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Funding and Managing the U.S. Inland Waterways System: What Policymakers Need to Know

Public Discussion Agenda

June 16, 2015

**The National Academies
Keck Building, Room 100**

500 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

This discussion explores findings from a forthcoming TRB report, *Funding and Managing the U.S. Inland Waterways System: What Policymakers Need to Know*. The report was motivated by

- reports of deteriorating and aged infrastructure
- perception of inadequate capital investment
- growing backlog of capital projects, and
- decline of federal funding for inland navigation.

The event is designed for stakeholders and policymakers to ask questions about the report. Committee members will present key findings and invited guests will provide commentary from waterways industry and national freight transportation perspectives. Discussion will focus on implications of the findings for decisions about the level of investment required for the system and options for funding.

8:30 **Check-in & Badge Distribution**

9:00-9:10 **Welcome**

*Stephen Godwin, Director, Studies & Special Programs, Transportation Research Board (TRB)
USACE (invited)*

9:10 **Introductions**

Stephen Godwin, Moderator

Panelists

*Chris Hendrickson, Committee Chair, Carnegie Mellon University
Michael Bronzini, Committee Member, George Mason University
Leonard Shabman, Committee Member, Resources for the Future*

Jack Wells, Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Transportation (Retired)
Mike Toohey, President and CEO, Waterways Council, Inc.
Craig Philip, Research Professor, Vanderbilt Center for Transportation
Research, and CEO Ingram Barge Company (Retired)

9:15 **Overview of the Study and Key Findings**
Chris Hendrickson

9:30 **Achieving a Reliable and Efficient Inland Waterways Freight System**

Asset Management for Prioritization
Michael Bronzini

Options for Funding
Leonard Shabman

9:45 **Commentary**
Jack Wells
Mike Toohey
Craig Philip

10:10 **Roundtable Discussion: Perspectives on the Key Issues for Policymakers**
Moderator: Stephen Godwin

10:30 **Audience Q&A (Live and via Webcast)**

11:00 **Concluding Remarks and Adjourn**
Chris Hendrickson
