



Maritime Administration (MARAD)
Office of Ports & Waterways

APP 2025 Winter Conference
Maritime Administration Address

January 30, 2025

MISSION:

Improve the Maritime Transportation System, including Ports, Connectors and Marine Highways through Investment, Integration, and Innovation to meet the current and future needs of the Nation.

VISION:

A capable, connected system – water, road and rail – to benefit every American.

Associate Administrator

William (Bill) Paape

66 Positions

- 56 Government Employees
- 10 Contractors
- HQ: 52 / Gateway Offices 14

**Mission Analysis
Support Team (MAST)**

Deputy Associate Administrator

Tretha Chromey

MAR-510

**Port Infrastructure
Development**
Peter Simons

MAR-520

**Ports & Waterways
Planning**
Vince Mantero

MTSNAC

MAR-530

**Deepwater Port Licensing
& Port Conveyance**
James Simmons

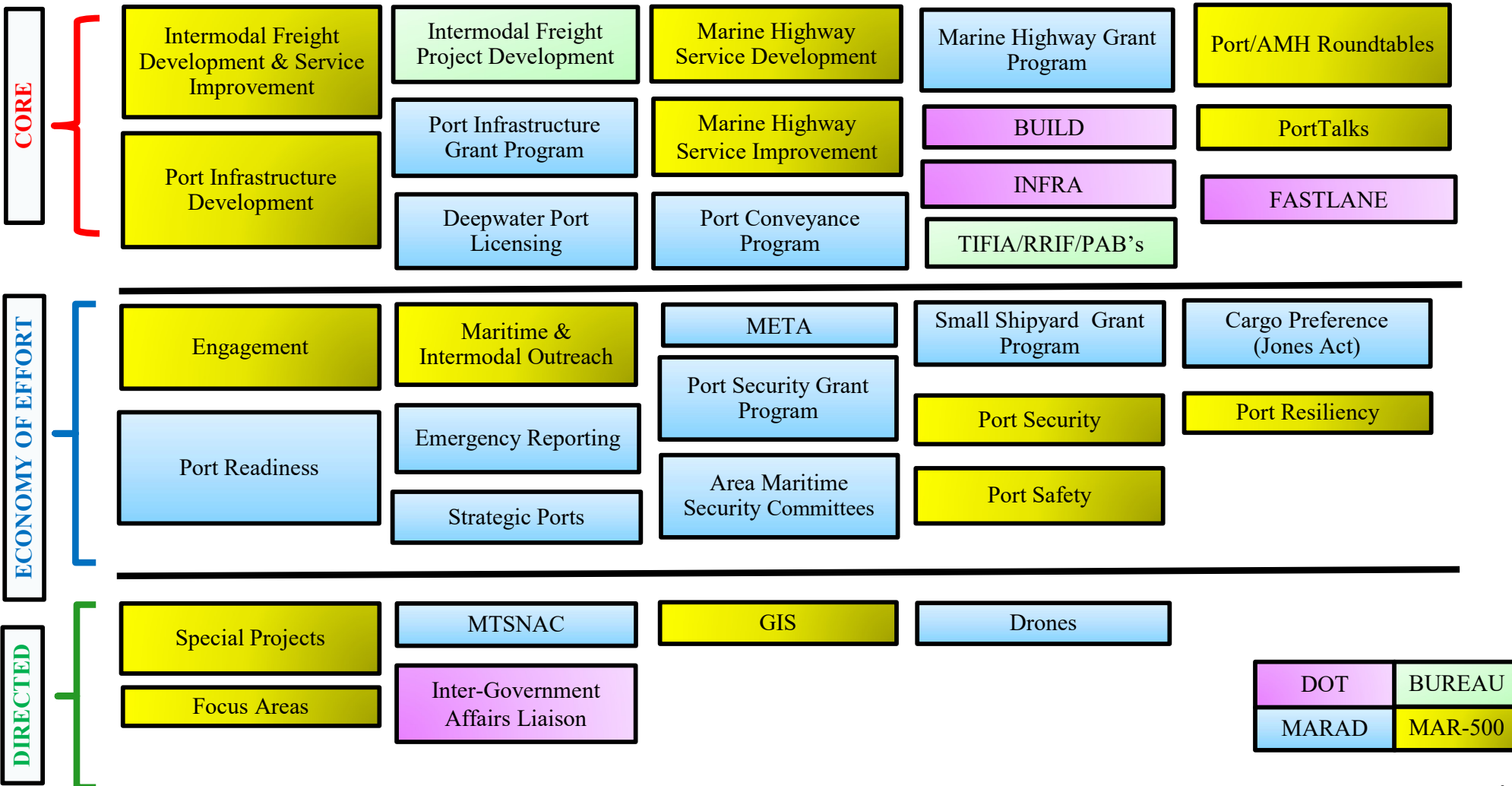
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**Federal Assistance Education
& Engagement**
Tracey Ford

