

US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE: **Investing in America**

API Marine Subcommittee





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Why is the US transportation infrastructure so critical to local, state, and national economies?

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What is the maritime segment's contribution to local, state, and national economies?

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What are the benefits and critical elements of the US maritime infrastructure?

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What are the chokepoints within maritime infrastructure and what are the impacts of these chokepoints?

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How can we work together to support US maritime infrastructure?



THE US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE: *IMPORTANCE FOR AMERICA'S PROSPERITY*

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

“Building a world-class transportation system is one of the reasons that America became an economic superpower in the first place.¹”

““ Our transportation and physical infrastructure is aging and needs to be rebuilt, yet we lag behind many other advanced countries in the level of our investment. I am committed to changing that.²”

BARBARA BOXER (D-CA)

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN
JUNE 29, 2010

““ Transportation is important. It's about people and how they live their lives. It's also about business. An efficient national transportation network lowers production costs and enhances productivity and profits. And it is about America.³”

CHAIRMAN BILL SHUSTER (R-PA)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
FEBRUARY 13, 2013

“Infrastructure is important, and that's why energy is a key part of our plan to revitalize manufacturing and make America a nation of builders again.⁴”

**SPEAKER
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THE US TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE STORY: A VITAL SYSTEM TO THE US ECONOMY

