



June 27, 2016

Port Canaveral

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Maritime Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation - MARAD
West Building
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Port Citrus

Port Everglades

Port of Fernandina

RE: Marine Highway Project Designation - Letter of Support
Philadelphia/Canaveral Marine Highway Service along M-95 Corridor
Maritime Administration 46 CFR Part 393 - Docket No. MARAD-2010-0035 RIN 2133-
AB70 – Final Rule

Port of Fort Pierce

Dear Mr. Jaenichen,

Port of Jacksonville

We would like to express our strong support for the Philadelphia/Canaveral Marine Highway Designation application. The Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, Port Canaveral and Columbia Coastal Transport, LLC, are submitting an application to the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) for designation of a containerized tug barge service between the Port of Philadelphia and Port Canaveral.

Port of Key West

Port Manatee

The establishment of a marine highway between Philadelphia and Canaveral would provide a multitude of opportunities and benefits to our local port communities. Significant growth in freight volumes are anticipated in the coming years, and a five-day transit makes this marine service concept ideal. In addition, marine highway service would reduce congestion on interstates and roadways, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy and enhance safety.

PortMiami

Port of Palm Beach

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in a program that offers so many solutions to our nation's challenges. Greater development and utilization of the Marine Highway Program will have a cascading impact on our nation's economy, ultimately impacting employment, personal income and international competitiveness.

Port of Panama City

Port of Pensacola

Thank you for your consideration of this important designation.

Port of St. Petersburg

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Wheeler", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Port of Port St. Joe

Doug Wheeler
President and CEO
Florida Ports Council

Port Tampa Bay