MAR-550

**Maritime &
Intermodal Outreach**
Jeffrey Flumignan

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MARAD	MAR-500

Gateway Offices & Directors



Project Development & Grant Assistance



Intermodal Outreach



Emergency Preparedness



Maritime Security



Supply Chain Resiliency

- **Maritime Supply Chain and Resiliency**
 - Investigate the maritime supply chain, including causes of congestion at ports and applicable remedies.
- **Marine Highway (MH) Transportation Program**
 - Manage MH grant program to mitigate landside congestion and promote marine highway transportation and designation of marine highway routes.
- **Marine Highway Outreach and Coordination**
 - Coordinate with maritime stakeholders on the development of landside facilities and infrastructure to support marine highway transportation.
- **Maritime Multimodal Coordination**
 - Promote/investigate development & improved utilization of ports & facilities.
- **Maritime Transportation Research and Planning**
 - Develop investigations, promotions, studies, plans, programs, and reports as directed by statute(s) / improvement of the Maritime Transportation System.

- DOT published a draft National Multimodal Freight Network (NMFN) for public notice and comment.
 - See [Draft Multimodal Freight Network](#)
 - Comments are requested by Thursday, February 27th
- [Opportunities for Maritime Highway Transportation in the Gulf of Mexico, Puget Sound, and Salish Sea System](#)
 - Report identifies opportunities and actions that MARAD and other Federal agencies could take to expand the Nation's maritime highway transportation network and leverage new authorities provided in the FY23 NDAA.
 - ✓ Potential actions include improving intra- and inter-agency coordination and exploring partnerships with public and private sectors to improve and expand maritime highway transportation.

