2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure Ports & Inland Waterways

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- Webinar is being recorded
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2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure

}	AVIATION	D+
	BRIDGES	C
	BROADBAND NEW	C+
	DAMS	1 D+
	DRINKING WATER	C-
V	ENERGY	D +
	HAZARDOUS WASTE	t C
(3)	INLAND WATERWAYS	t C-
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A	PARKS AND RECREATION	1 C-
	PORTS	1 B
4	RAIL	B -
	ROADS	↑ D+
	SCHOOLS	D+4
	SOLID WASTE	C+
"	STORMWATER	
	TRANSIT	†D.
—	WASTEWATER	D+

America's Cumulative Infrastructure Grade





Key Trends

1.

Aging infrastructure systems are increasingly vulnerable to natural disasters and extreme weather events, creating unexpected and often avoidable risks to public safety and the economy.

2.

Recent federal and state investments have had a positive impact, but the full force of increased funding will take years to realize. Sustained investment is key to providing certainty and ensuring planning goes to development, as well as making larger infrastructure projects attainable.

3.

Unreliable or unavailable data on key performance indicators continues to impact certain infrastructure sectors.

Methodology

CAPACITY

CONDITION

FUNDING

FUTURE NEED

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESILIENCE

INNOVATION

National Trends in Ports that Shaped the Grade

2021 Grade = B- ← → 2025 Grade = B

- Capacity:
 - In 2023, U.S. ports handled 41.5% of international trade by value.
 - Ports support \$2.89 trillion in economic activity.
 - Container imports dipped in 2020 but rebounded sharply later that year.
 - Fewer container ships waited to dock in 2023 compared to 2021–2022.
- Condition:
 - Top 25 ports have added more ship-to-shore cranes; nearly 44% are now super post-Panamax

Funding:

- IIJA nearly doubled Port Infrastructure Development Program funding to \$450M/year.
- Over 1,060 port and waterway projects funded since IIJA enactment.
- EPA's Clean Ports Program received \$3B via the Inflation Reduction Act.

Future Need:

- Port needs from 2024–2033 are estimated at nearly \$38B.
- For water transportation, the funding gap is \$13B if IIJA levels continue; \$19B if pre-2021 levels return.

Operation and Maintenance:



- Port governance varies widely.
- Many ports have assessed infrastructure risks and vulnerabilities.

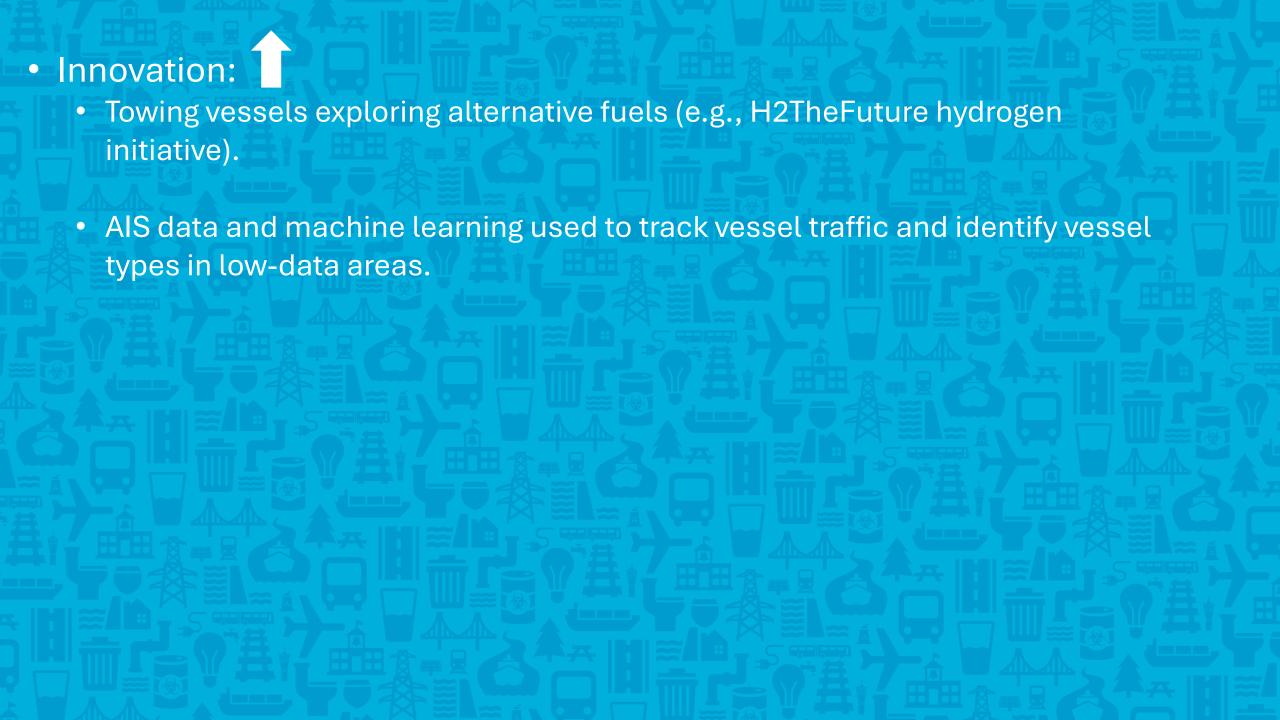
- Public safety:
 - Rising sea levels threaten infrastructure; ports are elevating assets and building barriers.
- Resilience:
 - Ports are addressing climate impacts through adaptation plans.
 - Many remain vulnerable to extreme weather events.
- Innovation:
 - Focus areas:
 - emission reduction
 - reuse of dredged material
 - workforce development

