Conference on America’s Ports: Supporting Our National Military Objectives

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Panel 3: Challenges for Strategic Ports
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New Perspectives on US Ports
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Federal Policy Evolution

Yesterday

• Focus on containerized cargo since 1970’s
• Sporadic mention of energy ports
• About 18 federal agencies touch ports, each in a different way
• “Infrastructure” defined as Locks and Dams by US Army Corps of Engineers
• Federal assistance provided through earmarks until 2011 when banned
• Ports viewed individually by federal government vs their collective contributions to the logistics that supports our economy

Today

• Port infrastructure projects compete for federal grants with other modes & receive approx. 10% of available funds with ports averaging 8% of all modal applications for assistance from USDOT infrastructure programs
• Movement to recognize all 8 types of port facilities.
• Effort underway to harmonize how agencies identify ports.
• “Infrastructure” defined by USDOT as including intermodal connectors and certain equipment
• $2,153,110,000 in federal and matching funds awarded to 67 port projects in 34 states and 2 territories
• 38 of 50 states have navigable waterways
• As of Jan ‘18: 38 projects completed; 22 completed under original cost estimate
• 40% - 140% cost increase seen in recent project bids
• 7 years average from grant award to grant being closed
Possible Challenges for Commercial Ports

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U.S. crude oil exports increased and reached more destinations in 2017

Source: US Energy Information Administration

Gulf Coast (PADD 3) Exports of Crude Oil

Source: US Energy Information Administration
QUESTIONS?

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