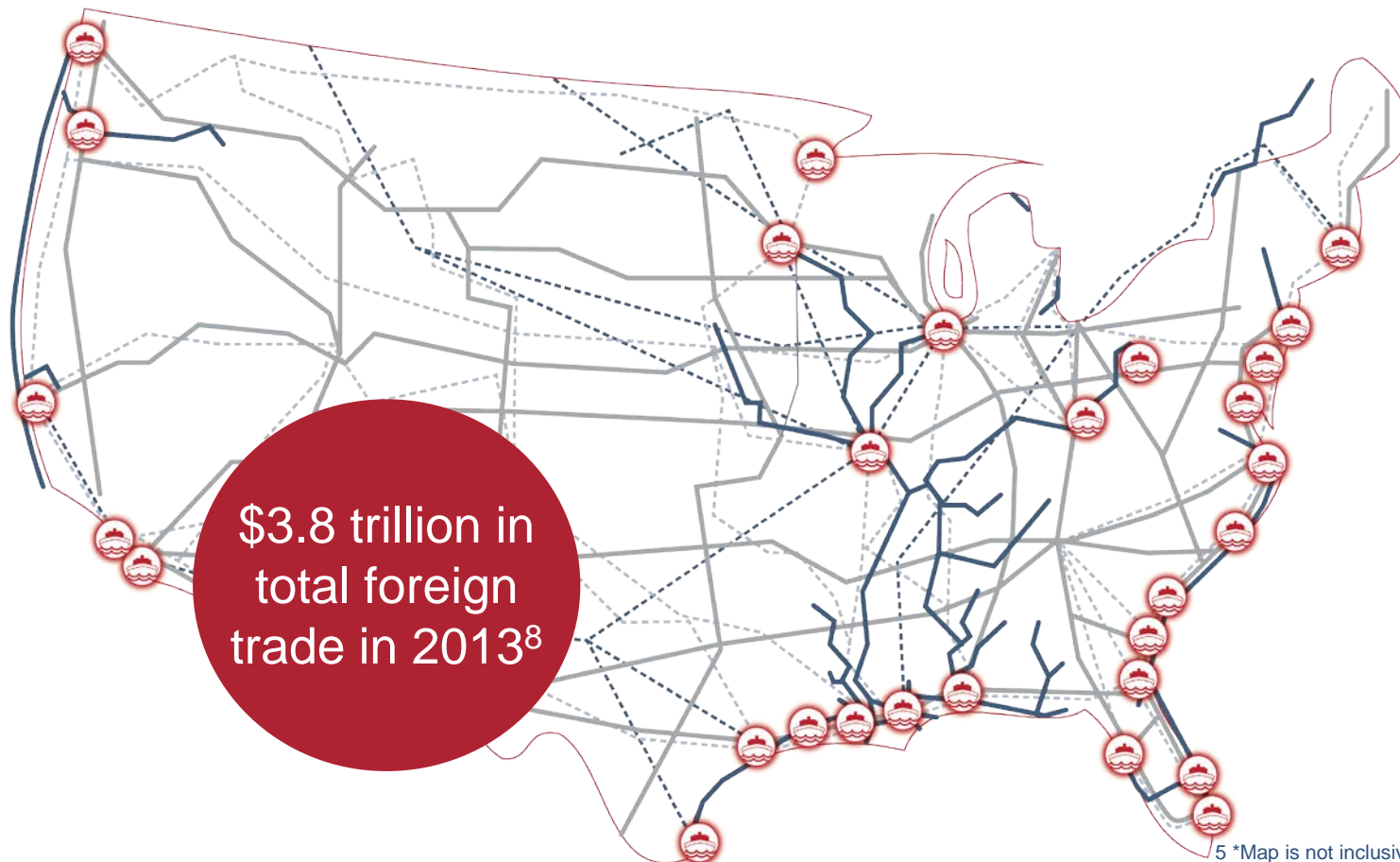
 25,000 miles of waterways

 510,000 miles of pipelines

 4 million miles of roadways

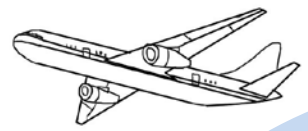
 140,000 miles of railroads

 120 ports



Waterways, highways, and railroads all play key roles in an intermodal system that moves trillions of dollars in raw materials and products into and around the US every year in a safe, efficient, environmentally responsible manner.

