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Seaports Deliver Prosperity

For centuries, seaports have served as a vital economic lifeline by bringing goods and services to people around the world. Seaports continue to be a critical link for access to the global marketplace and are doing this in a safe and economically sustainable way. Seaports:

- Deliver the goods and allow for choice
- Create new high-paying jobs and sustain current employment (some of the highest paid union jobs in the nation)
- Serve U.S. consumers and businesses, the U.S. military and U.S. exporters
- Are key gateways to cargo imported and exported from the U.S.

Modern Navigable Seaports are Vital to International Trade and Economic Prosperity

- Investing federal, state, local, and private resources into seaport infrastructure – waterway, highways, rail and terminals – is imperative for meeting exporter, consumer, and economic demands of the nation

Efficient Movement of Freight Needs to Be a High Priority

- The nation needs a cohesive freight policy to alleviate freight congestion and plan for future growth expected from increases in international trade
- For ports, intermodal connectors and rail crossings are critical to the efficient movement of the nation's ever-growing volume of trade
 - State programs must be encouraged to include ports in their planning process to identify needs
 - States need expertise in freight mobility
- Additional federal and state funds are needed for freight mobility
- A federal tax credit for rail improvements should be supported
- Elevate the Office of Intermodalism back to the Office of the Secretary to provide high level freight policy expertise within DOT

Encourage Development and Federal Support of Marine Highways

- Short sea shipping can alleviate highway congestion and improve environmental sustainability
- The Maritime Administration should continue to make marine highways and short sea shipping a priority
- The Harbor Maintenance Tax should be eliminated for cargo moves to provide a federal incentive for domestic short sea shipping

Support the Marine Transportation System

- Continue the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Committee
- Continue the Committee on the Marine Transportation System
- Serve as a cabinet level advocate for harbor dredging including full use of the Harbor Maintenance Tax



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Safe and secure seaport facilities are fundamental to both protecting our borders and moving goods

- Seaport security is critical to economic growth and vitality.
- AAPA and its members are committed to working closely with federal, state and local government officials, as well as private-sector security experts, to enhance port security.
- AAPA-member seaports are investing billions of dollars into security improvements and related expenses to keep people, goods, equipment and infrastructure safe and secure.
- The Department of Homeland Security's Port Security Grants program is vital in helping to keep U.S. seaports safe, secure and open for business.

Modern, navigable seaports are vital to international trade and economic prosperity

- From your morning coffee to the shoes on your feet, nearly everything we use comes through a seaport. Ports also serve as transit points for millions of cruise passengers and U.S. military equipment.
- Because of seaports, everyone from farmers to small business owners to large-scale manufacturers can compete and thrive in a global marketplace. In these uncertain economic times, exports are more important than ever. More than 1/3 of America's economic growth in 2007 was derived from exports.

- Investing federal, state, local and private resources into seaports' infrastructure – waterways, rail, highways and terminals – is imperative for meeting both consumer and economic demands.
- AAPA and its members favor policies which enhance, rather than restrict, free and open trade in the Western Hemisphere.

Seaports are investing millions of dollars to significantly reduce the environmental impact on communities and natural resources

- Seaports are actively working to protect the environment by mitigating the impacts of their growth and initiating environmental enhancement projects.
- Seaports are working to control emissions through retrofitting legacy equipment, using cleaner fuels, improving operational efficiency, and purchasing new electric and battery-powered equipment – on their own and through EPA's Diesel Emission Reduction Act, for which funding should be increased.
- Many seaports have implemented programs for reducing or eliminating soil and groundwater contamination from entering waterways around their facilities through increased tree planting, soil testing and filtering stormwater runoff.
- AAPA is working to ensure the establishment of strong international and national ballast water management programs to reduce the risk of invasive species in our navigable waterways.



Ports Deliver Prosperity

Investing in Public Port Authority Infrastructure is an Investment in America. Public Port Authorities are poised and ready to undertake economic stimulus projects over the next two years that would create a quarter million new jobs, many in critically depressed regions according to a recent survey of AAPA member ports. This includes 153 projects throughout the nation with a total construction value of \$6.7 billion. These needed infrastructure projects that are "shovel ready" include water-side navigation projects, environmental improvements and road and rail connectors to ports. In addition to the creation of about 250,000 new, well paying jobs, these projects also would generate a significantly increased contribution to the nation's gross domestic product further helping to improve the nation's economic health.

For years investment in transportation infrastructure necessary for ports to function efficiently has been too little and too late. Even dedicated tax revenue has been shifted to other areas. For example, the Harbor Maintenance tax produces annual revenue of about \$1.3 billion which compares to an annual need for dredging of roughly the same amount. However, under-funding for federal dredging at about \$800 million annually has produced a surplus collection of over \$4 billion while federal channels have filled with silt. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, full authorized depth of federal channels is available less than 32% of the time for the top 59 U.S. ports that handle over 10 million tons annually. The channel availability is much less for the smaller regional ports. These channels are our nation's economic lifeline to world markets and must be maintained.

