

Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS)

Hydrographic Services
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What is the CMTS?

- President-directed, Cabinet-Level partnership
- MTS policy body to the President
- Chartered organization
- 27 Department/Agency Members, including White House Offices
- Secretary of Transportation Chair

Agency Members

- Office of Policy, US Department of Transportation
- US Coast Guard, US Department of Homeland Security
- US Army Corps of Engineers, US Department of Defense
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Department of Commerce
- Maritime Administration, US Department of Transportation
- Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, US Department of Transportation
- Research, Innovation and Technology Administration, US Department of Transportation
- US Transportation Command, US Department of Defense
- Federal Maritime Commission
- National Transportation Safety Board
- Office of Ocean and Water Policy, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Office of Economic Policy, US Department of Treasury
- International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce
- Office of Oceans and Arctic Affairs, US Department of State
- Agricultural Marketing Service, US Department of Agriculture
- Customs and Border Protection, US Department of Homeland Security
- Transportation Security Administration, US Department of Homeland Security
- Office of Energy Reliability, US Department of Energy
- Office of Policy, US Department of Interior
- Office of the Attorney General, US Department of Justice
- Office of Policy, US Department of Labor
- *Ex-Officio Members:*
- Office of the Vice President
- Homeland Security Counsel
- National Economic Counsel
- Council of Environmental Quality.
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Science and Technology Policy

CMTS Presidential Charge

- Improve Federal MTS coordination and policies
- Develop outcome-based goals for the MTS
- Integrate marine transportation with other modes and other ocean uses
- Recommend strategies and plans to maintain and improve the U.S. MTS

Why the CMTS?

- Air Transportation System – FAA
- Highway Transportation System – FHWA
- Rail Transportation System – FRA
- Marine Transportation System – CMTS

CMTS Organization

- **Cabinet-level Committee (CMTS)**
- **Coordinating Board (CB)** is the primary policy advisory body to the CMTS
- **Working Group** provide staff support to Coordinating Board members
- **Integrated Action Teams** execute strategies, address MTS issues, and report
- **Task Teams** are short-term, task specific interagency teams
- **Executive Secretariat** is the dedicated, interagency staff support to the CMTS

Integrated Action Teams

- MTS Assessment (USACE lead)
- Navigation Technology Integration (NOAA lead)
- MTS Research and Development (USACE lead)
- U.S. Arctic Marine Transportation (NOAA/MARAD co-leads)

Interagency Task Teams

- MTS National Strategy Implementation (USCG)
- MTS Preparedness (USACE/USCG co-leads)
- E-Navigation Strategic Planning (USCG)
- Communications (Executive Secretariat)
- Environmental Stewardship Discussion Group (Executive Secretariat)

CMTS Milestones

- Developed and adopted CMTS Charter (August 2005)
- Adopted MTS Vision Statement (October 2006) and
- Standard Operating Procedures (December 2007)
- Conducted National Dredge Policy Review (Dec. 2006)
- Examined regulatory review process of MTS issues (March 2007)
- Approved Views and Estimates Letter for Great Lakes Short Sea Shipping Enhancement Act (July 2007)
- Approved CMTS Business Plan (July 2008)
- Completed Federal Maritime Data Portal (July 2008)
- Adopted MTS National Strategy (July 2008)
- Completed interagency Fact Sheet on the MTS (December 2008)
- Conducted Federal MTS Budget Compilation (April 2009)
- Recommendation to SECDOT re. Criteria for ARRA funding (April 2009)
- National Strategy Implementation Plan (September 2009)

NOAA and the CMTS

- NOAA is charter member of the CMTS
- NOAA was chair of the CMTS Coordinating Board in 2007 and will be chair in 2011
- NOAA and ITA represent DOC
- Margaret Spring NOAA Coordinating Board rep
- NOAA leads Navigation Technology IAT
- NOAA leads PORTS IAT
- NOAA co-leads U.S. Arctic marine transportation IAT
- NOAA staff to CMTS Executive Secretariat

National Strategy Implementation

- Adoption of MTS National Strategy and its 34 recommended actions
- Priority setting process identified six top actions from the 34
- Eight activities developed to implement top six actions
- Activities are interagency initiatives that are aligned with an action to measurably improve the MTS
- Coordinating Board approved eight activities - the first phase to implement the National Strategy and the 2010 CMTS Work Plan

National Strategy Activities

- Integrate PORTS with AIS. (NOAA led)
- Identify MTS Research and Development priorities to address MTS needs. (USACE led)
- Determine 24 hour ANOA options to support use of cross-lake freight ferries. (SLSDC led)
- Implement a sustainable national PORTS (NOAA led)

Activities (Cont.)

- Improve interagency coordination to increase resumption of waterway use following a disruption (USACE/USCG led)
- Inventory Federal MTS activities in U.S. Arctic waters and identify opportunities for Federal collaboration (NOAA/MARAD led)
- Complete the comprehensive risk management assessment of the MTS (USACE led)
- Identify domestic freight bottlenecks to improve U.S. supply chain efficiency (ITA led)

What's Ahead for the CMTS?

- Obama Administration representation and active participation
- Execution of National Strategy Implementation Plan and outcome based 2010 work plan
- Compendium of Federal MTS laws/programs
- Response to OPTF Recommendations
- CMTS authorization
 - Greater organizational certainty for long term projects and issues
 - Equitable member financial support
- MTS R&D Conference 6/29-7/1, Irvine, CA



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