National Trends in Inland Waterways that Shaped the Grade

2021 Grade = D+ ← 2025 Grade = C-

- Capacity / Condition
 - Federal funding has improved infrastructure.
 - Aging locks and dams cause average delays of 172 minutes, affecting 47% of vessels.
 - 80% of dock/dam infrastructure has exceeded its 50-year design life.
- Funding / Future Need
 - \$17.1B in emergency appropriations to USACE; 68% (\$11.62B) went to the Construction account.

- Operation and Maintenance:
 - IIJA allocated \$4B to USACE O&M and \$808M to the Mississippi River & Tributaries account.
 - Challenges include extreme weather, climate shifts, workforce shortages, and inflation-related delays.
- Public Safety:
 - Inland waterways have the lowest injury/fatality rates among freight modes. Only five freight vessel-related fatalities occurred in 2022.
- Resilience:
 - Barges emit significantly less CO₂ than other freight modes.
 - 2023 Mississippi River low water levels disrupted ag transport, costing over \$1B.



Ports Condition & Capacity

- Expansion of Container Terminal
- Berth 214 Container Yard Expansion
- New Berth 218
- Channel Expansion
- Container Ship Evolution
- Ship to Shore Crane Evolution
- Existing and Future Channel Depths
- Terminal 6 and Passenger Bridges



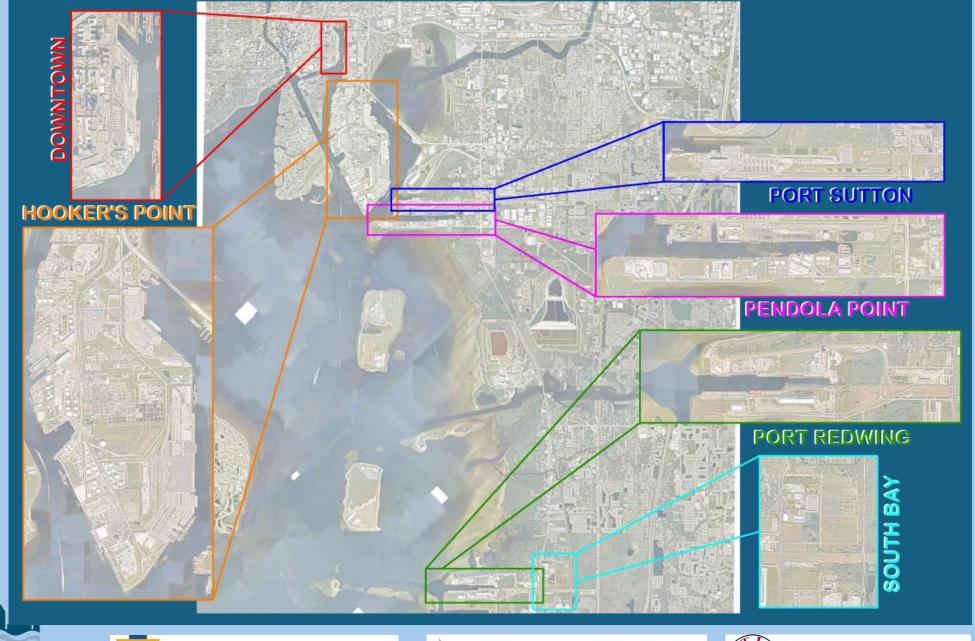


































Berth 214 Container Yard Expansion

Project Description:

