# Kentucky Riverports, Highway & Rail Freight Analysis Study

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# **Questions Answered**

- What has happened in the KYTC Riverport Study?
- What have we learned about the role of Riverports in the Economy?
- What is Changing in the Riverport Economy?
- What Choices do we Face About Riverport Futures?
- What's Next for Kentucky's Riverports?









### What has Happened In the Study?











## What has Happened In the Study?

- Stakeholders Engaged through 3 Statewide Summits
- Latest Post-COVID Forecasts of Riverport Markets
- Rigorous Review of Riverport Infrastructure & Condition
- Series of Technical Memoranda
- Draft Report & Marketing Toolkit

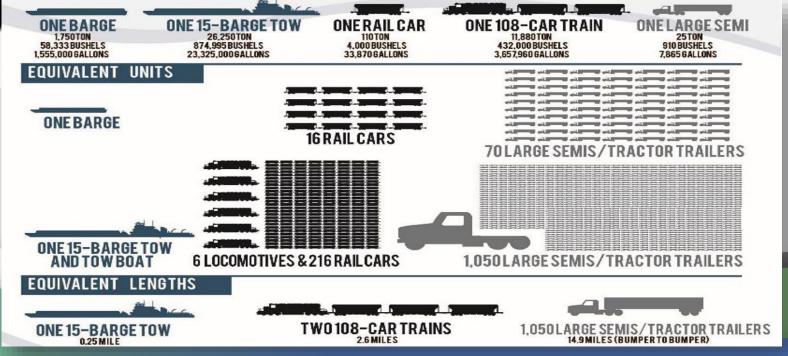








#### What Have We Learned About Riverports?











### What Have We Learned About Riverports?

- Riverports Connect Kentucky to the National and Global Economy
- Kentucky's Waterways Carry over 80 Million Tons of Freight Each year, worth over \$18 Billion
- Approximately 19% of Kentucky's Tonnage Moves by Water, but only 3% of the Value on Kentucky's Transportation System
- 59% of New Jobs in Kentucky in 2020 were from new business locations, suggesting opportunities and new markets
- Growth in Manufacturing, Food & Beverage, Trade/logistics, Aluminum and other sectors show potential growth for waterborne commerce
- Kentucky's current \$500,000 Annual Port funding level lags behind other ports









### What Have We Learned About Riverports?

- The top 5 Commodities comprise 89% of today's Kentucky Riverport Market
- Petroleum and Crude (29%), Coal (19%), Aggregate (16%), Grains (15%) and Chemicals (10%)
- 18% Freight Growth is expected by 2045, but slight decline in waterways
- Growth in Oils, Plastics, Warehouse/Distribution and Grain, but offset by Reductions in Coal
- More than 50% of Kentucky's freight is in commodities that could be carried by water on some portion of its journey, however sourcing and logistic patterns determine actual utilization



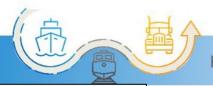






#### What is Changing in the Riverport Economy?

- Reduction in Coal Market Will Increase Competition Among Riverports
- Riverports will have to capture "More than their Share" to stay in business
- Attracting "Anchor Clients" to Riverport Hinterland Will be Vital
- Plastics, Metals and Chemicals can Support Automotive and Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chains









#### **Many Current Markets will Decline**

Trade Market Fuels: Coal,

Waterborne

**Key KY** 



Historic Changes 1997-2017 (FAF) as Described in Chapter 1

**Anticipated Forecast Changes** 2018-2045 (Transearch)

Strategic Implications

Gasoline, Fuel Oils



Waterborne trade with Kentucky declined by 48% even as national market increased by 67%

Kentucky is expected to lose an additional 62% of its market by 2045 in coal, petroleum, and gas fuel waterborne trade.

Ports dependent on coal, petroleum, shipping stone, gravel, and nonmetallic minerals for significant shares of business should explore new markets in trade partners trafficking in grains, food, plastics, rubber, and other

manufactured goods.

Minerals: Sand, Stone & Non-Metallic Minerals



Waterborne trade in sand, stone and non-metallic minerals with Kentucky declined by 95% and there was no significant decline in the national market.

Kentucky is expected to lose an additional 26% of its market in nonmetallic mineral waterborne trade and clay, concrete, glass, and stone.









#### Smaller, Different Markets Will Increase

Key KY Waterborne Trade Market Historic Changes 1997-2017 (FAF) as Described in Chapter 1

Anticipated Forecast Changes 2018-2045 (Transearch)

Strategic Implications

Manufactured Goods: Plastic/Rubber, Textiles, Machinery



Waterborne trade in plastic/rubber, textiles and machinery increased 17x nationally and 11x in Kentucky.

Kentucky is projected to experience a 23% increase in waterborne trade in chemical and allied products (which include plastics, rubber, and similar goods). A 9% increase in tonnage of machinery traded with Kentucky by water is also projected.