Federal Funding Support for Port Capital Investments

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Total Grant Awards

\$6.31bn
Total Award Amount

\$15.42bn
Total Project Cost

4

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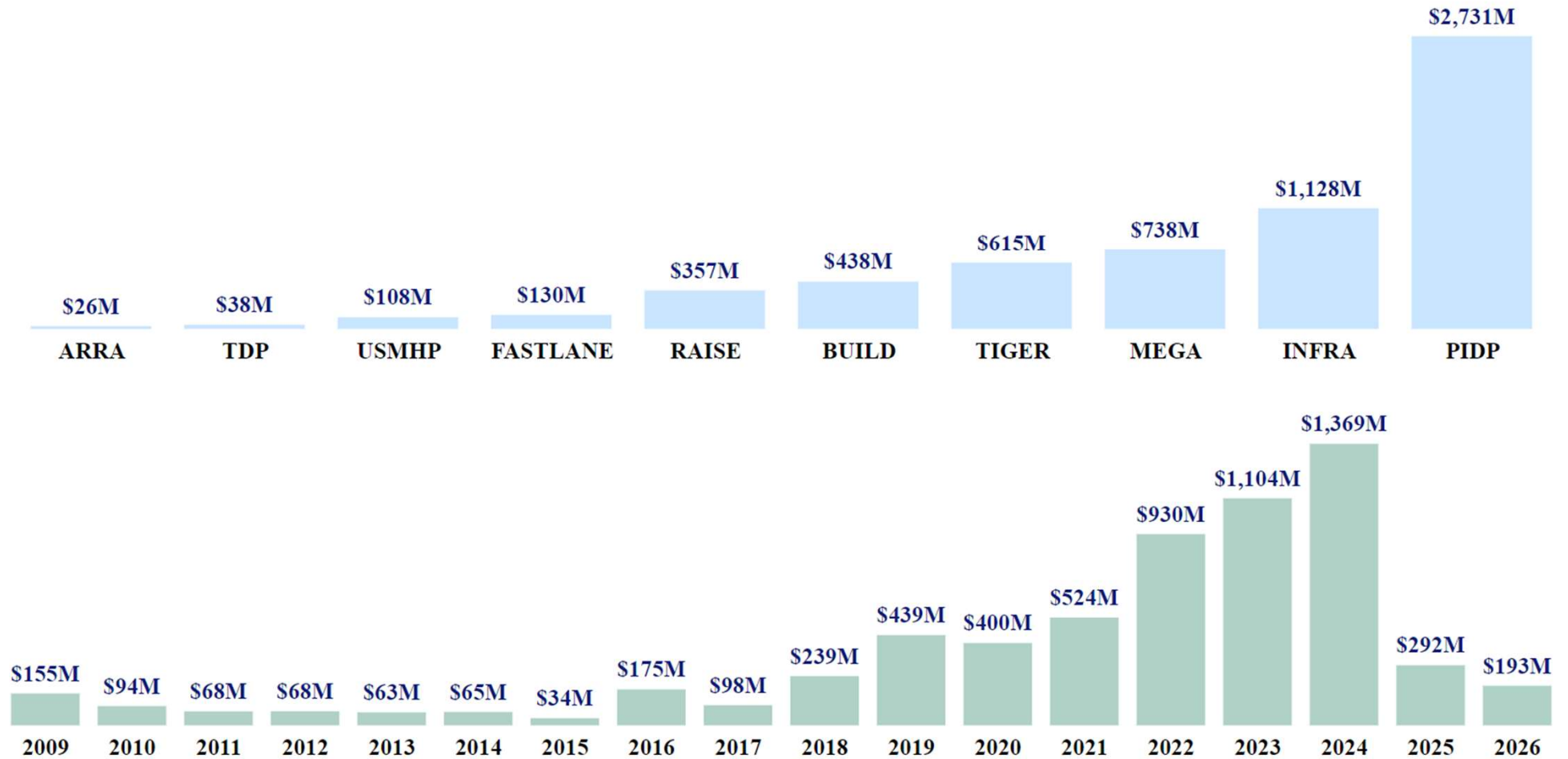
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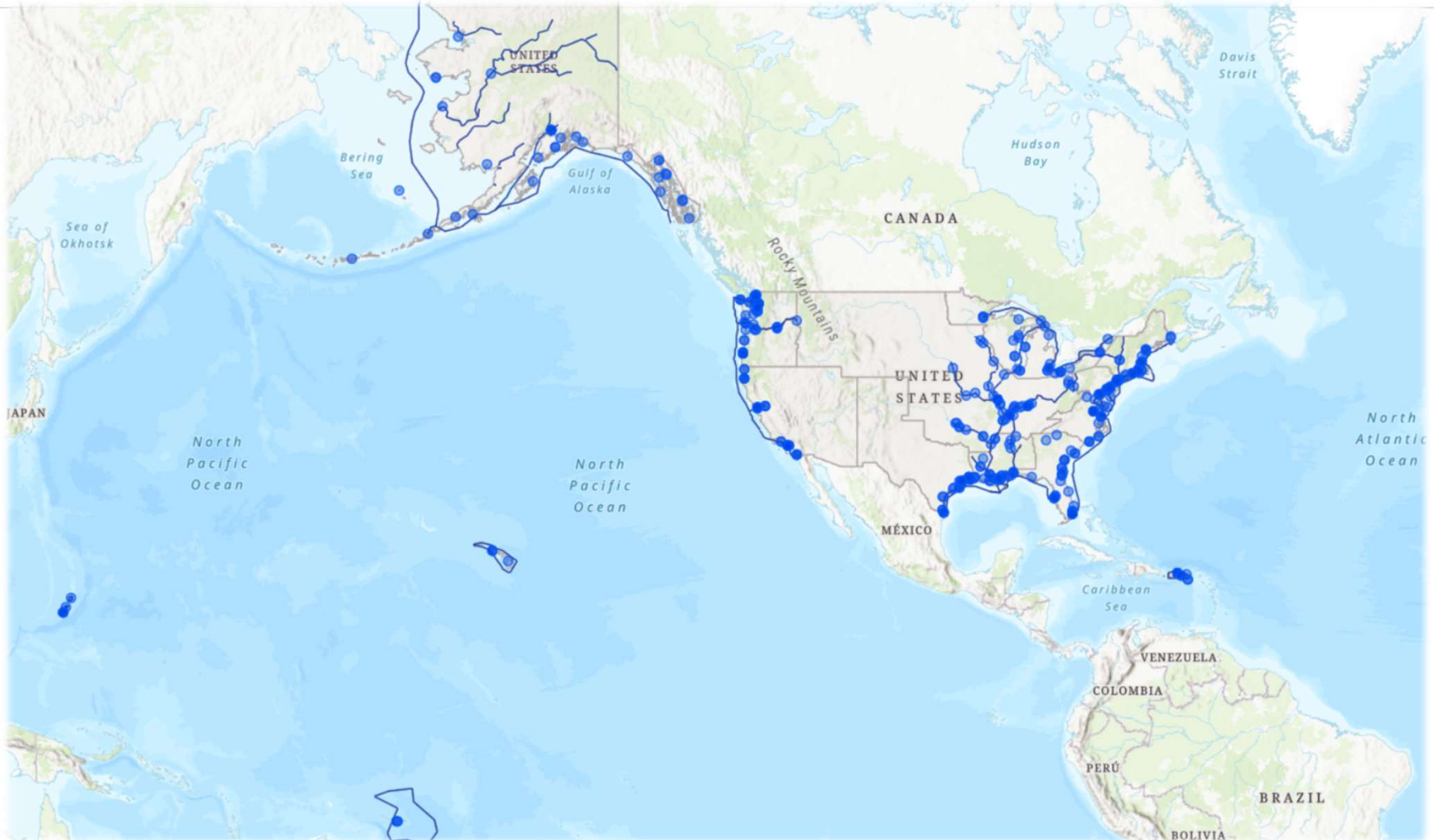
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West Coast and Alaska – Port Capital Investments