- 30 Acres of Container Yard including Super Duty Pavement Section, Utilities and Storm Water.
- 1300 LF of wharf and ancillary infrastructure
- Gantry Cranes
- \$120 MM





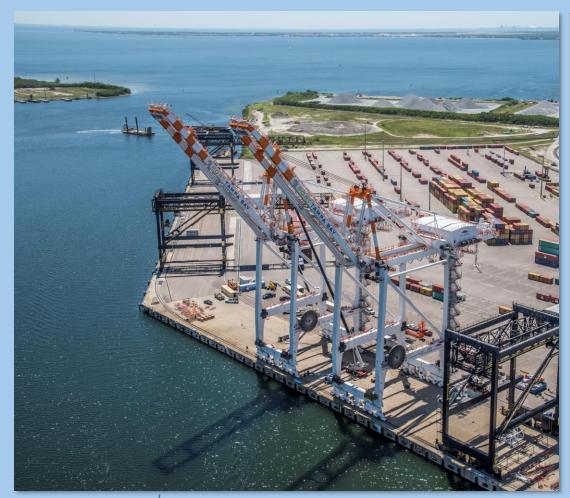


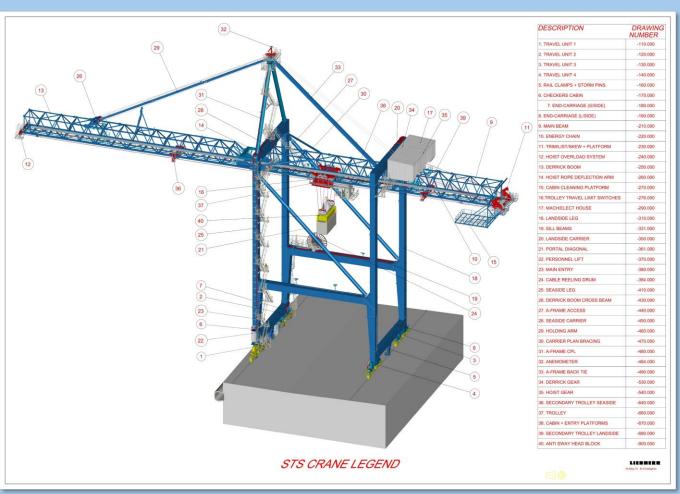






Cranes















New Berth 218

Project Description:

- New Wharf approx. 500 ft of Steel
- Bulkhead Wharf
- 2 Breasting Dolphins, 2 barge-breasting dolphins
- Fendering, lighting and mooring points
- Expand capacity for aggregate
- \$21 MM













Channel Expansion



TENTATIVELY SELECTED PLAN

Tampa Harbor Navigation Improvement Study



PLAN COMPONENTS:

Incremental Deepening to 47'

(Main Stem + Big Bend Channel)
*Note that the NED Plan is for deepening the Main
Stem + Big Bend Channel to 45')

Upper Channel Deepening:

- Port Sutton: 42'
- Sparkman (Upper and Lower): 41'
- East Bay Extension Cuts: 39'
- Ybor Channel: 39'

Entrance Extension

(9,900' to access natural depths consistent with channel deepening)

Extension of Federal Channel:

- Big Bend East Channel
- East Bay Channel

Turn Widener Improvements:

- Cut F (TB) to Gadsden Point Cut
- Cut C (HB) to Big Bend Channel
- Cut C (HB) at Alafia River Channel
- Hooker's Point to Port Sutton

East Bay Turning Basin Improvements

NOTE: Alternative 2c from the Final Array was chosen as the TSP.





