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AAPA Strategic Goals, 2021 for CMANC Fall Meeting

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AAPA Ports United Policy Agenda January 2021

AAPA goals for new Administration and 118th Congress

5 Themes:

1. Gateways to our Economy
2. Sustainable Investments
3. Security at our Gateways
4. Calmer seas
5. Information Technology and Digitization



1. Gateways to our Economy

- Full appropriation of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
- Provide input to WRDA 2020 Implementation Guidance
- Pursue Federal funding for ports
 - Port Infrastructure Development Program, PIDP
 - Infrastructure for Rebuilding America, INFRA
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, RAISE
 - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements, CRISI
 - Port Security Grants
- Classify Port Workers as Essential Employees



2. Sustainable Investments

Data driven policy for port infrastructure means long term cost savings
Ports are front lines for climate change impacts and greenhouse gas emission reductions

- Develop AAPA State of Freight V, focused on resilient and smart ports
- Pursue appropriations for new Marine Transportation System Emergency Relief Act, MTSERA program
- Continue and increase flexibility in EPA's Diesel Emission Reduction Act, DERA program
- Include extreme weather events in Homeland Security Plans



3. Security at our Gateways

Ports support Customs and Border Protection, CBP's Federal responsibility for cargo inspection and duties collection

Ports concerned with CBP staffing levels and demands for facilities

- Require CBP define 'necessary' cargo inspection facility requirements
- Engage in right-sizing CBP facility technical standards
- Explore options to develop a fund for CBP facilities
- Fund resource needs to hire additional CBP officers and equipment (radiation portal monitors) to assure safe and efficient freight movement
- Pursue oversight by Homeland Security Inspector General and General Accountability Office as necessary



4. Calmer Seas in International Trade

Pursue Free, Fair and Rational international trade

Avoid alienating our trade partners and turning away from global consumer markets, 80% of which are outside the U.S.

- Eliminate tariffs that artificially suppress trade and raise prices for American consumers. Tariffs are taxes on American consumers
- Advocate to reform and resuscitate the World Trade Organization
- Include an Environmental Goods Agreement in any environmental tax proposals to assure a level playing field for green economy transitions
- Seek Congress renew the Trade Promotion Authority to expedite approval and implementation of trade agreements



5. Information Technology and Digitization

Virtual connectivity informs physical connectivity, and visibility means more efficient supply chains.

- AAPA technical and policy committees establish common ground and a timeline for Port Community Standards (PCS)
- Agree on PCS that are interoperable, scalable, secure and have common standards
- Set a national framework for effective and enforceable data security
- Pursue resources for increasing digitization of supply chains
- Protect and back-up the Global Positioning System
- As industry digitizes, support increases in cybersecurity funding



FY 2022 Coastal Nav Funding

Corps of Engineers
Navigation Program
Needs **\$4.33B** for FY22

American ports and inland waterways are critical for job creation, propelling the economy and ensuring U.S. competitiveness.



	FY 2022 REQUIREMENTS	FY 2021 OMNIBUS
COASTAL NAVIGATION	\$3.03 B	\$2.479 B
Investigations	\$25 M	\$14 M
Construction	\$905 M	\$794 M
Operations & Maintenance	\$2.05 B	\$1.621 B
Donor & Energy Ports	\$50 M	\$50 M
INLAND NAVIGATION	\$1.255 B	\$1.227 B
Investigations	\$25 M	\$25 M
Construction	\$330 M	\$323 M
Operations & Maintenance	\$900 M	\$879 M
MS River & Tributaries	\$45 M	\$41 M
TOTAL NAVIGATION	\$4.33 B	\$3.747 B



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FY 2022 Coastal Nav Funding

	2022 Pres Budget	2022 House CDF	2022 House Add'l*	2022 Total	2021 Approp
COASTAL NAV	\$2254 M	\$157 M	\$366 M	\$2777 M	\$2433 M
Investigations	\$10 M	\$6 M	\$0.8 M	\$16.8 M	\$11 M
Construction	\$673 M	\$32 M	\$50 M	\$746 M	\$794 M
Oper & Maintenance	\$1571 M	\$119M	\$265 M	\$1964 M	\$1578 M
Donor & Energy Ports	\$0 M	--	\$50 M	\$50 M	\$50 M

CDF: Community Directed Funding

*AAPA estimate of programmatic funds to coastal navigation



The Bottom Line...

- Great to see Ports and freight movement getting Congressional attention, support and funding
- Please thank Congressional members and Committee members for their support of freight movement funding. “Thank You’s” go a long way towards future support
- We’re grateful, but not satisfied – much more remains to be invested for true 21st century freight movement
- Keep educating and advocating! Momentum!
- Thanks for all you do for safe and efficient freight movement – especially during the Covid pandemic!
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