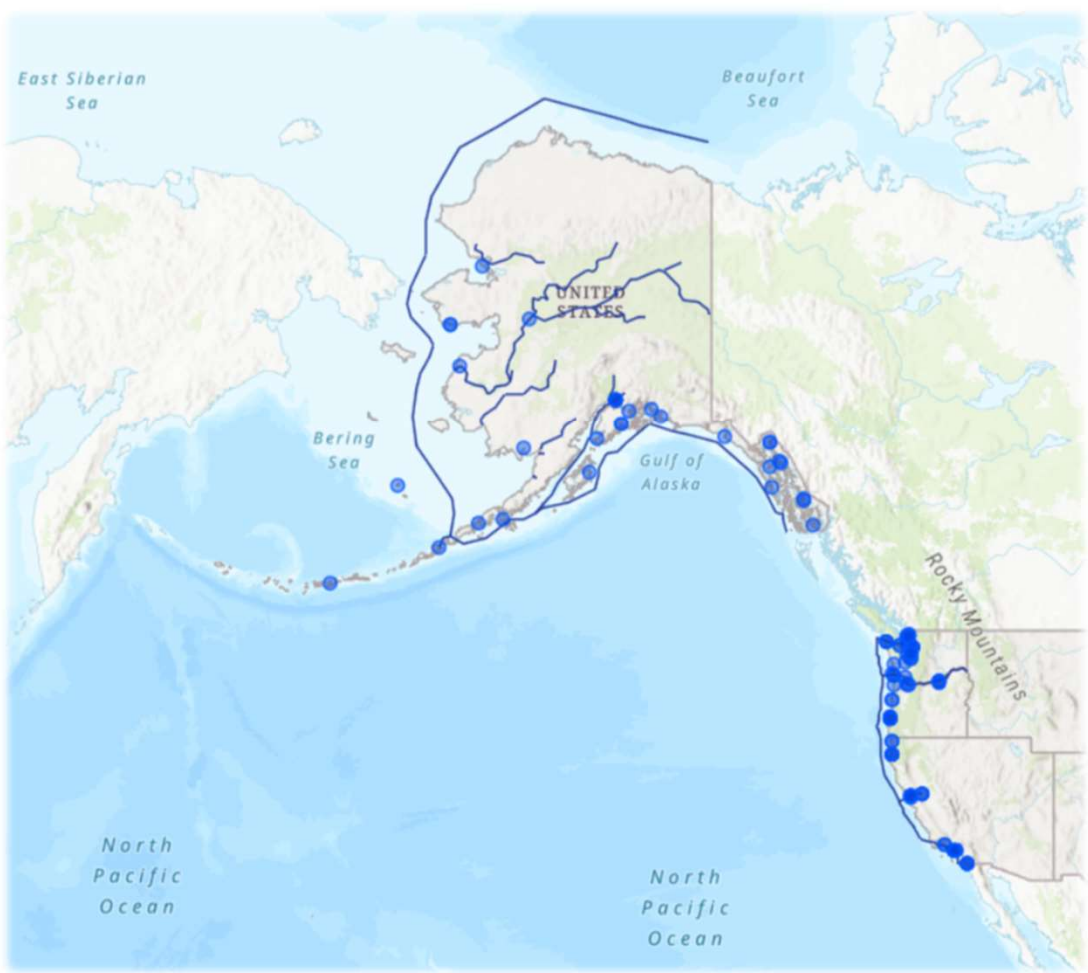
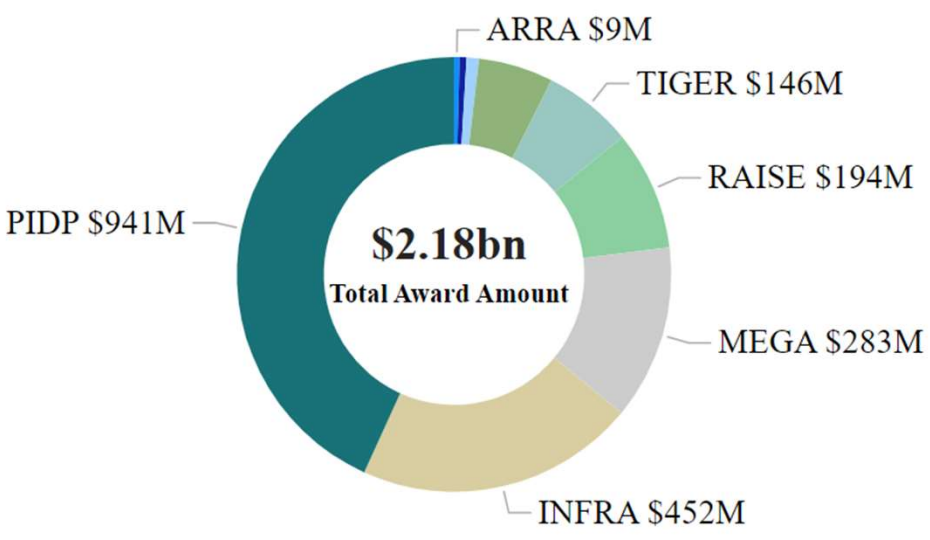
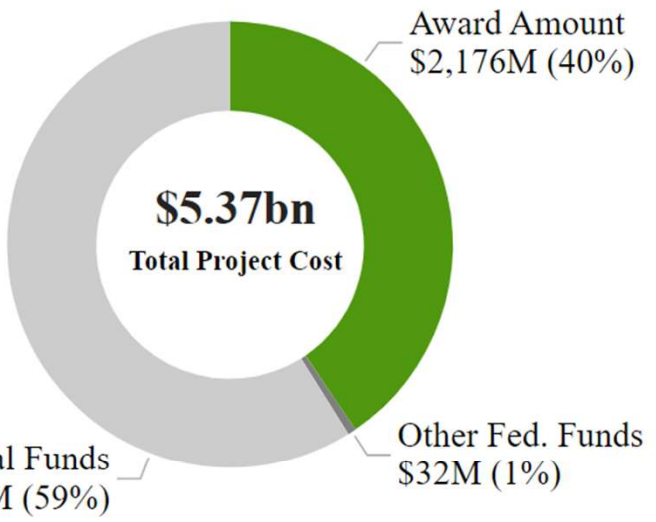


