

Marine Transportation Infrastructure Issues

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CBC Today

One of the largest & most diverse privately owned, independent marine transportation companies in the U.S.

- One of the largest inland liquid carriers for hire
- Long haul contract carrier on the inland waterways
- World-class manager of third-party marine assets
- Mid-sized dry cargo carrier

- Asphalt and chemical terminal operator with state-of-the art facility near Joliet, IL
- 2nd largest deck barge fleet for hire
- Inland, offshore and international project carrier



Canal Barge Company, Inc.

- Built our business by forming successful longterm relationships with customers, suppliers and employees for 70+ years.
 - -Founded in 1933 with one barge
 - -Family-owned and professionally managed
- Concentrate on areas where specialized knowledge, equipment, focus, and people make a difference.



Canal Barge Company Profile March 2007

People	390 non-union
Barges	614
Tank barges	172
Deck barges	157
Hopper barges	285
Inland Towboats	16



Examples of what we transport:

- Lube oil and antifreeze to distribution centers for automotive industry;
- Chemicals to manufacturing facilities;
- Asphalt to road pavers;
- Petroleum coke for fuel sources;
- Coal to power plants;
- Limestone used as construction aggregate;
- Major components to heavy industrial manufacturers, refiners and utilities; and
- Military equipment for training.

Bulk Liquid Storage Services

- 60+ acre multimodal facility near Joliet, IL located at mile 281 on the Illinois Waterway System
 - Less than 2 miles away from Interstates 55 and 80
 - 3 rail sidings served by CSXT with rail car storage capacity
- 3rd party bulk liquid storage facilities
 - 160,000 barrels of chemical storage capacity
 - 105,000 barrels of asphalt storage capacity
 - 150,000 barrels of oil storage capacity



Tugboat, Towboat, and Barge Industry

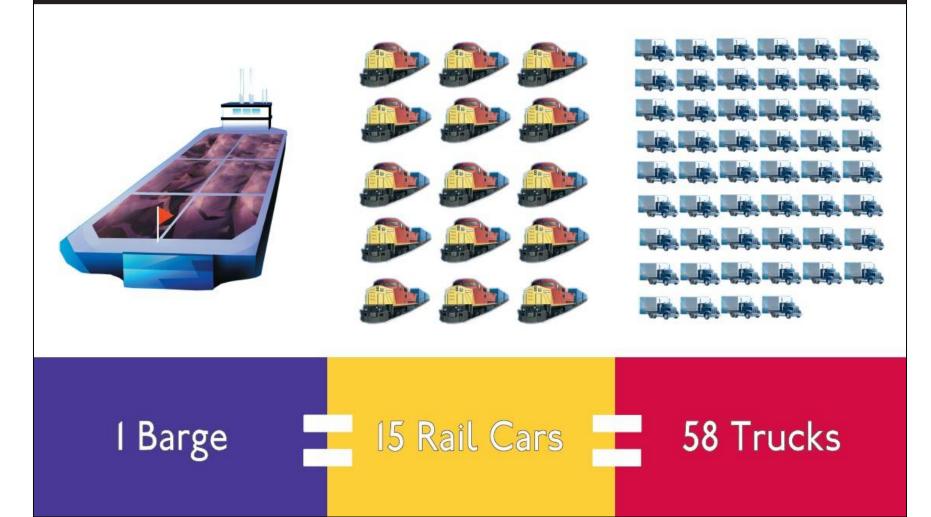


- Largest single segment of U.S. domestic fleet
 - 4,000 tugboats & towboats
 - 27,000 dry, liquid, & general cargo barges
 - 33,000 vessel crewmembers
 - Geographically & operationally diverse



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Barges reduce traffic congestion in urban areas



Value of U.S. Maritime Transportation System

• Annually contributes \$1+ trillion to U.S. GDP

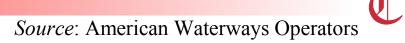
- 800+ millions tons of cargo each year

- 95%+ foreign commerce through U.S. seaports
- 15% of nation's goods carried on inland waterways for 2% of freight cost (20% of domestic ton-miles)
 - 20% of U.S. coal
 - 30% of petroleum products
 - 60% of U.S. grain exports
 - Water transportation is safe and environmentally effective (low congestion, fewer spills and emissions, less noise, fuel efficient)