FOREIGN TRADE ON US INFRASTRUCTURE⁸



AIR TRANSPORTATION
\$900 BILLION



MARITIME TRANSPORTATION
\$1.7 TRILLION

OTHER **\$218 BILLION**



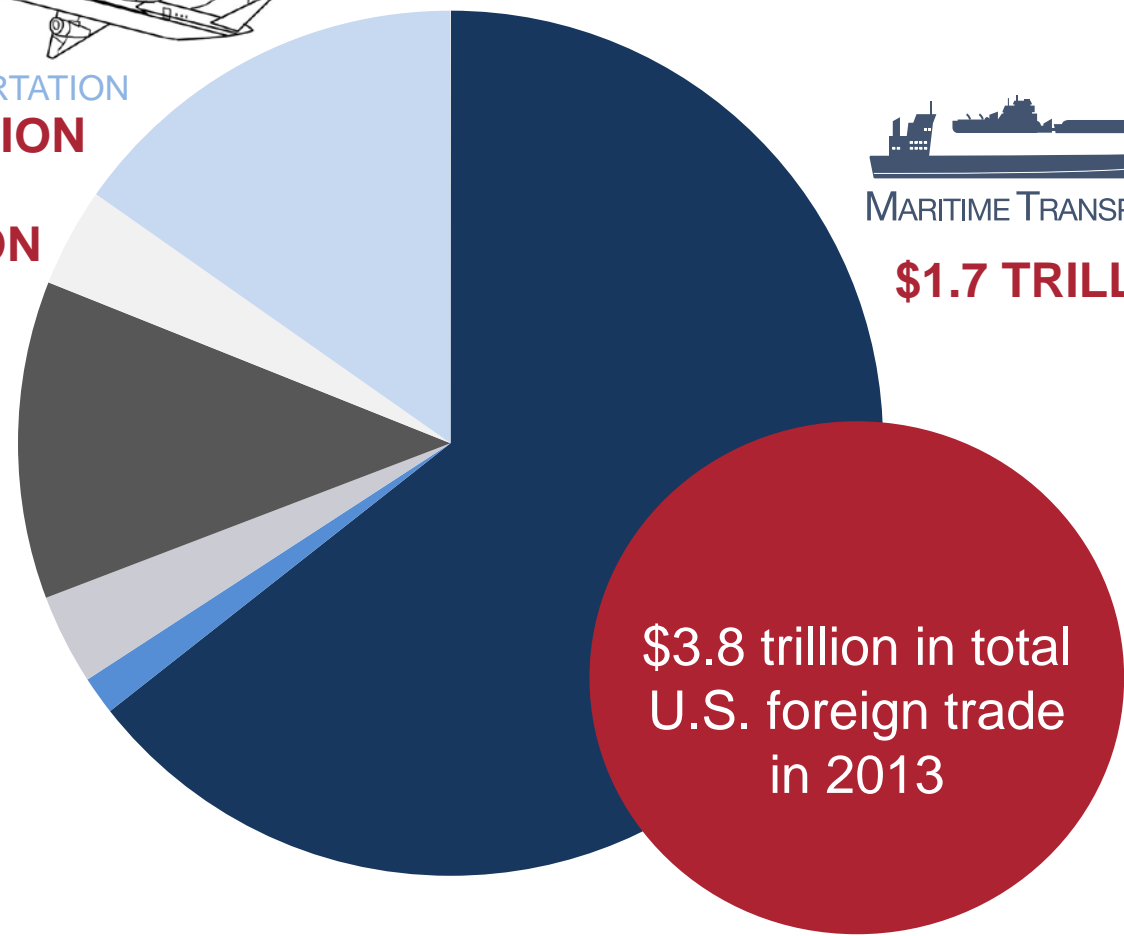
ROAD TRANSPORTATION
\$700 BILLION



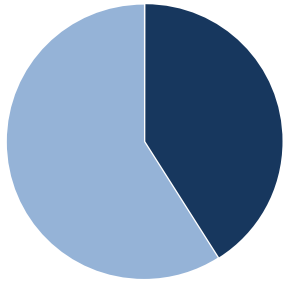
RAIL TRANSPORTATION
\$200 BILLION



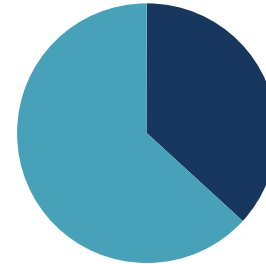
PIPE LINE
\$87.3 BILLION



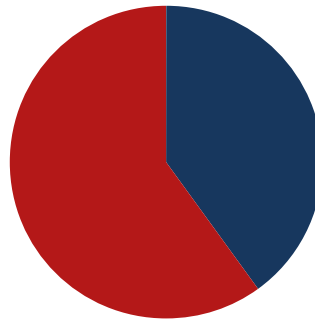
THE US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE STORY: MOVING CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



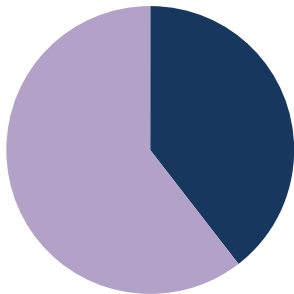
41 % OF ALL U.S. WATERBORNE TRADE (IMPORTS & EXPORTS) IS PETROLEUM OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



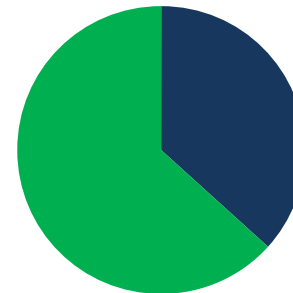
36.8 % OF ALL DOMESTIC WATERBORNE TRADE IS PETROLEUM OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



