

OUR NATION'S INLAND RIVERS PORTS AND TERMINALS

A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM AT RISK

Inland Port and Terminal Grant Program

An aerial photograph of a river terminal, showing a large boat docked at a pier. The river is blue, and the surrounding area is green with trees and some buildings. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Landside Infrastructure Improvements

Modernize Facilities for Efficient Use

IRPT Proposal: Current Challenges

- Presently there are limited funding opportunities, such as the BUILD, FAST Act and INFRA programs;
 - America's Marine Highway Program
- Inland facilities cannot compete effectively against large highway projects for funding;
- Most cannot even meet the \$5 million project minimum required by current programs
- Inland ports and terminals are NOT on a level-playing field in terms of federal funding opportunities

IRPT Proposal: The Details

Inland Port and Terminal Grant Program

➤ Similar to Small Shipyard Grant Program:

- Be administered by Maritime Administration;
- Adhere to 60-day submission and 120-day award distribution;
- Include both private and public facilities;

➤ But different:

- Funds may be used to construct buildings, physical facilities, purchase equipment, etc.
- May be used for landside infrastructure (facility river, road and rail) projects;

➤ Similar to Marine Highways, but different;

➤ Similar to INFRA, but different

IRPT Proposal

Inland Port and Terminal Grant Program

- For private and public entities
- Reduces project floor amounts
- Allows for more projects to be awarded

The good news is we are not seeking increased appropriations, simply dedicated funds from existing programs.



IRPT Proposal: Failure to address

- Supply-chain disruptions;
- Waterborne cargo diversion;
- Increased asphalt thickness;
- Increased fuel consumption/emissions and increased maintenance costs on surface transportation



IRPT Proposal: Timeline of Efforts

10-16-18: Ohio River Basin request for proposal

3-25-19: Submitted formal request to House and Senate

May 6-19: Going to D.C. to meet with Lawmakers to discuss bill introduction



Bipartisan
Bicameral

3-6-19: Went to D.C. to meet with Lawmakers to discuss plan and support

Collection of support letters and follow up with Senate and House

Support Letters Received

As of April 19

5R Enterprises

AGRIServices of Brunswick

Alter Logistics

America's Central Port

Arkansas Waterway Commission

Arkansas-Oklahoma Port Operators Assoc.

Central Ohio River Business Assoc.

F & M Mafco

Gateway Dredging and Contracting

J.F. Brennan Company

Lewis County IDA

Missouri Port Authority Association

Muskogee City-County Port

Paducah McCracken Riverport

River Trading Company

Salas O'Brien

Ports of Indiana

Reliable Asphalt

Pemiscot County Port

Port KC

Superior Marine Ways

Red River Waterway Commission

Southeast Missouri Port

Owensboro Riverport Authority

What Can You Do To Help?

1. Contact your House Representatives
2. Contact your Senate Leaders
3. Join us in Washington

Need help supporting? Email “I want to support” to admin@irpt.net



Questions?

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