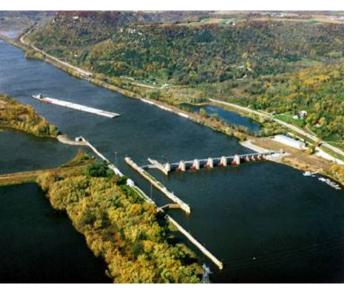


Need for Modernization & Investment

- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) forecasts 60% growth in U.S. population in the next 50 years, resulting in GDP four times greater than today
 - Tremendous implications for surface transportation congestion
- DOT estimates that waterborne commerce will more than double by 2025
- Inland waterways system has substantial capacity to support growth
- Other countries are wisely investing in developing their waterways systems



Navigation Locks





- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers oversee U.S. navigation locks & dams
 - 235 total in U.S.
 - Over 150 of these on inland waterways & Gulf Coast
- Over 50% near or past 50year design life
- Many key waterways still have 600' lock chambers
- Federal funding not keeping up with infrastructure needs

Aging Lock Inventory





*Includes all operational deep and shallow draft Corps and TVA navigation locks.

Aging Infrastructure

- Frequent closures for repairs
- Decreased performance
- Costly delays

Crumbling lock wall, Lower Mon 3, opened in 1907



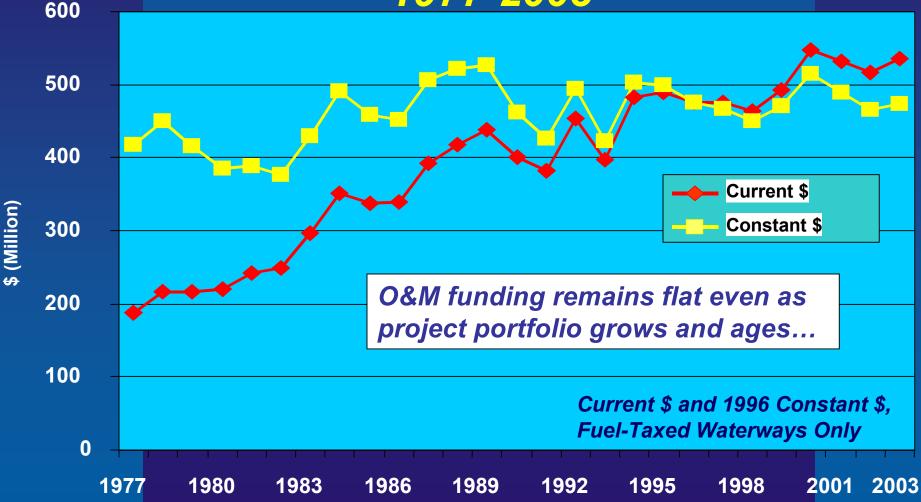


Deferral of Operations & Maintenance Costs

- Through much of 1990s, critical operations & maintenance projects were deferred on the aging waterways infrastructure
- "Fix-as-Fail" Policy
 - Led to an average of 30 unscheduled lock closures per year
- Funding for O&M flat for two decades



Inland Waterway O&M Trends 1977-2003



Aging Infrastructure

- Despite authorization of many priority new starts or rehabilitation projects, funding is "sprinkled" and "stop-gap" rather than "full and efficient"
- This results in project delays increasing costs and deferring benefits

Years to Complete: Efficient vs. Constrained Funding*



Efficient Funding Years to Complete (FY04 Base)
Constrained Funding Additional Years to Complete

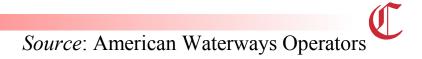
Benefits Foregone: Efficient vs. Constrained Funding

Total \$6,157,000,000



Inland Waterways Trust Fund

- Barge & towing industry pays \$100+ million per year in fuel taxes since 1986
 - 20¢ per gallon diesel fuel tax
 - Supports construction & rehabilitation of locks & dams
- Industry pays 50% of lock replacements; U.S. government pays 50%
- Inland Waterways User Board recommends priority projects
- In recent years, government had not kept up with expenditures, and balance in Trust Fund increased