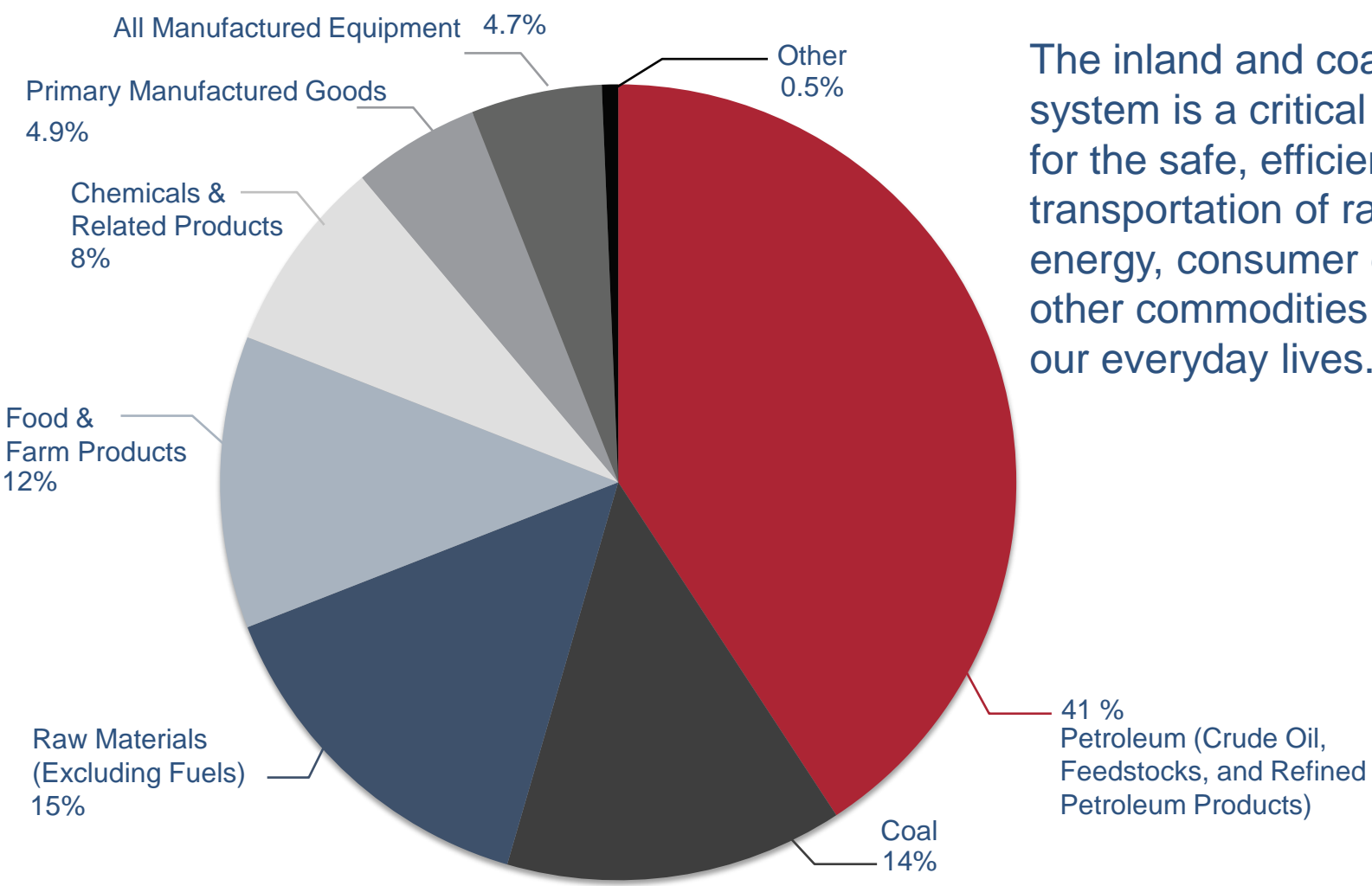
40 % OF ALL CRUDE OIL ARRIVING AT REFINERIES IS DELIVERED VIA WATER



39.5 % OF ALL U.S. SELF-PROPELLED WATERBORNE TRADE IS PETROLEUM OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



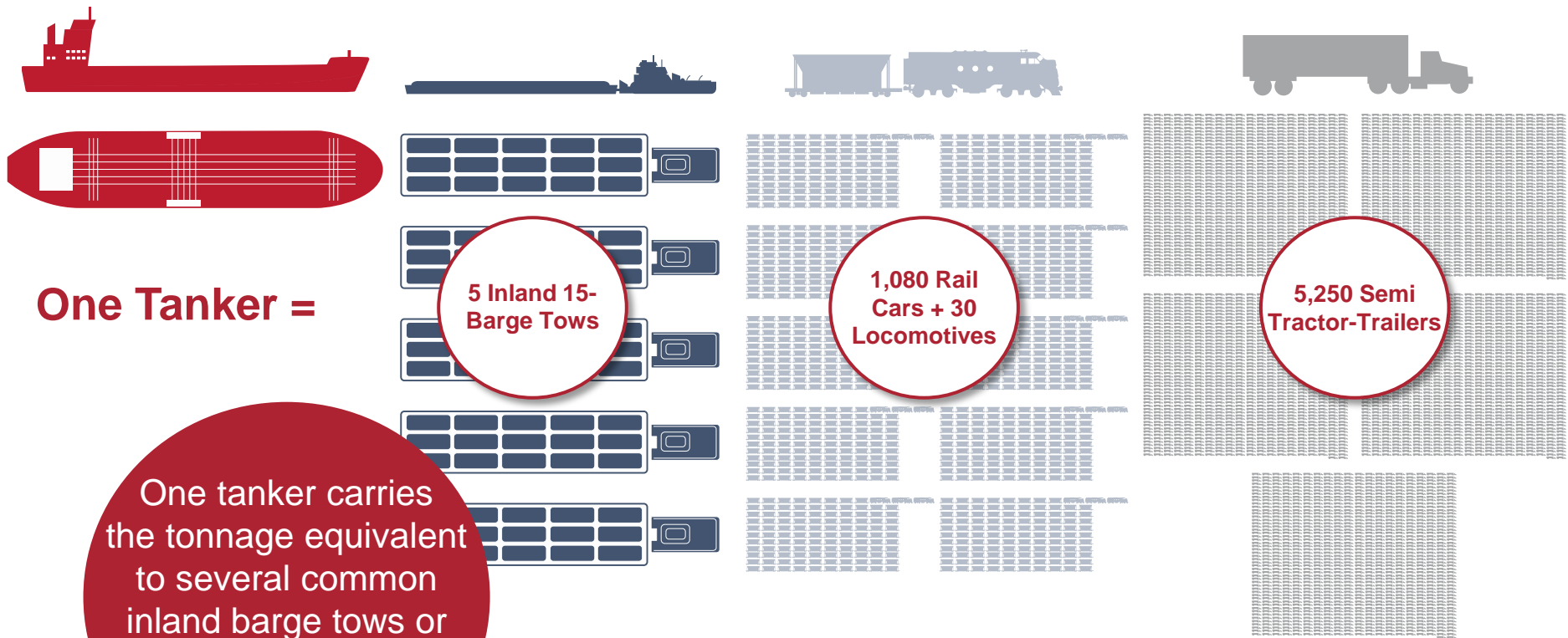
36.7 % OF ALL U.S. BARGE TRAFFIC IS PETROLEUM OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



The inland and coastal waterway system is a critical component for the safe, efficient, and secure transportation of raw materials, energy, consumer goods, and other commodities that impact our everyday lives.