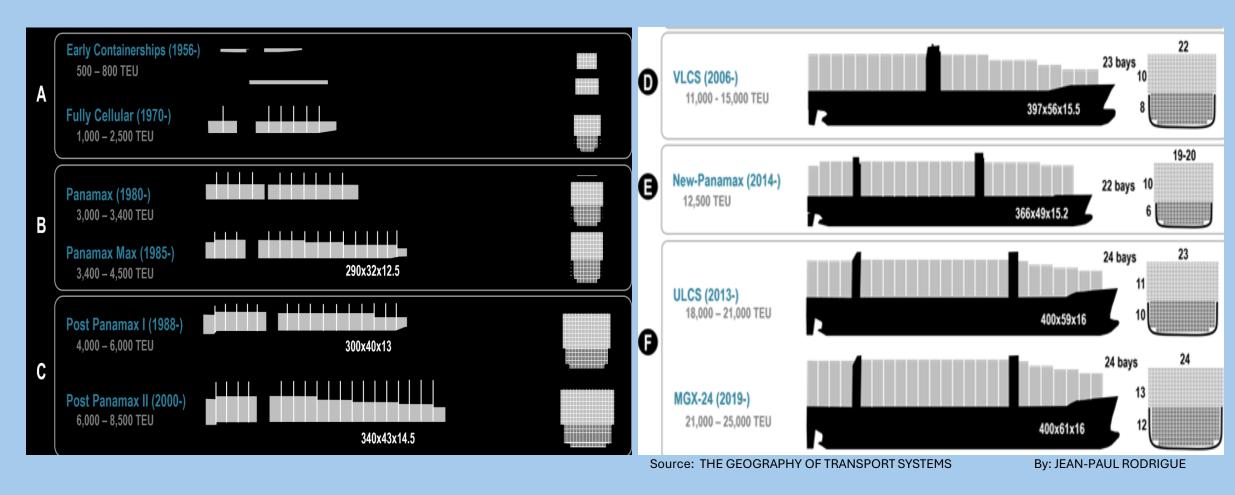








Container Ship Evolution





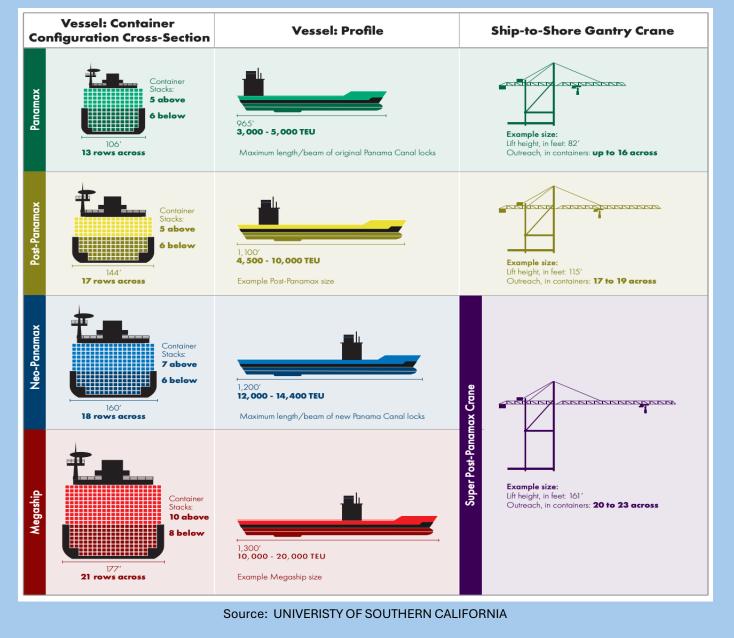








Ship to Shore Crane Evolution













Existing and Future Channel Depths



Houston

- Current Channel Depth:
 37-46 feet
- Future Channel Depth: 39-47 feet

New Orleans

- Current Channel Depth:
 35-50 feet
- Future Channel Depth: 45-50 feet

Mobile

- Current Channel Depth: 45-47 feet
- Future Channel Depth: 50-52 feet

Tampa

- Current Channel Depth:43 feet
- Future Channel Depth: 45-47 feet







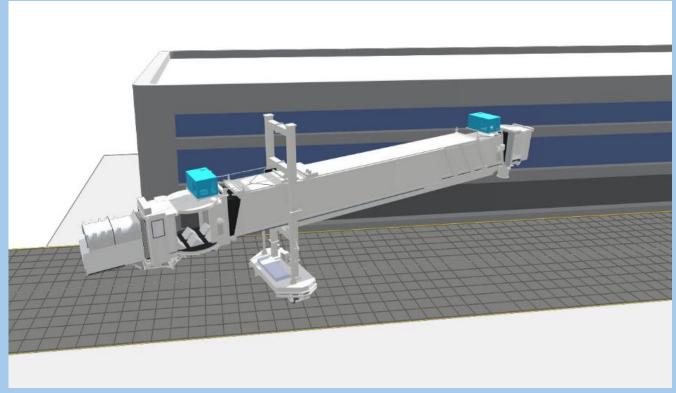




Terminal 6 and Passenger Bridges

Improving conditions of existing















- Funding stack today:
 - Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (0.125% user fee)
 - IIJA's \$17B for ports & inland waterways
 - MARAD PIDP at \$450M/yr
 - EPA Clean Ports Program \$3B (IRA)
- Since the IIJA, federal agencies have announced over 1,060 port/waterway projects.