The American Association of Port Authorities calls upon the President Elect to champion these needed improvements, make them a reality and get American workers back on the job of rebuilding our nation's transportation infrastructure.

A list of needed projects identified by AAPA member Public Port Authorities is included in the attached file.



AAPA MEMBER INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY

STATE	PORT	WATER	HIGHWAY	RAIL	COST	JOBS CREATED *
AK	Port of Anchorage	Cargo Handling Under-dock Repairs	Intermodal Transportation		\$45,000,000 \$30,000,000 \$5,000,000	1,500
AL	Alabama State Port Authority	Ship Channel Maintenance DMMA Maintenance River Systems Maintenance			\$8,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$30,000,000	200 250 750
CA	Port of Richmond	Wharf Replacement Wharf Removal	Auto Port of Entry Project	PPMT Rail Yard	\$35,000,000	20 20 200 100
CA	Port of Los Angeles	Dredging/yr. Wharf Reconstruction	I-110 Connectors I-110/SR 47 Connector	S. Wilmington Grade Separation Basin Rd. Rail Access Improvments.	\$1,500,000 \$25,000,000 \$29,281,000 \$50,719,000 \$73,060,000 \$125,340,000	12 200 732 1,268 1,000 3,133
CA	Port of Oakland	Oakland Harbor Deepening Port Wharf Maintenance Middle Harbor Enhancement Waterside Wireless Surveillance System Deconstruction of Historic Warehouses 640 RMP Cover, Phase 2 Spot Surveillance video cameras Construction MHSP Service Center B60-63 Wharf Reconstruction			\$10,000,000 \$1,500,000 \$3,000,000 \$750,000 \$2,400,000 \$1,700,000 \$90,000 \$2,450,000 \$130,000,000	8000 37 75 19 60 42 3 61 3250
CA	Port of Sacramento	Sacramento River Dredging Sacramento River Deepening Berth 5 Ship Loader Biofuel Berth 5 Liquid Terminal LNG Portable Generator/Emissions	New Port Entrance/Intersection	Cemex Rail Project	\$5,000,000 \$60,000,000 \$650,000 \$550,000 \$575,000 \$1,250,000 \$1,950,000	1,100 2,750 3,000 35 25 100 49
CA	Port of San Diego					
CA	Port of Stockton	Environmental Mitigation/Restoration SF Bay/Stockton Channel Project Dredge Materials Reuse Project Material Transfer Bridge CA Central Traction Rehab. Rough and Ready Island Potable Water Supply Sanitary Sewer System Renewable Fuels Pipeline/Air Quality	Road Improvement/Rehab Navy Drive Bridge Upgrade Navy Dr./Rt. 4 Extension	Expressway Rail Separation Amtrak Rail Bridge Improvement Track Extension - Cargo Export	\$20,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$7,500,000 \$5,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$9,500,000 \$1,750,000 \$1,250,000 \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$4,000,000	25 60 40 100 100 200 12 9 25 100 25 25 25 35
FL	Port Canaveral	Maintenance Dredging West Turning Basin Deep/Wide South Cargo Pier Ext./Widening	Geo. King Blvd. Widening C. Rowland Dr. Realignment Cruise Parking Garage		\$4,500,000 \$25,000,000 \$11,000,000 \$9,000,000 \$4,600,000 \$9,000,000	77 1,067 372 142 100 200



