

Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS)

“Forging Partnerships to
Improve the MTS”



What is the CMTS?

- President-directed, Cabinet-Level interagency partnership
- MTS policy body to the President
- Chartered organization
- 20+ Department/Agency Members, including White House Offices
- Secretary of Transportation Chair

Agency Members

- Office of Policy, US Department of Transportation
- US Coast Guard, US Department of Homeland Security
- US Army Corps of Engineers, US Department of Defense
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Department of Commerce
- Maritime Administration, US Department of Transportation
- Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, US Department of Transportation
- Research, Innovation and Technology Administration, US Department of Transportation
- US Transportation Command, US Department of Defense
- Federal Maritime Commission
- National Transportation Safety Board
- Office of Ocean and Water Policy, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Office of Economic Policy, US Department of Treasury
- International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce
- Office of Oceans and Arctic Affairs, US Department of State
- Oceanographer of the Navy, Department of the Navy
- Agricultural Marketing Service, US Department of Agriculture
- Customs and Border Protection, US Department of Homeland Security
- Transportation Security Administration, US Department of Homeland Security
- Office of Energy Reliability, US Department of Energy
- Office of Policy, US Department of Interior
- Office of the Attorney General, US Department of Justice
- Office of Policy, US Department of Labor
- *Ex-Officio Members:*
- Office of the Vice President
- Homeland Security Counsel
- National Economic Counsel
- Council of Environmental Quality.
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Science and Technology Policy

What Does the CMTS Do?

- Improve Federal MTS coordination and policies
- Develop outcome-based goals for the MTS
- Integrate marine transportation with other modes and other ocean uses
- Recommend strategies and plans to maintain and improve the MTS

Why the CMTS?

- Air Transportation System – FAA
- Highway Transportation System – FHWA
- Rail Transportation System - FRA
- Marine Transportation System – CMTS
forum for joint initiatives

CMTS Organization

- **Cabinet-level Committee (CMTS)**
- **Coordinating Board (CB)** is the primary policy advisory body to the CMTS
- **Working Group** provide staff support to Coordinating Board members
- **Integrated Action Teams** execute strategies, address MTS issues, and report
- **Task Teams** are short-term, task specific interagency teams
- **Executive Secretariat** is the dedicated, interagency staff support to the CMTS

Organizational Chart

**Committee on the
Marine Transportation System
(CMTS)**
Cabinet secretaries of DOT (chair); DHS;
DOD; DOC; etc.



Coordinating Board (CB)
Members: All agencies and Departmental offices
with MTS interest. Chair rotates yearly between:
NOAA, USCG, USACE and MARAD.

Executive Secretariat
Director and dedicated staff to facilitate
meetings, coordination, liaison assistance to
CMTS, CB and IAT's.



Working Group
Interagency staff to assist and complement the
Executive Secretariat by providing agency
expertise to task teams.

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CMTS Vision of the MTS*

- Globally integrated network
- Safe and secure
- In harmony with environment
- Free-flowing
- Seamless
- Reliable movement of people and commerce

* Adopted by CMTS Coordinating Board October 2006
Approved by CMTS Cabinet Members July 2008

CMTS Business Plan*

- Develop a comprehensive U.S. marine transportation policy
- Establish a seamless framework of Federal marine transportation programs
- Develop a comprehensive Federal budget cross-cut analysis
- Review of Federal MTS regulations to promote collaboration and reduction of conflicts
- Serve as a catalyst to improve awareness of emerging MTS issues
- Be an effective voice to promote public understanding and appreciation of the MTS

*CMTS Business Plan,
Approved by Cabinet Members July 2008

CMTS Milestones

- Developed and adopted CMTS Charter (August 2005)
- Adopted MTS Vision Statement (October 2006) and Standard Operating Procedures (December 2007)
- Conducted National Dredge Policy Review (Dec. 2006)
- Examined regulatory review process of MTS issues (March 2007)
- Approved Views and Estimates Letter for Great Lakes Short Sea Shipping Enhancement Act (July 2007)
- Approved CMTS Business Plan (July 2008)
- Completed Federal Maritime Data Portal (July 2008)
- Adopted MTS National Strategy (July 2008)
- Completed interagency Fact Sheet on the MTS (December 2008)
- Conducted Federal MTS Budget Compilation (April 2009)
- Recommendation to SECDOT re. Criteria for ARRA funding (April 2009)
- Navigation Data Agreement re. water level datum (2009)
- River Information System in beta trials (2009)
- National Strategy Implementation Plan (January 2010)

2010 Action Agenda

(Coordinating Board Approved and Amended in
CY 2010)

- Complete MTS Assessment
- Navigation Technology Integration
- Federal MTS R & D Framework and joint conference w/ TRB
- MTS Preparedness “readiness tasks.”
- Move out on Arctic Shipping Coordination IAT
- eNavigation Strategic Planning
- Environmental Stewardship Discussion Group



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