- Documented needs:
 - 2024–2033 water transportation needs ≈ \$45B (≈ \$38B ports).
 - If IIJA levels continue, the funding gap is approximately \$13B through 2033 (roughly \$19B if funding falls back to pre-2021 levels).











- Ports Funding & Future Need
- Where dollars are going next:
 - Navigation Capacity
 - Channel deepening/widening
 - Landside Velocity:
 - On-dock rail/ICTFs
 - Crane modernization
 - Risk Reduction:
 - Resilience upgrades (raise/elevate critical assets)
 - Replacement of aging radiation portal monitors













 Predictable multi-year funding is key for sequencing large waterside and landside packages, while spending down HMTF backlogs accelerates maintenance dredging.













- Capital Improvement Program
- Channel Expansion Cost Summary













Capital Improvement Program

Board Approved FY2025 Capital Program		\$ 166,089,756	
Capital Equipment and Expenses	\$	10,000,000	
Dredging/Other (Portwide maintenance dredging, stormwater resiliency, harbor deepening PED, Island 2D)	\$	7,373,000	
East Port Development (Design & Site Improvements)	\$	1,270,464	
Engineering Contracts/Annual Contracts	\$	9,750,000	
Hooker's Point Development (Berth 214/Crane Rail Phase II, Power Resiliency, Gantry Cranes)	\$	93,259,751	
Port Redwing Development (New Berth 301 Construction, Signalization)	\$	23,000,000	
Port Sutton Development (Land Acquisition)	\$	20,375,000	
Security (Video Wall System Upgrade, License Plate Reader, Container Examination Station, Cyber Physical Security Assessment)	\$	1,061,541	
Board approved Capital Projects	\$	166,089,756	
Deferred Capital Projects to FY 2025/26			
Perimeter Security Equipment Building Project	\$	240,000	
Gate Arm System Refurbishment	\$	116,718	
Total Projects Deferred to FY 2025/26	\$	356,718	
Total CIP 2025 (Board Approved and Deferred)	\$	166,446,474	













COST SUMMARY AND ALLOCATION



Tampa Harbor Navigation Improvement Study

LPP/TSP TOTAL	PROJECT COSTS (4	7')	
	Project Costs	Federal Share ⁴	Non-Federal Share ⁴
General Navigation Features (GNF), 20-45 ft.		75%	25%
Dredging Main Stem ² to 45'	\$520,701,000	\$390,525,750	\$130,175,250
Dredging Upper Channels	\$125,433,000	\$94,074,750	\$31,358,250
Subtotal of GNF to 45'	\$646,302,000	\$484,684,500	\$161,617,500
GNF above NED Plan		0%	100%
Dredging Main Stem ² two additional feet to 47'	\$409,991,000	\$0	\$409,991,000
Subtotal Construction of GNF	\$1,056,125,000	\$484,600,500	\$571,524,500
Lands and Damages ³	\$168,000	\$84,000	\$84,000
FIRST COSTS ¹	\$1,056,293,000	\$484,684,500	\$571,608,500
ASSO	CIATED COSTS ⁵		
Local Service Facility Construction and Berthing Area Costs (LSF)	\$54,176,000	\$0	\$54,176,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$1,110,469,000	\$484,684,500	\$625,784,500
NOTES			

NOTES:

- 1. Costs are based on 1 OCT 2022 (FY23) Price Levels.
- 2. "Main Stem" includes Entrance Cuts through Cut D (HB), Port Sutton, East Bay Channels, Big Bend Channels, and Turn Wideners to Accommodate Design Vessel.
- 3. Real Estate (RE) administrative costs. There are no actual lands and damages, but per USACE regulations, RE administrative costs will be placed in the 01 account. The total cost is separated in this table based on estimated costs for both the Federal government and the Non-Federal Sponsor (i.e., these are not cost-shared amounts).
- 4. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall pay an additional 10% of the costs of GNF (\$64,613,400) over a period of 30 years, at an interest rate determined pursuant to Section 106 of WRDA 86. Credit is given for the incidental costs borne by the Non-Federal Sponsor for lands, easements, rights of way and relocations (LERR) per Section 101 of WRDA 86, as amended. The value of LERR shall be credited toward the additional 10% payment. Credit shall not exceed 10% of the costs of GNF.
- 5. Estimate for ATONs will be included by Final Report.











