inadequate maintenance funding for dredging
 - Lockage delays due to lock dimensions that limit traffic flow
 - Limited to no public knowledge on importance of waterways to state economy
 - Climate change and sea-level rise adaptation
5. Ports concerns:
 - Infrastructure to support freight handling
 - Intermodal connections for efficient freight movement
 - Readiness for Panama Canal expansion
 - Potential for large offshore receiving port (post-Panamax vessels)
6. Federal ownership of navigable waterways dictates/restricts State DOTD partnership and ports are self-governing
7. How to promote increased use of beneficial dredge material
8. Need for a “streamlined” process for expediting permits, grants, CEAs, MOAs between the ports, state agencies, Corps, and other federal agencies



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PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2008 REVIEW AND STATUS REPORT

Suggested to be added in next update

Rec #	Recommendation	Cost (\$millions)	2008 Status	Preliminary 2012 Status
M-1	Increase funding for Port Priority Program.	\$20/yr in SC 2	No Progress	
		\$40/yr in SC 3	No Progress	No Progress
		\$50/yr in SC 4	No Progress	No Progress
M-4	Fund a Statewide Maritime Marketing Program.	\$1.0 /yr	No Progress	No Progress
M-5	Implement the recommendations of the LA DOTD's MTS Plan with funding from State General Fund. (See Non-highway MegaProjects)		Ongoing	Ongoing
M-8	Continue to work through partnerships to increase utilization of the inland waterway system and of coastal shipping.		Ongoing	Complete
M-9	Support the development of major container terminals and distribution centers through the "Millennium Port" Authority and individual port authorities.		Ongoing	Complete
M-10	Support improvements and modernization of navigable waterway infrastructure in other states that impacts commerce in Louisiana.		Add to Next Update	Ongoing
M-11	Support public-private partnerships for maritime facility investment, including distribution centers, through tax credits and other tax incentives.		Add to Next Update	Ongoing
M-12	Support appropriation of the balance in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for maintenance of navigation channels and other maritime infrastructure.		Add to Next Update	Ongoing
M-13	Study economic competitiveness of LA ports.	\$0.5	Add to Next Update	Ongoing