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“Upon designation as a Marine Highway Project, the Department will coordinate with the Project sponsor to identify the most appropriate Departmental actions to support the project. Department support could include any of the following, as appropriate and within agency resources:

- (1) Promote the service with appropriate governmental, regional, State, local or 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 and the private sector to support the designated service. Efforts can be aimed at identifying resources, obtaining access to land or terminals, developing landside facilities and infrastructure, and working with Federal, regional, State, local or Tribal governmental entities to remove barriers to success.
- (3) Pursue memorandums of agreement with other Federal entities to transport Federally owned or generated cargo using the services of the designated project, when practical or available.
- (4) In cases where transportation infrastructure is needed, Project sponsors may request to be included on the Secretary of Transportation’s list of high-priority transportation infrastructure projects under Executive Order 13274, “Environmental Stewardship and Transportation Infrastructure Project Review.” For these projects, Executive Order 13274 provides that Federal agencies shall, to the maximum extent practicable, expedite their reviews for relevant permits or other approvals and take related actions, as necessary, consistent with available resources and applicable laws.
- (5) Assist with developing individual performance measures for Marine Highway Projects.
- (6) Work with Federal entities and regional, State, local and Tribal governments to include designated Projects in transportation planning.
- (7) Bring specific impediments to the attention of the advisory board chartered to address these barriers.
- (8) Conduct research on issues specific to Marine Highway Projects.
- (9) Utilize current or future Federal funding mechanisms, as appropriate, to support the Projects.
- (10) Maintain liaison with sponsors and representatives of designated Projects to provide ongoing support and identify lessons learned and best practices for other projects and the overall Marine Highway program.”