



Maritime Administration (MARAD) Office of Ports & Waterways Planning

Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway Association Annual Meeting

November 14, 2023

- 31 U.S. Marine Highway Program routes reach 41 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. Designated U.S. Marine Highway Routes consist of 26,000 miles, or 80% of the Nation's navigable waterways.
- MARAD works with manufacturers, vessel operators, ports, and public and private stakeholders to build economically competitive alternative supply chains that utilize our waterways.
- MARAD does not operate Marine Highway services. Instead, we promote their use, efficiency and public benefits.

Since 2010, the Program has designated **31 U.S. Marine Highway Routes** and awarded more than **\$101.4 million** in grants for U. S. Marine Highway services to **64 projects**.

- The primary goal of the program is to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports.
- The program awards and administers discretionary grants to **U.S. coastal seaports, inland river ports, or Great Lakes ports.**
- The Secretary may increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent for: (1) a grant for a project that is located in a rural area; or (2) a grant awarded to a small project at a small port under 46 U.S.C. 54301(b).

<https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants>

The NDAA for FY2023 made significant changes to the USMHP state at 46 U.S.C. 55601, including:

- **Changed the name** of “America`s Marine Highway Program” to “**United States Marine Highway Program**”.
- **Expanded the definition of marine highway transportation to include:**
 - bulk, liquid, and loose cargo.
 - include shipments to/from ports in Canada and Mexico.
 - *Please note that funds cannot be used outside of the United States.*
- **Project Designations are no longer required** in order to be eligible for USMHP grants.
- **Rural projects and Tribal governments can request** an increase in the federal share of the project, up to 100 percent.

Eligible Applicants:

- State, a political subdivision of a State, or a local government
- U.S. metropolitan planning organization
- U.S. port authority
- Tribal government

- A U.S. private sector operator of marine highway projects or private sector owners of facilities, including an Alaska Native Corporation, are eligible to apply for a grant, but require an endorsement letter from the current marine highway route sponsor.

Grant funds have been used for:

- **Landside equipment** including assorted Marine Handling Equipment (MHE)
- **Infrastructure** including construction and upgrades of landside infrastructure
- **Vessels** including purchase, lease, construction or modification of documented vessels
- **Planning** including planning efforts to support the three categories above; excludes market related studies

Background

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328, December 29, 2022) appropriated \$10,000,000 to the USMHP.
- The Program has unobligated funds from prior years totaling \$2,423,000. Those funds do not expire and can be reissued.
- Of the \$10,000,000 in appropriated funding, all funds were available less \$300,000 for grant administration and oversight as permitted under 49 U.S.C. 109(i).
- Total funding available for the award was \$12,123,000

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Published: February 28, 2023

- Application due date: April 28, 2023
- Statutory award date: Sept 26, 2023

Intake:

- 24 applications were received in total
- 16 applications were found to be eligible

	<u>All Applications</u>	<u>Eligible Applications</u>
Total Federal Share:	\$46,403,084	\$37,876,122
Total non-federal share:	<u>\$34,282,138</u>	<u>\$31,723,162</u>
Total project cost:	\$80,685,223	\$69,599,284

Total recommended for award: \$11,999,993

(\$123,007 carryover to FY24)

8 Projects Recommended for Award totaling \$11,999,993

8 Projects are recommended for full funding.

- 6 of 8 Projects are in a Historically Disadvantaged Community (75%)
- 2 rural projects and 6 urban projects
- 4 projects provided with greater than 20% match
- 24.8% match overall, funding \$15,947,280 in total project cost

Region	# of Projects	Award	# of Applications	Request
East Coast/Territories	0	\$0	6	\$6,717,840
Great Lakes	1	\$600,000	1	\$600,000
Inland Waterways	2	\$3,258,750	4	\$12,121,852
Gulf of Mexico	2	\$5,361,926	5	\$8,564,926
West Coast/AK/Territories	3	\$2,779,317	8	\$18,398,467
Total	8	\$11,999,993	24	\$46,403,085

DOT Assistance Programs



Grant Program	Auth.	Applicants	Projects	Awards
BUILD	\$900M (FY19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State/local govt.; Public transit agency; Ports; and Collaborations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway; Transit; Rail; and Ports 	<p>Large: \$5M min., \$25M max; 80% max Fed share.</p> <p>Rural: \$1M min.; May exceed 80% max Fed share.</p>

Notes: 10% maximum to one State; 30% minimum to rural

INFRA	\$950M (FY19) (closed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State(s); MPO serving 200k+; Local govt.; Political subdivision of a State or local govt.; Special purpose district w/ transportation function; Port authorities; Federal land agency w/ State or States; and Tribal govts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway freight on NHFN; Highway or bridge on NHS; Intermodal or rail freight; Facilitate intermodal interchange, transfer or access into or out of intermodal facility; and Railway grade crossing or separation projects. 	<p>Large Projects: \$100M min. project; \$25M min. grant award; 60% max INFRA funds; 80% max Fed. Funds.</p> <p>Small Projects: \$5M min. grant award</p>
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Notes: 25% rural; 10% small