111
Total Grant Awards

58
Distinct Ports Granted Awards

\$2.18bn
Total Award Amount

\$5.37bn
Total Project Cost



Hawaii & Pacific Territories – Port Capital Investments



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Total Grant Awards

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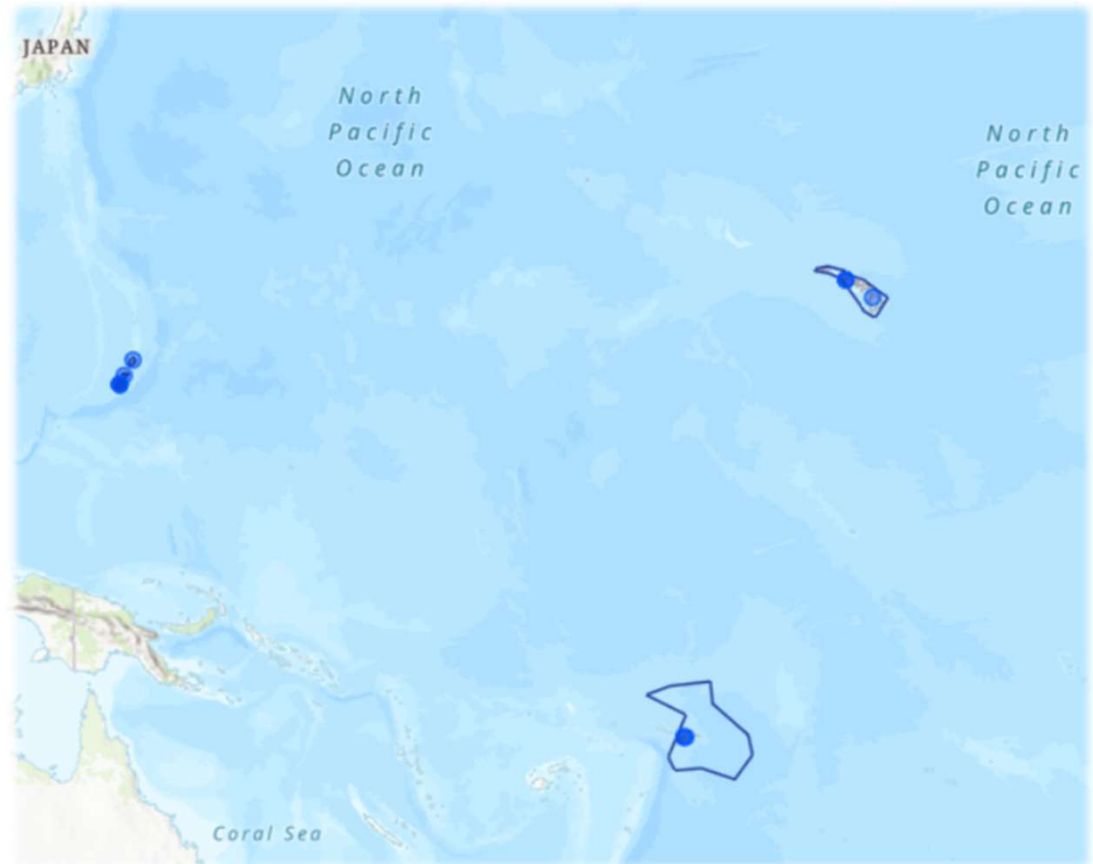
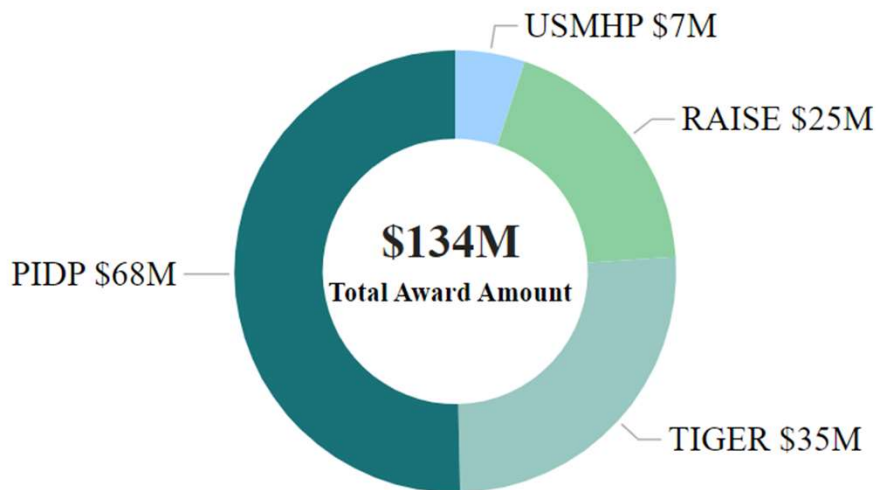
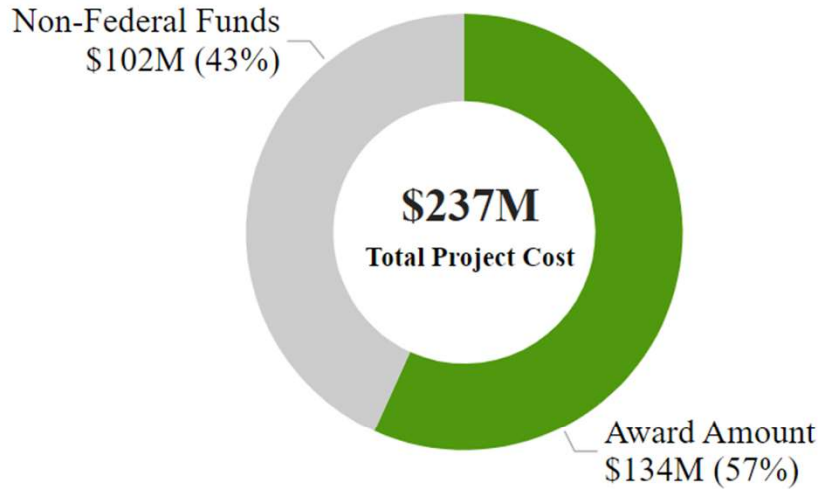
Distinct Ports Granted Awards

