

AAPA Legislation Update for Harbors and Navigation Committee

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FY21 Nav 1 Number Request

- 7th year of post cards for association Hill visits
- WCI, DCA, PNWA, NAWA
- ‘Very effective’ per appropriations staff
- FY16: \$2.75B

**NAVIGATION
STAKEHOLDERS
NEED \$4.4B
FY21 CORPS
NAVIGATION
PROGRAM**

Ports and Inland Waterways Are Critical for
Creating American Jobs, Propelling the Economy,
and Keeping America Moving.

**AMERICA:
KEEP IT MOVING**

FY21 Nav 1 Number Request

We Urge Congress to Support \$4.4 Billion for the 2021 Corps Navigation Program

	2021 Stakeholders	2020 Omnibus	2021 Pres Budget
COASTAL NAVIGATION	\$3.035 B	\$2.688 B	\$1.618 B
Investigations	\$20 M	\$14 M	\$5 M
Construction	\$1.300 B	\$1.092 B	\$634 M
Operations & Maintenance	\$1.665 B	\$1.532 B	\$979 M
Donor and Energy Ports	\$50 M	\$50 M	\$0 M
INLAND NAVIGATION	\$1.325 B	\$1.183 B	\$750 M
Investigations	\$25 M	\$23 M	\$9 M
Construction	\$400 M	\$364 M	\$15 M
Operations & Maintenance	\$900 M	\$796 M	\$726 M
MS RIVER & TRIBUTARIES	\$40 M	\$39 M	\$41 M
TOTAL NAVIGATION	\$4.4 B	\$3.910 B	\$2.409 B

FY 2021 Corps Coastal Navigation Funding, \$millions

	Investigations	Const	MR&T	O&M	Total	Pbud + Pots
Pres Budget	14	634	5	979	1632	
House Pots	11	60	5	682	758	2390
Senate Pots	10.5	242.4	1.67	704.6	959.2	2591.2
FY 2020	14	1092*	5	1582	2693	

*includes \$360 million for 1-time regional dredging pilot program

Coastal Navigation Construction Projects

Most Ever?

- Boston
- Brazos/Brownsville*
- Charleston
- Corpus Christi
- Freeport
- Galveston*
- MS River
- Mobile
- Norfolk*
- Port Everglades
- Sabine Neches WW
- Savannah
- Seattle*
- Soo Locks

*Awaiting 'new start' construction funds

2020 Key Legislative Advocacy Efforts

- ✓ FY20 Appropriations Plus-Ups –
 - ✓ PIDP, BUILD, PSGP, DERA
- ✓ CARES Act – HMT Full Use
- ✓ Maritime Workers Deemed Essential
- ✓ 2.5M Cloth Mask Distribution to Ports & Partners
- ✓ AAPA-CBP Working Group & Terminal Design Standards
- ✓ No Tariffs on mobile harbor cranes
- ✓ MTSERA authorization & FY21 Appropriations
- ✓ Getting Back to Safe Cruising
- ✓ Ongoing WRDA efforts

HMT Legislation

AAPA's HMT 4 pillars

- Full use of HMT annual revenues – tax collections plus interest on unspent balance
- Permanent and expanded Donor and Energy Transfer Port program
- Funding assurances for Great Lakes region (10% of HMT revenues)
- Funding assurances for Emerging Harbors (10% of HMT revenues)

HMTF Legislation Update

- **Mar 27: CARES Act passes, addressing AAPA Pillar 1, Full HMT use**
 - Budget cap adjustment for up to prior year HMT revenues
 - Takes effect Jan 1, 2021 or upon WRDA enactment whichever comes first
 - AAPA pushing to get other 3 pillars in WRDA
- **May 6: Senate AWIA reported out of Committee without the HMT provision**
 - R's needed more time to evaluate w/Corps
 - D's prepared Murray Amendment
- **July 29: House passed their WRDA bill, HR 7575**
- **Aug: House and Senate WRDA negotiations began**

116th Congress Lame Duck Legislation

- Maritime Transportation System Emergency Relief Act, MTSERA
 - Need a program for ports; Programs for airports
 - Seeking \$1.5 billion for port costs related to pandemic
 - National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA is the legislative vehicle
- Water Resources Development Act, WRDA
 - Address HMT funds distribution framework
 - Authorizes new construction projects and new studies
- FY 2021 Appropriations
 - PIDP and BUILD Grants along with MTSERA funding in DoT's THUD approp
 - HMT funds in Corps' Energy and Water Development approp
 - Port Security Grants in FEMA's DHS approp
 - Diesel Emission Reduction Act in EPA's Interior and Env approp

Covid-19 Economic Recovery

- **Early consideration of including recovery efforts in Phase 3, Cares act.**
- **AAPA's 19 Mar 2020 letter identified**
 - **\$1B for the PIDP/PIIP efforts – fund the balance of 2019 qualified proposals**
 - **\$4.5B for Corps coastal navigation - \$2B for channel maintenance and \$2.5B to complete channel improvement projects, including some new starts**

2021 Efforts

- **Infrastructure Funding – be prepared**
- **Completion funding for coastal navigation construction projects**
- **Pursue the \$9.3B in unspent HMT tax collections to properly restore and maintain Federal navigation channels**
- **Ports need to work with Corps on**
 - 1. Some form of channel availability performance measure**
 - 2. An estimate of the cost to achieve ‘state of good repair’ and/or ‘well maintained’**

Summary

- **Need all Ports to support HMT language in WRDA**
- **Support WRDA passage in 2020**
- **Ports discuss channel performance measures and funding needs issues with your Corps District**



Thanks for all you do!