



MARINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS

Marine transportation is about **BUSINESS**.

Marine transportation is critical to the U.S. supply chain by moving raw materials to factories, getting goods to market, and transporting energy from areas of production to areas of consumption.

Marine transportation is about **TRADE**.

Marine transportation is an integral part of our Nation's ability to trade with the rest of the world. More international trade is carried by marine transportation than any other mode of transportation. Marine transportation carries 71.6% by weight, and 44.2% by value, of all U.S. trade. In addition, the United States is the world's largest importer and second largest exporter of containerized goods.

Marine transportation is about **SECURITY**.

Marine transportation enables most U.S. military power to move around the world by ship, providing logistical support for the rapid deployment of American forces and materials.

Marine transportation is about **PEOPLE AND JOBS**.

Marine transportation serves 106 million ferry customers, 32.3 million recreational boaters, and almost 11 million cruise ship passengers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that water transportation and support activities, and ship and boatbuilding employ more than 237,600 workers, including 77,260 seafarers earning an average of \$64,720 annually.

Marine transportation is about **SUSTAINABILITY**.

Marine transportation is the most efficient mode of transportation. It helps keep trucks off the road, minimizing congestion while improving air quality. For example, a typical tow of 15 barges can take over 1,000 trucks off of the roads, and move a ton of freight almost 600 miles on a gallon of fuel.



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