

CMTS

U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System

History

- 1996 Intertanko Report
- 1998 Reauthorization of USCG called for formation of a Federal task force.
- “National Conference on the MTS” called by Secretary Slater.
- 1999 Report to Congress, “An Assessment of the U.S. Marine Transportation System.”
- Establishment of ICMTS and MTSNAC and regional coordination.

Original ICMTS

- 7 dialog sessions around the U.S.
- Beginnings of a national strategy
- "SEA 21 policy papers"
- Efforts to increase MTS awareness:
 - MTS video
 - Industry Fair
 - Congressional reception
 - Sponsored TRB Report – "The Marine Transportation System and the Federal Role."

US Commission on Ocean Policy

- Submitted its report and recommendations to the President September 2004.
- President was required to respond to the recommendations and did so in December 2004.
- Accepted the recommendation to raise the ICMTS to a cabinet-level.

Authority

President's U.S. Ocean Action Plan,
issued, December 17, 2004,
"Supporting Marine Transportation."

PURPOSE

“To create a partnership of Federal agencies with responsibility for the Marine Transportation System (MTS) - waterways, ports and their intermodal connections – to ensure the development and implementation of national MTS policies consistent with national needs.” [CMTS Charter]

CMTS MEMBERSHIP

- Department Secretaries from:
 - Transportation (Chair)
 - Commerce
 - Defense
 - Energy
 - Homeland Security
 - Treasury
 - State
 - Interior
 - Agriculture
 - Labor
 - Justice (Attorney General)

- Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff;
- Administrator, EPA;
- Chairman, FMC; and
- Head of MTS-related Agencies as designated by the CMTS

Ex-officio members of the Committee, who can participate as non-voting members include the:

- Director, Office of Management and Budget;
- Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality;
- Assistant to the President for Homeland Security;
- Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy;
- and
- Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Consultation

CMTS CHARTER

- Signed in July 2005 and became effective August 11, 2005.
- There have been three CMTS meetings, the last held in April 2006.
- The next meeting is expected to be held in May 2007.

** CONSULTATION **

In carrying out its functions and activities under this Charter, the CMTS will consult with the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC), Congressional reps and staff members, the public, and other interested parties.

CMTS Support/Coordinating Board

- Made up of heads or senior-level representatives of Federal agencies.
- The CB assists CMTS members in exercising their duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Charter.
- The Chair of the CB will be rotated among the Commandant of the USCG, the Chief of the USACE, the Maritime Administrator and the Administrator of NOAA.
- The Chairperson of the CB is currently VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Administrator of NOAA

CMTS Support/Executive Secretariat

- The Executive Secretariat (ES) is the staff body of the CMTS,
- The ES is made up of Federal employees from CMTS member agencies who are detailed to the ES and work under the Director,
- The ES Director is an employee of the Department of Transportation who reports directly to the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy,
- The ES Director is the Executive Secretary to the CB,
- The ES serves as a technical advisory body to the CB,
- The Director of the ES and Executive Secretary to the CB is Helen A. Brohl, effective July 10, 2006.

CMTS Support/Integrated Action Teams

- IATs are responsible for the execution of the strategies developed,
- An IAT is created and disbanded as needed,
- The members of each IAT shall include representatives from the lead agency, member agencies and other organizations required to satisfy the mission of the IAT,
- The IATs provide information/ recommendations to the CB to improve the MTS

Current IATs

- MTS National Strategy (USCG Lead)
- MTS Assessment (USACE lead)
- Maritime Data Collection (MARAD lead)
- Maritime Recovery (under new review)
- Navigation Technology Integration (NOAA lead)

This dynamic inter-agency team:

- Is engaged with fulfilling the mandate set by the President to improve the MTS
 - Acknowledges the need to address our Nation's transportation infrastructure,
 - Understands the need to address existing Federal impediments to the MTS,
 - Recognizes the need to coordinate Federal activities which impact the MTS

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