**SHORT TONS TRANSPORTED VIA WATER IN
2013 BY COMMODITY GROUP ⁹**

THE US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE STORY: *THE EFFICIENCY OF MARITIME TRANSPORTATION*



One Tanker =

5 Inland 15-Barge Tows

1,080 Rail Cars + 30 Locomotives

5,250 Semi Tractor-Trailers

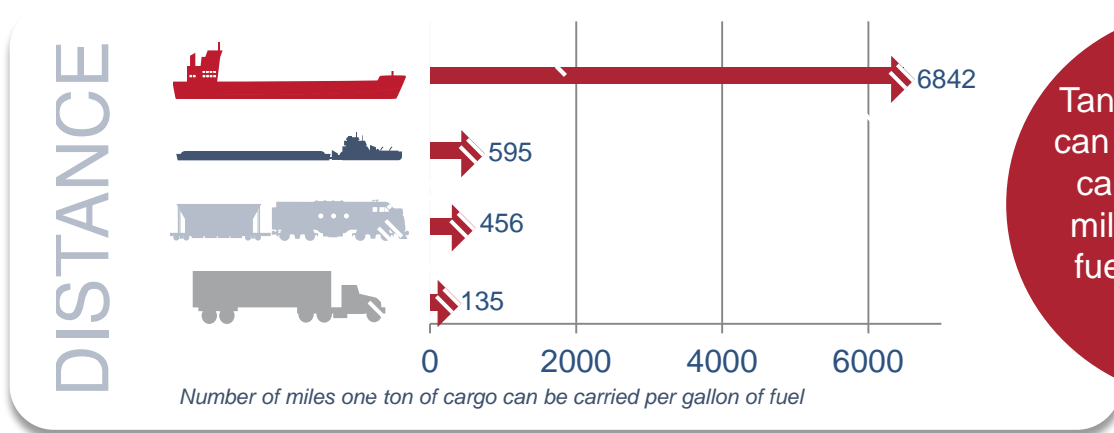
One tanker carries the tonnage equivalent to several common inland barge tows or thousands of rail cars or trucks.¹³

Waterways are the most efficient way of transporting everyday products – from petroleum, grain, coal, and farm products to steel, sand, chemicals, and other building supplies – across the country.



THE US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE STORY: ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS

Waterway transportation is safe, environmentally responsible, and energy efficient as a result of the large capacity and a stringent industry standard of care.



Tankers and barges can move one ton of cargo many more miles per gallon of fuel than rail, cars and trucks.

Tankers and barges emit fewer tons of carbon dioxide per million tons of freight moved one mile compared to rail cars and trucks.¹⁴

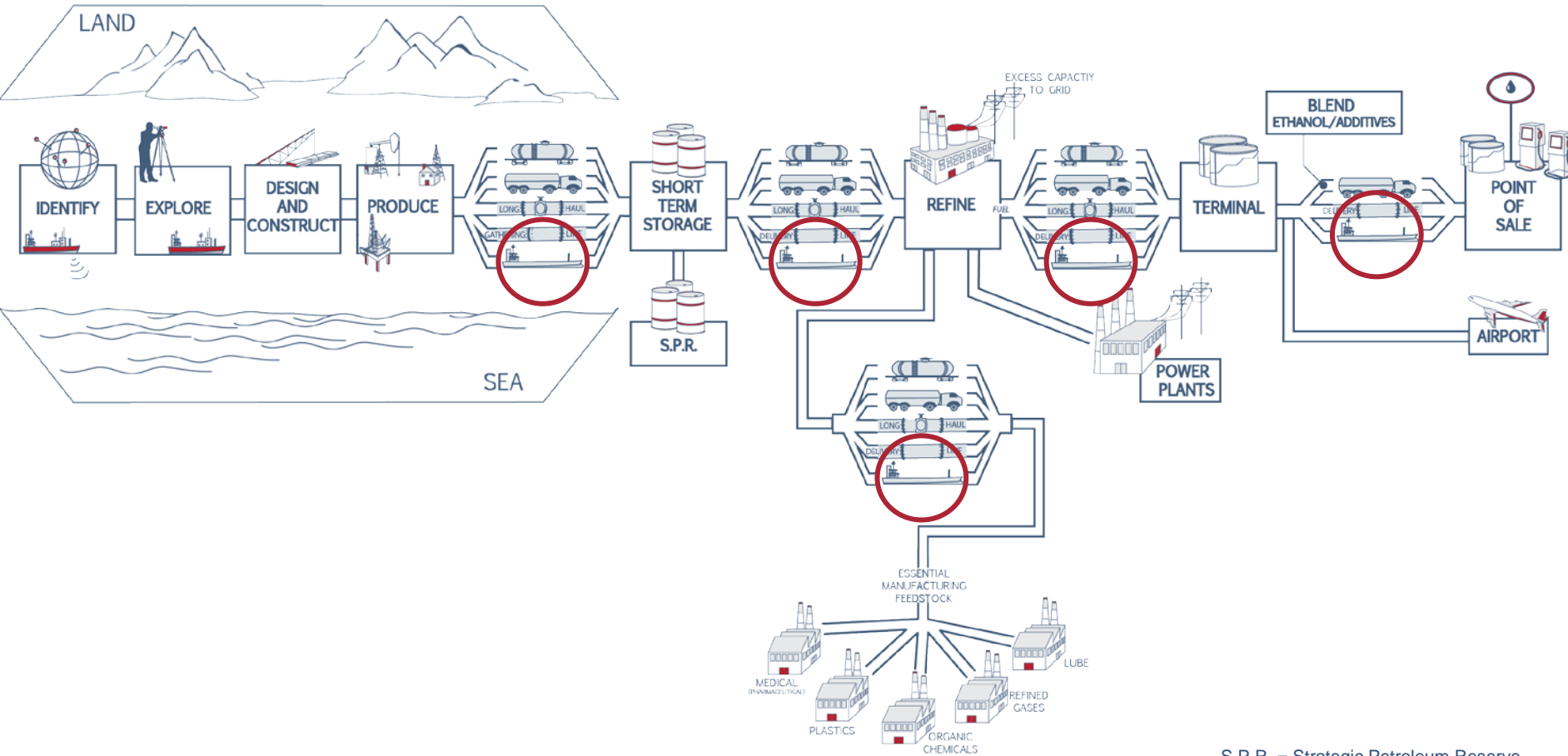
CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

