

MARAD Invests Over \$13 to Bolster U.S. Marine Highway Infrastructure Across America



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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) today invested \$13,280,351

million in 11 marine highway projects across seven states through the U.S. Marine Highway Program.

The funding will support public and private partners in developing supply chains on marine highway routes—including the transportation of waste in Oregon and the improvement of barge docks in Pennsylvania—to ensure resiliency.

“Investing in marine highways will strengthen the Great Lakes economy and other regional communities,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy. “We’ll deliver jobs, boost provide a boost for local industries, and strengthen infrastructure our economy relies on.”

“The marine highway program is a vital opportunity to expand the nation’s freight capacity,” said MARAD Administrator Steve Carmel. “By fully integrating our navigable waterways into the national transportation system, we keep the American economy moving forward.”

Additional Information:

U.S. Marine Highways are a vital component of America’s transportation infrastructure, offering a reliable way to move goods while easing congestion on our nation’s busy road and rail systems. The network spans 27,139 miles across 41 states, Washington, D.C., and all five U.S. territories. The 35 designated routes underpin U.S. supply chains, critical infrastructure, and maritime workforce development.

Under the Trump Administration’s America First agenda, all Marine Highway Grants award recipients must apply, comply with, and implement all requirements of the “Buy America, Build America” provisions.