

# TRB Policy Session

## Issues and Perspectives on Water Transportation

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### *- Introduction -*

- Experts to discuss ocean, coastal and inland components of Marine Transportation
- All aspects of issues that impact this sector of transportation will be discussed and are open for discussion. This includes:
  - Federal Policies such as the Harbor Maintenance Tax
  - Constraints on the expenditures of the Inland Waterway Trust Fund
  - All aspects of the Jones Act
  - Environmental policy affecting port development and vessel operation
  - Port access funding
  - Enhanced security requirements
  - The decentralized, multi-agency government approach to the marine transportation system
  - The federal posture toward port development
  - Others

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### ***- The Role of Marine Transportation in the Nation's Transportation System -***

- Economics
- Ports with a global access
- Rivers, bays and lakes for inland access
- Interaction of Sectors
- Nature of Federal Role
  - Organization
  - Funding
- Challenges for National Policy
  - Energy
  - Environment
- Infrastructure Funding

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### *- Ocean Transportation -*

- Intermodalism
- U.S. Flag Operations
- Environment
  - CO<sub>2</sub>
  - NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, PM
  - Clean Water/Ballast
- Security
- Coastal Shipping
  - Harbor Maintenance Tax
  - Title 11 Enhancement
  - U.S. Longshore Issues
  - Jones Act Issues