



MARAD FACT SHEET

Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project



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Strategic Objective: To better integrate intermodal transportation within the Port of Anchorage to promote economic, community, and transportation benefits within the South-central Alaska area.

Mission

Provide a modern, safe and efficient Regional Port which stimulates economic development and the movement of goods into and out of South-central Alaska. Expand and maintain existing property, facilities and equipment to meet growth in established marine trade, to encourage natural resource exports, and to create employment opportunities by attracting new industry and new cargo movement. Support and assist increases in cargo movement that will aid and stimulate domestic and international business activities throughout the areas of the State serviced by the Port.

Background

The Port of Anchorage began operations in September 1961 using a single berth during that first year. The Port has since expanded to a five-berth terminal providing facilities for the movement of containerized freight, iron and steel products, wood products, bulk petroleum and cement. Anchorage is served regularly by two major carriers, which bring four to five ships weekly from the Pacific Northwest.

The Port is planning a variety of expansion activities to enhance the transportation of goods and people within the State of Alaska. Expansion activities are scheduled to occur over the next seven years, utilizing federal and non-federal funds administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration (MARAD).

The Port intends to implement this expansion program through a variety of projects. To meet the goals of the expansion program the Port will evaluate various opportunities and work with local, State and Federal entities. Accomplishment of all of these activities within a finite timeframe represents a significant challenge for the Port.

Initiatives

Expansion activities include, but are not limited to:

- *Expansion of commercial dock space,*
- *Support of military rapid deployment from Alaskan bases, including the U.S. Army's Stryker Brigade Combat Team Sealift Operation,*
- *Additional barge dock capacity,*
- *Cruise Ship Terminal,*
- *Improved rail connection to the Port for commercial and military use, and*
- *Acquisition, installation, and operation of security equipment and services.*
- *Military Commercial Activity*