Ports should work with KY Cabinet for Economic Development and local economic development authorities to identify manufacturers, buyers, and suppliers of waterborne goods, especially plastics, rubber, machinery, and chemical & allied products to attract and grow firms in riverport hinterlands of Kentucky's

riverports.

Perishables: Grains & Alcoholic Beverages



Despite a 6% national decline in waterborne trade of grains and alcoholic beverages from 1997-2017, Kentucky retained this market during the 20-year historic period.

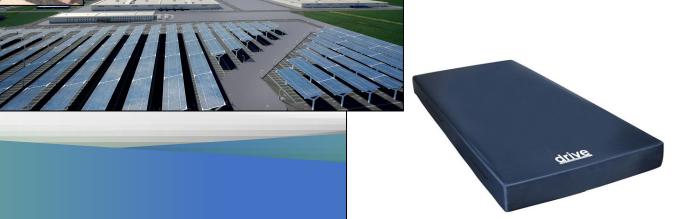
In the period from 2018 to 2045, Kentucky is projected to increase its waterborne trade in food and kindred products by 144% and its trade in agricultural products and livestock by 81%



















#### What Choices do We Face?

- Invest in Restructuring Vs. Scaling Back
- Build Home Markets Around Ports?

Collaboration Vs. Completion



#### KENTUCKY RIVERPORTS, HIGHWAY & RAIL FREIGHT STUDY







#### Riverport Hinterlands are Multi-State Development Markets









#### Restructuring of Ohio River is a National and Regional Issue





### **Mid-America Freight Coalition**

Regional Solutions for a Regional Issue



### Possible Federal Funding Sources KENTUCKY RIVERPORTS, HIGHWAY & RAIL FREIGHT STUDY





Type	Program	Funding			Туре	Program	Funding
Infrastructure	ATCMTDP	\$	12,000,000.00			Disaster Loan	
	BUILD	\$	900,000,000.00			Assistance	\$ 200,000.00
	Farm Storage	\$	500,000.00			Emergency Relief	\$ 1,000,000.00
	INFRA	\$	856,000,000.00	Resilienc	Resiliency	HSGP	\$ 1,095,000,000.00
	Marine Highway	\$	7,000,000.00			PSGP	\$ 100,000,000.00
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	Passenger Ferry	\$	33,000,000.00		TSGP	\$ 88,000,000.00	
	PIDP	\$	292,730,000.00			Clean Diesel	\$ 4,000,000.00
	RRIF	\$ 35,000,000,000.00				Coastal Program	\$ 500,000.00
	Transp Alts Set Aside	\$	850,000,000.00			CMAQ	\$ 2,500,000,000.00
	WIFIA	\$	5,000,000.00			<b>Endangered Species</b>	\$ 99,999.00
Economic Development	Econ Dev Assistance	\$	3,000,000.00		Environment	Marine Debris	\$ 2,500,000.00
	Planning Grant	\$	300,000.00			Pollution Prevention	\$ 500,000.00
	APRA-E	\$	500,000.00			SRA	\$ 260,000.00
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						Wetland Program	
						<b>Development Grants</b>	\$ 300,000.00

**Total Funding = \$41.7 Billion, 1% = \$417 Million** 





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#### **Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act: Section 21106.** The IIIA authorizes states and certain other local governmental entities that are regionally linked with an interest in a specific multi-State freight corridor to enter into multi-State compacts to promote the improved mobility of goods. This section requires the Secretary to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to compacts in amounts up to **\$2 million** for a new multi-State compact and **\$1 million** for an existing multi-State compact

#### Ohio River is a Multi-State Marine Corridor of National Significance











#### What's Next for Kentucky Riverports?

- Legislative Riverport Caucus
- Strategic Capacity Review & Prioritization
- Riverport Hinterland Compact





- ✓ Frame Issues of Riverport Hinterland Market in State Economic & Infrastructure Policy
- ✓ Support Resolutions for Inter-Governmental and Inter-State Collaboration
- ✓ Assess Grant Programs, Development Priorities, Workforce and Funding Priorities
- ✓ Facilitate KY Participation in Hinterland Compact

#### Legislative Riverport Caucus





#### KENTUCKY RIVERPORTS, HIGHWAY & RAIL FREIGHT STUDY





- ✓ Use Riverport Study to Seek EDA or other national funding partners
- ✓ Involve State and Regional Entities
- ✓ Focus on Riverport Hinterland as Top Priority
- ✓ Initiation Study Creates Concept of Operations & Funding Sources
  - \* Recruitment of Core Waterway Clients
  - \*Ongoing Review of Capacity & Modernization Needs
  - \*Establishment of Multi-State Funding
  - \*Make Business Intelligence Available

#### Riverport Hinterland Compact











#### What Does the Future Hold?

- Aggressive Strategies for Client ACRE
- Smaller But Strategic Placement of Riverports in Hinterland Value-Chain

Emergent Hinterland Focus for Funding,
Business and Infrastructure Priorities









# **Questions/Discussion**