Ports Resilience & Innovation

- Power Resiliency
- PREP/HURREX
- What We've Learned & Next Steps
- Vulnerability Analysis
- Challenges, Considerations











Power Resiliency

Project Description:

Hardening of Hookers Point Electrical Distribution System

- Installation of new underground feeders (i.e., buried electrical lines)
- Scope 1: Conduit installation
- Scope 2: Wire, transformers and gear installation













Annual Hurricane Exercise



- Port Tampa Bay hosted the 13th Annual Hurricane
 Preparedness Tabletop Exercise on May 7th, attended by more
 than 120 port community members. In partnership with
 National Weather Service.
- This annual exercise allows us to refine and enhance our response strategies.
- It is a collaborative exercise involving key stakeholders including the City of Tampa, the United States Coast Guard, NOAA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Customs and Border Protection, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and various local, state, and federal emergency management offices.
- This comprehensive approach ensures that all relevant agencies are prepared to coordinate effectively during a severe storm.











Storm Impact















What We've Learned & Next Steps:

- Build out of PTB Hardened Site for enhanced functionality and readiness (furniture, equipment, supplies, etc.)
- Fuel Cell capacity at Hardened Site
- Engagement with Fuel Terminal Operators
- Contractor commitment to provide (5) large pumps and hoses for post-storm recovery.
- IT Source of Truth authentication shifted from 1101 server to cloud.

- Foster ability of ACOE & NOAA to store survey vessels at Hardened Site.
- ATON Recovery Plans (USCG, Port, Pilots).
- LOI with Cat-5 rated hotel for PTB use during hurricanes, engaged hotel, draft in review/process.
- Pursue larger Engineering vessel with installed survey and assessment equipment and capabilities.



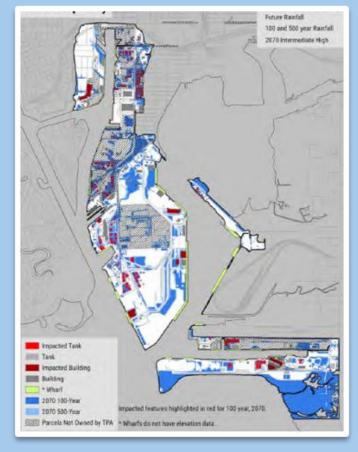




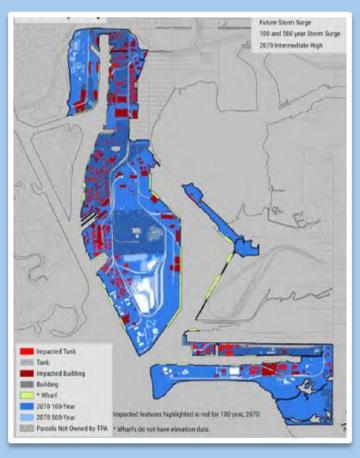




Vulnerability Analysis



BUILT STRUCTURES WITH FUTURE RAINFALL SCENARIOS



BUILT STRUCTURES WITH FUTURE STORM SURGE SCENARIOS























Challenges, Considerations

- Old infrastructure
- Very costly, complex
- Ever expanding
- Lack of data and inventory
- Disruptions to services (no detours!)
- Designed to serve current fleet
- Public and private infrastructure
 - Port vs. Privately Owned
 - Private data can be limited











- Electrification & zero-emission ops:
 - Shore power at scale (e.g., LA,LB, Miami)
 - Fleet/equipment electrification
- EPA Clean Ports grants accelerating deployments















- Alternative fuels & new industries:
 - Hydrogen, green methanol, ammonia, LNG/RNG pilots
 - Offshore wind marshalling (e.g., Pier Wind concept)
- Creating new port roles











- Smarter operations:
 - Vessel queuing & data sharing to cut congestion
 - Beneficial reuse of dredged material for habitat/restoration
 - Selective terminal automation
 - Workforce training campuses to boost productivity and safety