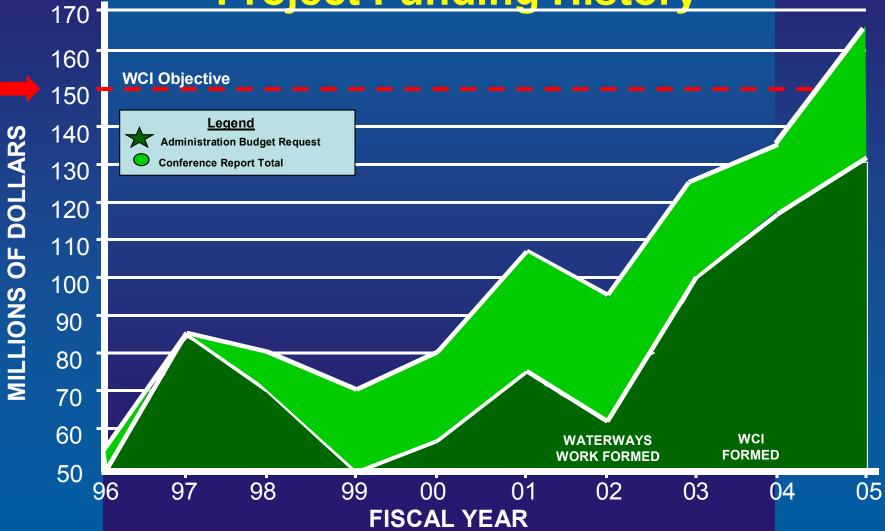
Waterways Council, Inc.



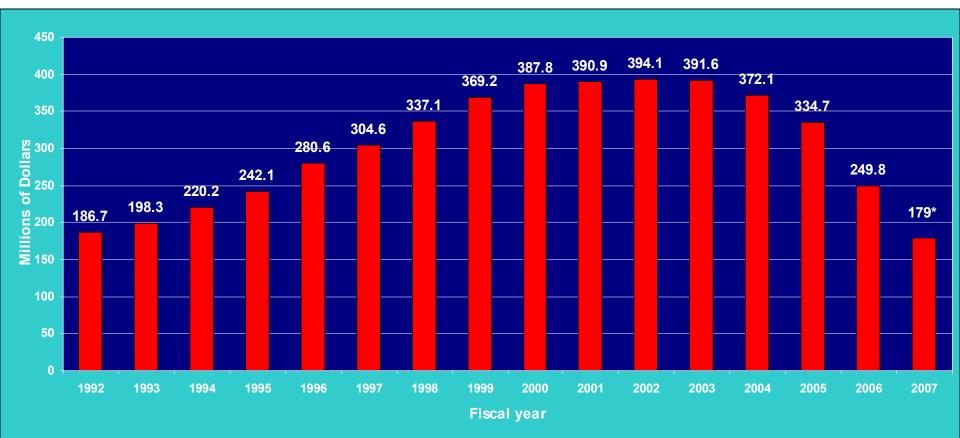
- Advocating increased funding of waterways infrastructure through **Waterways Council, Inc.**
- Shippers, carriers, port authorities, and other interested parties
- Advocate the benefits of waterborne transportation and the need for government investment
 - Targeted investment in priority projects at full, efficient funding levels
- For additional information, please visit www.waterwayscouncil.org



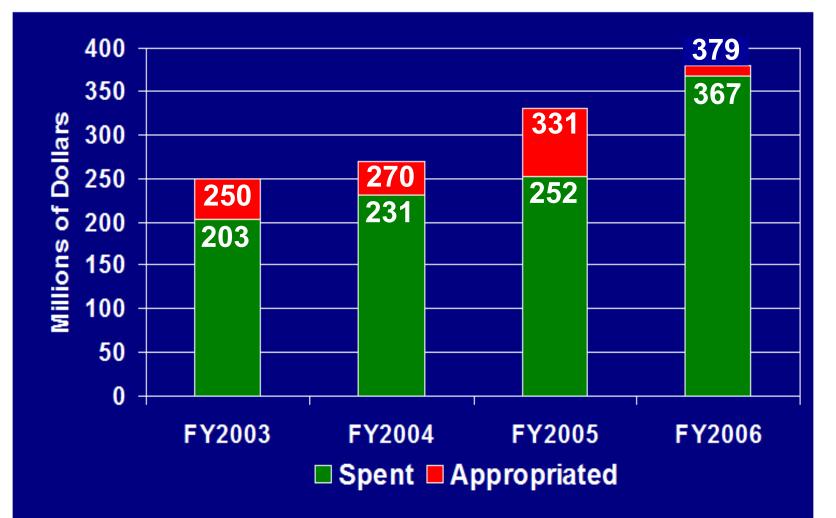
Inland Waterways Trust Fund Project Funding History



Inland Waterways Trust Fund Year-End Balances 1992 - 2007



Appropriations vs. Corps Expenditures: IWTF-Supported Project Construction





Value to the Nation

- A key part of the U.S. transportation system with significant capacity to support growth.
- Essential to our nation's economy, environment, and quality of life.
- Federal government must focus on full, efficient funding of priority projects to:
 - Modernize the waterways system
 - Manage the inland waterways as a "system"
 - Increase funding for operations and maintenance





THANK YOU!