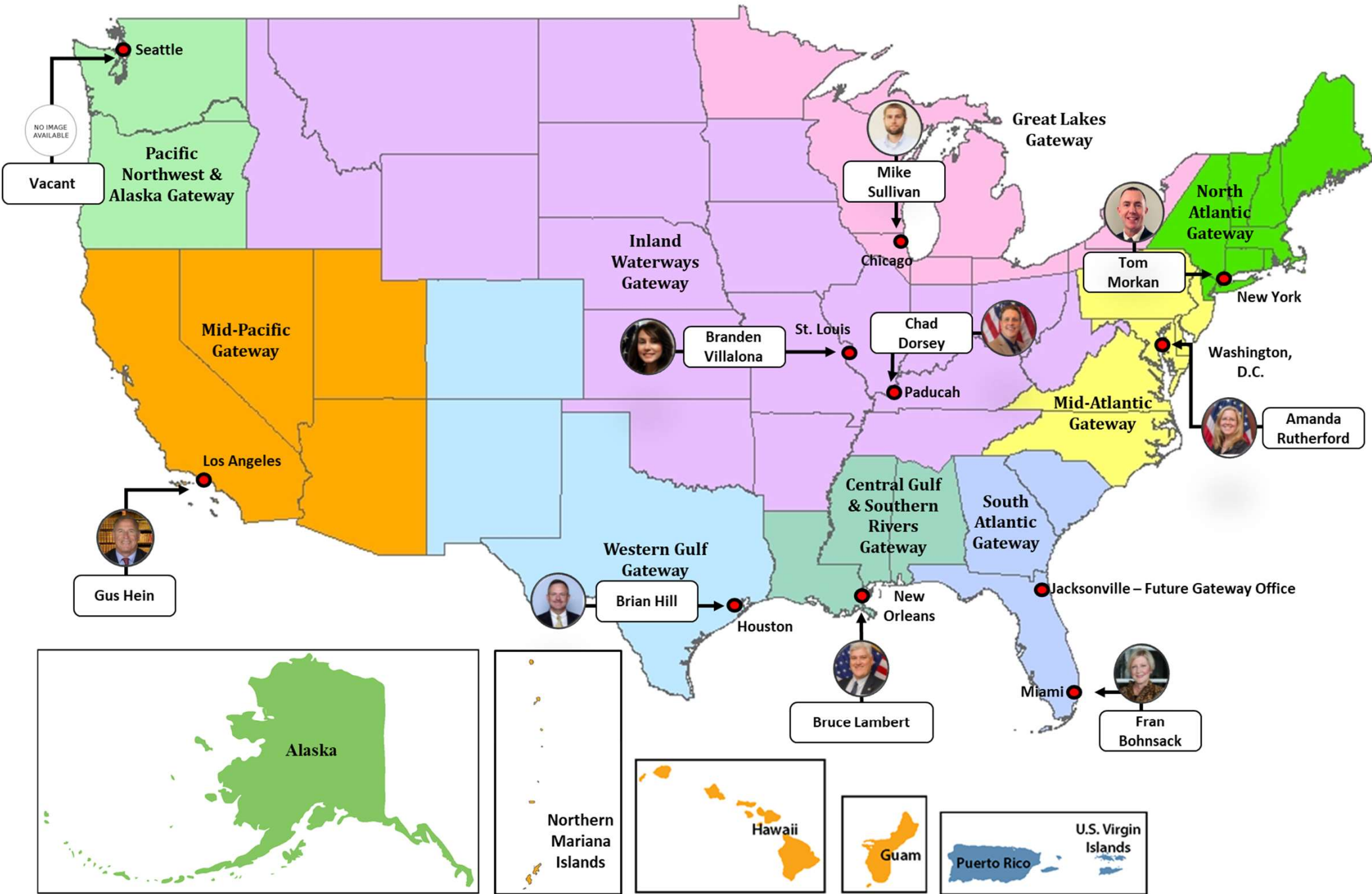
Port Infrastructure Dev. Program	\$292.73 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal ports (\$200M) + 15 largest coastal ports (\$92.73M) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports; Port related facilities; and Phytosanitary facilities. 	Up to 80% Fed share
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America's Marine Highway Program	\$9.75M (FY20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 Designated Marine Highway Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port and landside infrastructure Cargo handling equipment New or used vessel purchase Operational planning design for designated AMH Projects 	Up to 80% Fed share
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Questions?

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