

Introduction to the CMTS Resource Library:

MTS Infrastructure Finance

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The CMTS Resource Library: Marine Transportation System (MTS) Infrastructure Finance is a collection of information, tools, guidelines and lessons learned that can be applied to the financing of infrastructure in the Federal Government. Users may find this overview helpful in navigating the organizations actively involved in the Infrastructure Investment sphere as well as this Resource Library, specifically.

CMTS - The US Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) chartered in July 2005 serves as a Federal interagency coordinating committee with the following responsibilities:

- Assess the adequacy of the marine transportation system (MTS), including ports, waterways, channels, and intermodal connections
- Promote the integration of the MTS with other modes of transportation and uses of the marine environment
- Coordinate, improve coordination, and make recommendations with regard to Federal policies that impact the MTS
 - The CMTS hosts seven Integrated Action Teams (IAT) titled: Arctic, Energy and Air Emissions, Future of Navigation, MTS Research & Development, Maritime Data, and Infrastructure

Infrastructure Investment IAT - The Infrastructure Investment IAT was established to facilitate the development of broad evaluation and decision criteria that can be used across Government programs for informing Federal infrastructure investment. The team also focuses on developing tools that are value-added for practitioners at the local and non-Federal level as well as the Federal stakeholders. IAT Team Leads include a representative from the U.S. Department of Transportation–Office of the Secretary, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

In addition to the CMTS Infrastructure Investment IAT, several other federal interagency organizations are working collaboratively to address the opportunities and challenges related to alternative financing of federal infrastructure including:

- Department of Transportation’s Build America Bureau;
- Federal Highway Administration’s Innovative Finance Support; and the
- Interagency Water Infrastructure Investment & Delivery Workgroup.

If you have any questions about this Resource Library: MTS Infrastructure Finance, please feel free to contact the CMTS or Catherine Simons directly at Catherine.Simons@dot.gov.