	2.0
	16.9
	22.1
	171.8

Number of tons of CO₂ emitted per one million tons of cargo moved one mile

CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE OIL SUPPLY CHAIN

WELLS TO WHEELS



S.P.R. = Strategic Petroleum Reserve



THE US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE STORY: *ELEMENTS OF THE MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM*

The infrastructure elements of the maritime transportation system include:



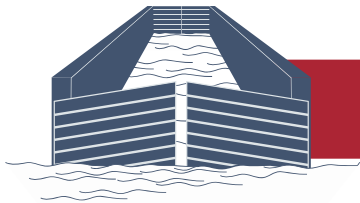
PORTS

Gateways for the movement of goods and materials



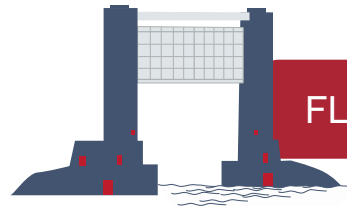
INLAND WATERWAYS

Navigable bodies of water located in the interior of the US



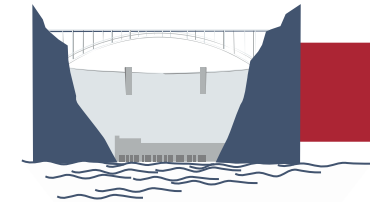
LOCKS

Devices for raising and lowering vessels between stretches of water at different levels



FLOODGATES

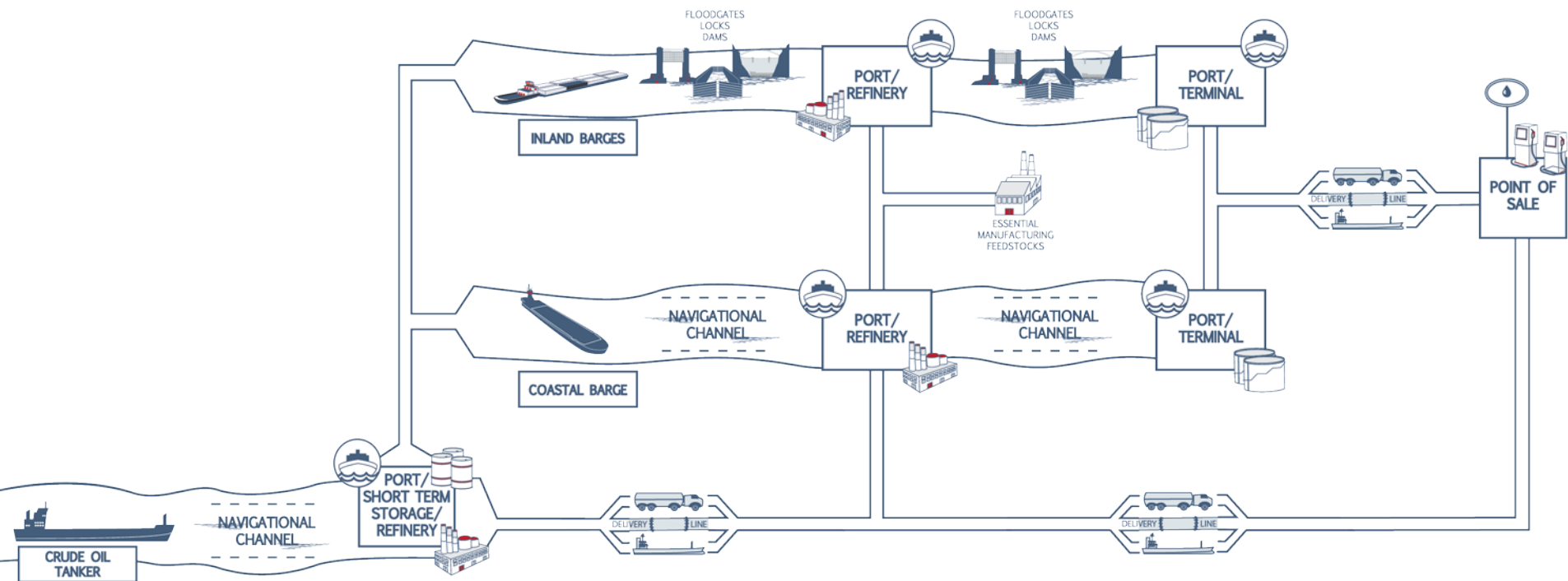
Adjustable gates used to manage the flow of water