- Data tools (e.g., NOAA PORTS)
- Electrification
- Nature-based reuse









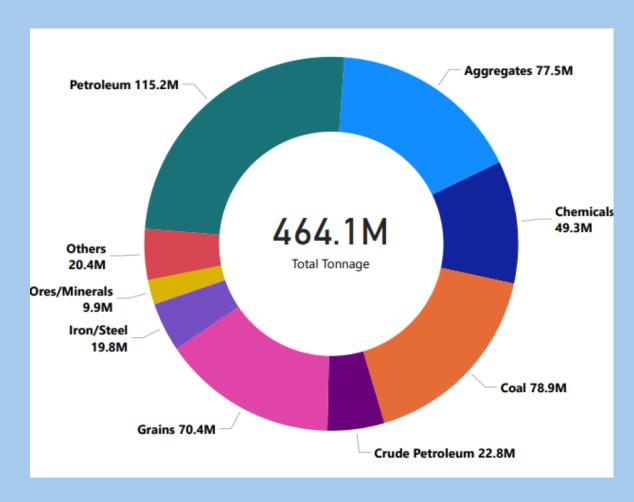






Annual Inland Waterways Tonnage















Potential Capacity Increase

Gasoline and Ethanol										
	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024
Middle TN Market Share by Barge	<2%	2- 10%	10- 20%	>25%	>40%	>45%	>40%	>40%	>55%	>60%



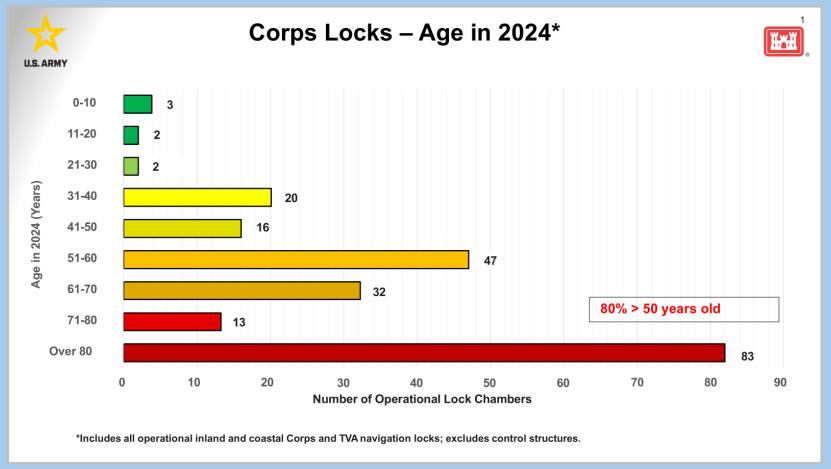








Inland Waterways Lock Condition











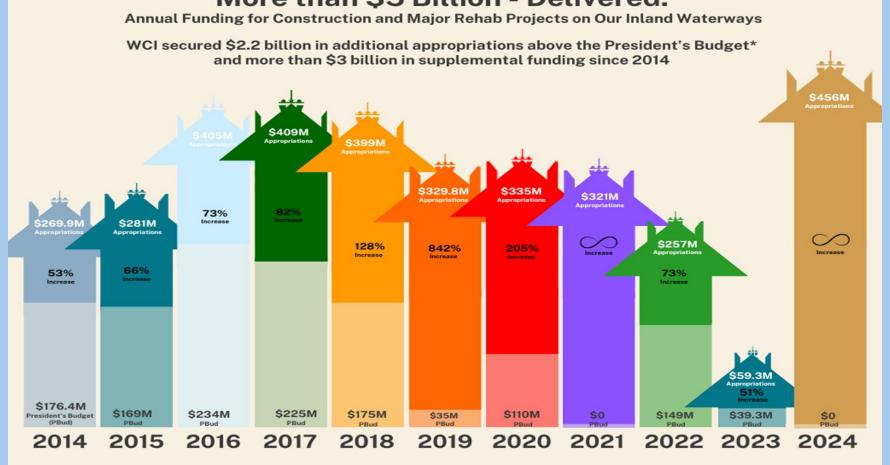




Inland Waterways Funding & Future Need

More than \$5 Billion - Delivered.