FL	Port Everglades		Southport Container Yard Phase VIII New Bridge Over FPL Canal		\$17,500,000 \$10,600,000	50 722 25 485
FL	Port Manatee - Palmetto		South Channel Extension Berth 12 Extension Dockside Intermodal Terminal - Phase I		\$22,000,000 \$12,000,000 \$15,000,000	560 300 375
FL	Panama City Port Authority		Replace South Wall Rehab South Wall Drop Back Rehab West Wall	U.S. Hwy. 98/23rd St. Intersection	\$7,800,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$360,000,000	195 50 50 9000
GA	Georgia Ports Authority - Savannah		Brunswick Harbor Savannah Harbor O&M Savannah Harbor Expansion Emission Control	GA Hwy. 307 Overpass	\$10,000,000 \$18,895,000 \$3,024,000 \$23,000,000 \$250,000	250 472 75 575 6
LA	Port of New Orleans		New Orleans Harbor Dredging Navigation Lock Replacement Relocation of MRGO Terminals Relocate Cold Storage	Replacement of Almonaster RR Bridge	\$3,000,000 \$1,300,000,000 \$75,000,000 \$80,000,000 \$40,000,000	75 32,500 1,875 2,000 1,000
MA	Massachusetts Port Authority		Boston Inner Harbor Dredging Boston Fish Pier Electrification		\$39,000,000 \$400,000	34,000 10
MD	Maryland Port Administration/ Port of Baltimore		Intracoastal Waterways DE - MD Baltimore Harbor & Channels Poplar Island, MD Air Quality Projects		\$23,800,000 \$28,900,000 \$10,000,000 \$4,275,000	595 722 250 107
NC	NC State Ports Authority - Wilmington		Wilmington Harbor O&M Morehead City Harbor O&M Wilmington Harbor Deepening		\$16,000,000 \$6,000,000 \$30,000,000	400 150 750
NJ	Port of New York/New Jersey		PN/PE Maintenance Dredging Port Jersey Channel Dredging Brooklyn Cruise Terminal Berth 36/63 Berth 6 Construction Fender System Repairs Bulkhead/Pile Rehab	North/McLester Curve Realignment Port St. Interim Traffic Improvements Western Ave. Bridge Rehab	\$7,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$3,500,000 \$11,000,000 \$20,000,000 \$7,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$10,200,000 \$500,000 \$1,000,000 \$3,500,000 \$1,600,000 \$655,000 \$3,600,000 \$6,500,000	175 250 87 275 500 175 100 255 12 25 87 40 16 90 162
NY	Port of Albany		Wharf Replacement		\$16,000,000	75
RI	Port of Davisville		Maintenance Dredging Terminal Crane	Maritime Way Connector Road Commerce Pk. Connector Road	\$1,100,000 \$1,925,000 \$4,000,000 \$3,000,000	29 25 52 19
SC	SC State Ports Authority - Charleston		Matagorda Ship Channel Jetties	Charleston Naval Container Connector I-26/exits 217, 218 interchanges	\$172,500,000 \$40,000,000	4312 1000
TX	Calhoun Port Authority - Point Comfort		Channel Improvement		\$100,000,000	2,500
TX	Cedar Bayou Navigation District (Gulf Ports Assoc.)					



TX	Port of Corpus Christi Authority	Channel Extension	Trade Corridor - Phase II			
TX	Port of Freeport	Maintenance Channel Wide/Deep Disposal Project Velasco Container Terminal Berth 5 Extension Berth 7 Bulk Rice Loader	Upgrade U.S. Hwy. 36 Upgrade St. Hwy. 523	Shortline Railroad Expand Rail Storage Yard	\$55,000,000 \$15,000,000 \$4,500,000 \$330,000,000 \$2,500,000 \$330,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$5,000,000 \$140,000,000 \$150,000,000 \$25,000,000 \$25,000,000	2,500 500 50 1,000 25 4,400 50 125 500 500 250 50
TX	Port of Galveston	Maintenance Galveston Harbor Deepening Galvsn. Harbor Channel Disposal Proj. - Pelican Is./San Jacinto			\$10,000,000 \$50,000,000 \$12,000,000	1,500 2,800 300
VA	Port of Richmond	James River Expansion South Side Development Project Wharf Apron Widening			\$2,800,000 \$2,900,000 \$3,000,000	0 73 75
VA	Virginia Port Authority - Norfolk	Craney Is. Eastward Expansion			\$356,000,000	54,000
WA	Port of Everett	Marina Repairs/Upgrades Fender Pile Replacement Expand Basin Snohomish Channel Dolphin Berth Mods Terminal Wharf Upgrades	Mt. Baker Access Road	Rail Access Recovery	\$13,000,000 \$260,000 \$3,500,000 \$500,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,200,000 \$1,100,000 \$20,000,000	20 5 25 6 7 5 5 500
WA	Port of Grays Harbor - Aberdeen	Chehalis Channel Deepening Marine Terminal Upgrade Expand Terminal 4 R&D Lab, Incubator Construction	Industrial Road Improvements Infrastructure, Boat Repair Yard	Install Rail Crossing	\$2,000,000 \$4,800,000 \$4,000,000 \$500,000 \$2,500,000 \$8,000,000 \$4,500,000	300 50 200 15 100 150 15
WA	Port of Olympia	Maintenance Berth Dredge Retrofit Loading Equipment Exhausts Spokane St. Viaduct Widening		Port Rail Infrastructure Switches	\$6,000,000 \$300,000 \$200,000	20 10 5
WA	Port of Seattle	Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy	I-5/SR 509 Congestion Relief Project	E. Marginal Way Grade Separation S. 228th St. Ext./Grade Separation	\$50,000,000 \$11,000,000 \$1,250,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$8,000,000	1,250 275 31,250 250 2,000
WA	Port of Tacoma	W. Vancouver Freight Access Project Backlog Dredging Cat Island/Renard Isle Projects	Lincoln Ave. Grade Separation Hylebos Bridge Rehab.		\$20,000,000 \$12,500,000 \$137,000,000 \$15,000,000 \$9,000,000	500 2,000 1,969 100 80
WA	Port of Vancouver USA	W. Vancouver Freight Access Project			\$100,000,000	2,500
WI	Port of Green Bay (Brown Co. Port & Solid Waste)	Sault Saint Marie Lock Replacement				
TOTALS:					\$6,667,049,000	249,650

* The Army Corps of Engineers estimates that infrastructure construction jobs are valued in a range of \$38,000 to \$42,500 for an average value of about \$40,000.