

America's Marine Highway Program *Update*



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Background / History

■ Energy Act 2007

- To encourage the expansion of America's water transportation through development of –
 - Shipper utilization
 - Port and landside infrastructure
 - Marine transportation strategies by state and local governments
- **Interim Final Rule**
 - October 2008
 - Asked for comments on the structure of the America's Marine Highway Program
 - Marine Highway Corridor Recommendations

12 SEC. 112. SHORT SEA TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE.

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 46, United States Code, is

14 amended by adding after chapter 555 the following:

15 “CHAPTER 556—SHORT SEA

16 TRANSPORTATION

“Sec. 55601. Short sea transportation program.

“Sec. 55602. Cargo and shippers.

“Sec. 55603. Interagency coordination.

“Sec. 55604. Research on short sea transportation.

“Sec. 55605. Short sea transportation defined.”

17 “§ 55601. Short sea transportation program

18 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transpor-

19 tation shall establish a short sea transportation program

20 and designate short sea transportation projects to be con-

21 ducted under the program to mitigate landside congestion.





AMHHP Final Rule

■ MARAD-2010-0035 (www.regulations.gov)

- Marine Highway Corridors – “[t]he Secretary shall designate short sea transportation routes as extensions of the surface transportation system...”
- Marine Highway Projects – “to designate projects that...provide the greatest benefit to the public.”

■ Marine Highway Projects

- For a new or expanded marine highway services
- The Maritime Administration can provide:
 - Technical Assistance
 - Coordination with other agency funding sources; e.g., CMAQ

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration
Notice No. MARAD-2010-0035
R25-1103-0278
Agency's Marine Highway Program
AGENCY's Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation
ACTION: Final rule.
SUMMARY: On October 3, 2010, the Department of Transportation published its notice final rule that established America's Marine Highway Program, under which the Secretary will designate marine highway corridors and identify and support short sea transportation projects required elsewhere where transportation services are an alternative means of moving passengers and vehicles through regions, through the economic, environmental and energy crisis of landlocked communities, through the coastal highway construction planning process, and through improvements in efficiency and environmental sustainability. This action is required by Public Law 111-143, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2010. This notice final rule includes comment, which are discussed in the "Notice by Action Review" Notice and incorporated in this final rule. In addition, the Bureau final rule might recommend the regulations of Marine Highway Corridors. This final rule adopts the notice final rule, address Marine Highway Corridors final comment to add recommendations for Marine Highway Corridor recommendations, and establish regulatory requirements, criteria and information necessary to apply the design as a





National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

- **"The Secretary shall...**
 - ... establish and implement a short sea transportation grant program to implement projects or components of a project designated under subsection (d). "
- **Section 3515:**
 - "America's short sea transportation grants for the development of marine highways"
- **To amend Section 55601 of the U.S. Code, Title 46:**
 - Same section as the "America's Marine Highway Program"
- **Marine Highway Projects:**
 - Be financially viable!
 - Have a market for planned services
 - Have a business plan
 - At least 20 percent cost share from non-Federal sources including state, regional and local government agencies





The Way Ahead

- **Corridors Designated**
- **Public-Private Partnerships**
 - *What marine highway services are in your area?*
 - *Who are your local operators?*
- **Projects Designated**
 - *Calculation Standards*
- **Maritime ITS Study (DOT/RITA)**
- **Marine Highways Cooperative**
 - *MPO Information Needs Study*





MPO Information Needs Study

- **Marine Highways Cooperative**
- **Phases I & II: Survey & Report**
 - To generate a set of tools for transportation planners in MPOs, State DOTs, and municipal & local governments to incorporate Marine Highways into their planning process (e.g., TIPS)
- **Phase III: Online Carbon Calculator**
 - Similar to: www.freightrailworks.com
 - Contractor selection late Spring/Summer 2010

