

46 CFR Part 393

Marine Highway, Short sea transportation, Vessels.

Accordingly, the Department of Transportation amends 46 CFR Chapter II by revising part 393 to read as follows:

PART 393--AMERICA'S MARINE HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Sec.

393.1 Purpose.

393.2 Definitions.

393.3 Marine Highway Corridors.

393.4 Marine Highway Projects.

393.5 Incentives, Impediments and Solutions.

393.6 Research on Marine Highway Transportation.

Authority: Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Sections 1121, 1122, and 1123 of Public Law 110-140, enacted into law on December 19, 2007 (121 Stat. 1492).

Sec. 393.3 Marine Highway Corridors.

(d) Scope of Department Support. Marine Highway Corridors, Connectors and Crossings that receive designation will be posted on a Web site maintained by the Maritime Administration. The Department of Transportation will coordinate with Corridor sponsors to identify the most appropriate actions to support the Corridors. Support could include any of the following, as appropriate and within agency resources:

(1) Promote the Corridor with appropriate governmental, State, local and Tribal government transportation planners, private sector entities or other decision-makers.

(2) Coordinate with ports, State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, localities, other public agencies (including Tribal governments) and the private sector to support the designated corridor. Efforts can be aimed at obtaining access to land or terminals, developing landside facilities and infrastructure, and working with Federal, regional, State, local, and Tribal governmental entities to remove barriers to self-supporting operations.

(3) Pursue memorandums of agreement with other Federal entities to transport Federally owned or generated cargo using waterborne transportation along the Marine Highway Corridor, when practical or available.

(4) Assist with collection and dissemination of data for the designation and delineation of Marine Highway Corridors as available resources permit.

(5) Work with Federal entities and regional, State, local and Tribal governments to include designated Corridors in transportation planning.

(6) Bring specific impediments to the attention of the advisory board chartered to address such barriers.

(7) Conduct research on issues specific to designated Corridors as available resources permit.

(8) Utilize current or future Federal funding mechanisms, as appropriate, to support the Corridor.

(9) Communicate with designated Corridor coalitions to provide ongoing support and identify lessons learned and best practices for the overall Marine Highway program.