*Annual Energy & Water Appropriations, in millions of dollars











Cat 1a Active Construction

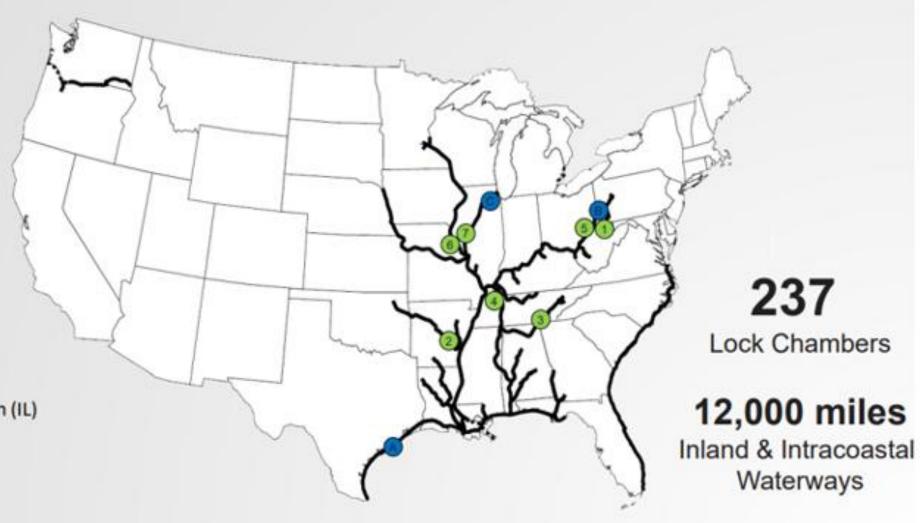
(in priority order)

- Monongahela River 2, 3 & 4 (Charleroi) (PA)
- Three Rivers Project (AR)
- Chickamauga Lock (TN)
- Kentucky Lock(TN)
- Montgomery Lock (PA)
- L&D 25 (MO, IL)
- 7. Lagrange L&D (IL)

Cat1b Active Design

(in priority order)

- A. Brazos River (TX)
- B. Emsworth Lock(PA)
- TJ O'Brien major rehabilitation (IL)



Cost Overruns and Schedule Slippages

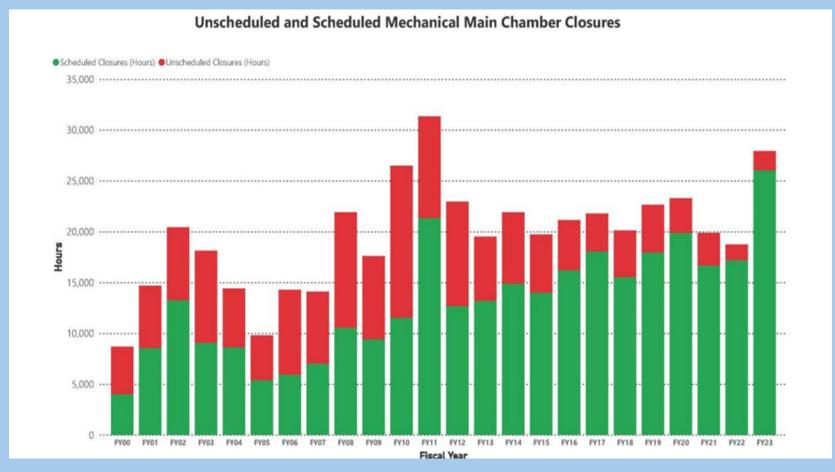
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Lower Mon 2,3, 4 1992		\$556.4 million	FY 1995	\$1.23 billion	121.6%	December, 2024
Kentucky Lock 1996		\$393.2 million	FY 1999	\$1.56 billion	297%	<mark>July,</mark> 2029
Chickamauga Lock	2003	\$267.2 million	FY 2004	\$954.4 million	257.2%	<mark>November,</mark> <mark>2027</mark>
MKARNS 12-Foot Channel	2004 9		FY 2009	\$1.02 Billion	543.9%	TBD
L/D 25	2007	\$626 million	FY 22 (IIJA)	\$2.26 Billion	261%	October, 2034
Montgomery 2016		\$782.2 million	FY 22 (IIJA)	\$1.69 billion	116.1%	October, 2032
Three Rivers 2018 \$:		\$184.4 million	FY 22 (IIJA)	\$333.7 million	80.9%	September, 2026
GIWW – Brazos 2020		\$158.1 million	TBD	\$260 million*	64%	TBD

Backlog of Lock Construction Projects

Project	River/State
Upper Mississippi River Lock and Dam 24	Mississippi River/ MO & IL
Emsworth Lock	Ohio River/ PA
Upper Mississippi River Lock and Dam 22	Mississippi River/ MO & IL
Upper Mississippi River Lock and Dam 21	Mississippi River/ MO & IL
Dashields Lock	Ohio River/ PA
Peoria Lock	Illinois River/ IL
Upper Mississippi River Lock and Dam 20	Mississippi River/ MO & IL
Brazos River Flood Gate	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway/ TX
Colorado River Lock	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway/ TX

Inland Waterways Operation and Maintenance















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