\$134.30M

Total Award Amount

\$236.55M

Total Project Cost



- Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port.
- Current Status of the Program
 - Funding of \$450 million unless additional funding becomes available under the FY 2025 Appropriations Act.
 - Notice of Funding Opportunity is available now!
 - ✓ Applications due: April 30, 2025, at 11:59:59 p.m. E.D.T.
 - ✓ See [PIDP Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

- MARAD's Marine Highway Program encourages use of the available capacity in our nation's waterways to supplement congested landside routes for the transport of containerized, unitized freight or freight vehicles carried on passenger ferries.
- Funding is available for projects along designated U.S. Marine Highway Routes.
- Current Status of the Program
 - Funding placeholder of \$15M in FY25 National Defense Reauthorization Act. Amount of funding available to be determined in Appropriations.

The West Coast Marine Highway Routes, including M-5, M-5 (AK), M-11, M-84, and M-580, provide critical maritime transportation corridors that reduce highway congestion, lower emissions, and enhance the movement of goods and passengers along the Pacific Coast & inland waterways.

MHR M-5 (AK): Alaska Coastline



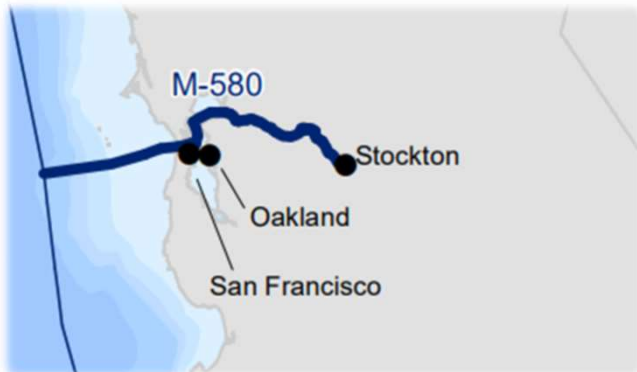
MHR M-11: Alaska Coastal Waters



MHR M-5: Pacific Ocean Coastal Waters



MHR M-580

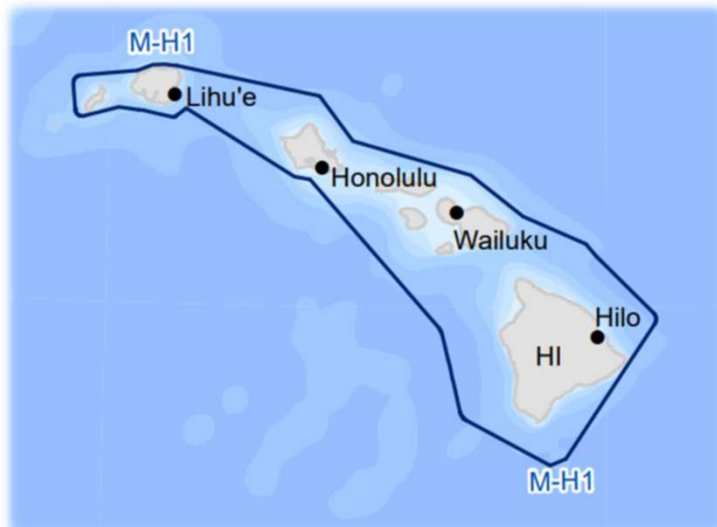


MHR M-84

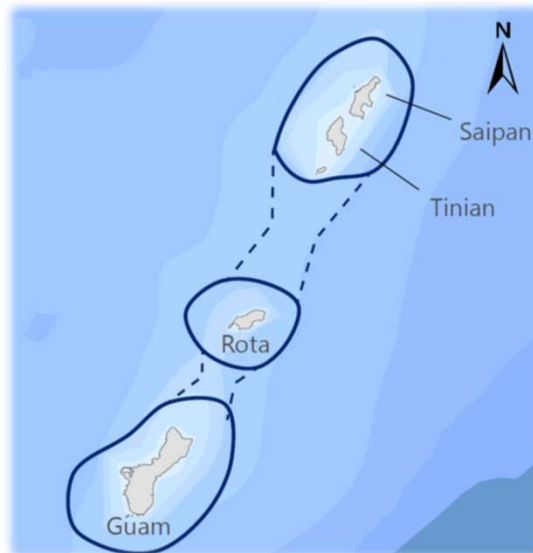


The Pacific Marine Highway Routes, including **M-H1** (Hawaiian Islands), **M-GNM1** (Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), and **M-AS1** (American Samoa), provide vital maritime transportation corridors that improve connectivity, reduce highway congestion, support economic development, and enhance the movement of goods and passengers across the Pacific region.

MHR M-H1: Hawaiian Islands



MHR M-GNM1: Guam and Commonwealth Northern Mariana



MHR M-AS1: American Samoa



13 **\$27M** **\$84.2M**
Total Grant Awards **Total Award Amount** **Total Project Cost**

Fiscal Year	Project Name	Applicant Name	Applicant Location	Award Amount
2019	Port of Morrow Barge Service Extension	Port of Morrow	Port of Morrow, OR	\$1,623,200
2019	Seattle-Bainbridge Island Ferry Service	Washington Department of Transportation	Seattle, WA	\$1,500,000
2020	American Samoa Inter-Island Ferry Service	American Samoa Department of Port Administration	Pago Pago, AS	\$943,000