DAMS

Barriers that retain water within a specific location

CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE



CHOKEPOINTS IN US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE: *PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE*

Physical Chokepoints:

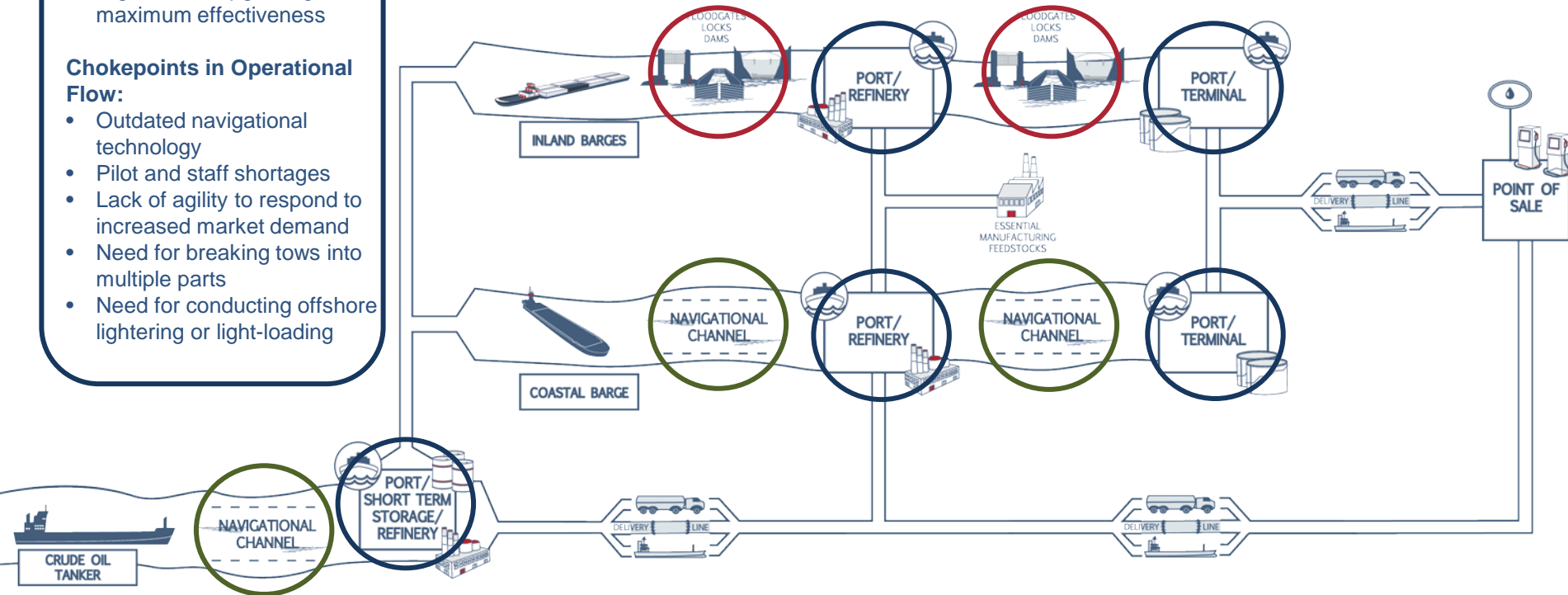
- Restrictive port surface bottoms
- Deferred dredging
- Lack of intermodal connections
- High cost of upgrading for maximum effectiveness

Chokepoints in Operational Flow:

- Outdated navigational technology
- Pilot and staff shortages
- Lack of agility to respond to increased market demand
- Need for breaking tows into multiple parts
- Need for conducting offshore lightering or light-loading

Reliability Chokepoints (magnified with infrastructure age):

- Unplanned maintenance and outages
- Delays and vessel backlogs
- Decreased efficiency
- Enhanced impacts of low water scenarios
- Increased risks around two-way vessel traffic



Waterway Chokepoints:

- Too narrow
- Too shallow
- Vessel size restrictions create inefficiencies

CHOKEPOINTS IN US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE: *POLICY*

Physical Chokepoints:

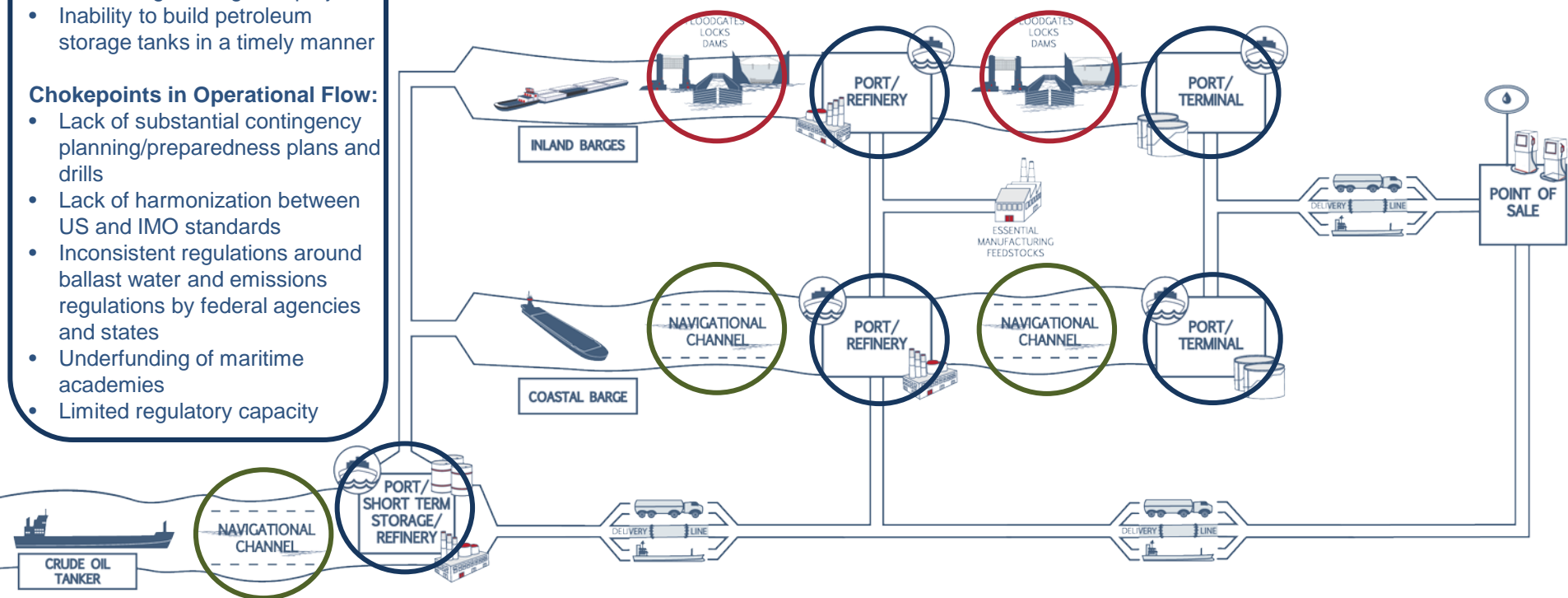
- Expending Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund dollars
- Insufficient dollars in the Inland Waterways Trust Fund
- Delays in completing studies and authorizing/funding new projects
- Inability to build petroleum storage tanks in a timely manner

Chokepoints in Operational Flow:

- Lack of substantial contingency planning/preparedness plans and drills
- Lack of harmonization between US and IMO standards
- Inconsistent regulations around ballast water and emissions regulations by federal agencies and states
- Underfunding of maritime academies
- Limited regulatory capacity

Reliability Chokepoints (magnified with infrastructure age):

- Underfunding of lock, dam, and floodgate infrastructure improvement



Waterway Chokepoints:

- Daylight passage restrictions
- Underfunding for completing dredging activities
- Prioritization of water uses during droughts

TRUE CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERINVESTMENT IN US MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE

Underinvestment in maintaining and improving maritime infrastructure could result in annual losses of as much as \$49 billion in lost revenue for US businesses by 2020²⁴.



Underinvestment in maritime infrastructure chokes the flow of commerce.

This can lead to increased costs of everyday products, commodities, and raw materials for the end consumer.

As a result, revenue decreases for local economies and businesses.

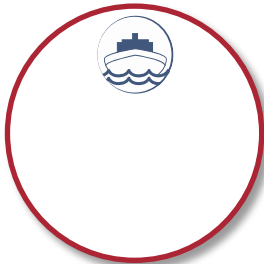
Through a shared understanding of the importance of maritime infrastructure to local, state, and national economies – together, local, federal and state counterparts can:



Engage in an open dialogue around strengthening US transportation infrastructure, including maritime infrastructure.



Escalate the issue of maritime infrastructure policy and investment to the forefront of government and industry attention to proactively inform policy decisions.



Appropriate adequate funds to upgrade maritime infrastructure.

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