2020	Port of Morrow Barge Service Extension	Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.	Boardman, OR	\$3,200,000
2021	Hawaii Commercial Harbor System Shipping Services	Young Brothers, LLC	Honolulu, HI	\$200,475
2022	Guam Marine Transportation Enhancement Initiative	Port Authority of Guam	Piti, GU	\$5,703,560
2022	M-5 Coastal Connector	San Diego Unified Port District	San Diego, CA	\$5,550,000
2022	Port of Morrow Barge Service Extension	Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.	Vancouver, WA, USA	\$4,168,759
2023	Port MacKenzie Rough Terrain Cargo Crane Project	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Port MacKenzie, AK	\$944,804
2023	Port of Bellingham Improvements-Phase I Project	Port of Bellingham	Bellingham, WA	\$1,021,747
2023	Washington/Alaska Cargo Operations Emissions Reduction Project	SeaTac Marine Services, LLC	Seattle, WA	\$811,965
2024	The Osprey Logistics Cargo Diversification Project	Osprey Logistics, LLC	Everett, WA	\$881,330
2024	Tidewater M-84 Barge Service Expansion	Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.	Vancouver, WA, USA	\$454,436
Total				\$27,003,276

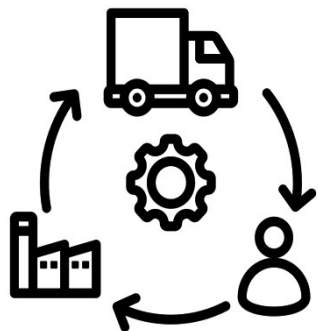
The West Coast and Pacific U.S. Territories Marine Highway Projects are driving sustainable maritime transportation, enhancing connectivity, and fostering economic growth.

- 13 grant awards totaling \$27 million, with an overall project investment of \$84.2 million.
- Strengthening infrastructure across Hawaii, Alaska, American Samoa, and U.S. West Coast ports.
- Focus on reducing emissions, alleviating landside congestion, and reinforcing MARAD’s commitment to a resilient, efficient, and sustainable marine highway network.
- The Seattle-Bainbridge Island Ferry Service, a \$41.38 million project, received \$1.5 million in USMHP funds to transition to hybrid-electric, demonstrating interagency collaboration.

- The Port Development & Intermodal Planning (PDIP) team directs and administers MARAD's Port Development Program, including planning activities, stakeholder engagement, and technical assistance to ports and port stakeholders to improve port facilities and operations in support of the Nation's Marine Transportation System and National Multimodal Freight Network.

Three Pillars of PDIP:

Supply Chain & Resiliency



Multimodal Coordination



Research & Planning



Questions?

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