



Massachusetts Seaport Advisory Council

Governor Deval Patrick

Lt. Governor Timothy Murray, Chair

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Seaport Advisory Council

Mission Statement:

“Develop the commercial maritime resources of the Commonwealth both physically and institutionally into a “Port of Massachusetts”, each of the several ports working cooperatively doing better what each does best and thereby creating and enhancing an integrated land/sea transportation network with access to the global market place in support of the economic development needs of the Commonwealth”



Background

- Created by Executive Order #376 in December, 1994.
- Originally funded through the \$280 million Seaport Bond Bill in Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1996.
- Currently funded by a \$110 million line item in the Energy and Environmental Bond Bill of 2008.
- Yearly cap (\$8.1 million in FY10).
- Work closely with DCR Waterways for project oversight.





The Seaport Advisory Council Record



- To date the Council has expended just under \$95 million on nearly 300 projects.
- Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray, the Massachusetts Seaport Advisory Council has funded over 60 projects in dozens of coastal communities throughout the Commonwealth.
- Over the past 3 years, SAC has invested over \$25 million in the ports of Massachusetts.





Seaport Council Members

Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray, Chair

Mayor Carolyn Kirk, Gloucester

Mayor Scott W. Lang, New Bedford

Mayor Will Flanagan, Fall River

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Salem

Secretary of Housing and Economic
Development, Greg Bialecki

Secretary of Administration & Finance, Jay
Gonzalez

Secretary and CEO of Mass DOT, Jeff
Mullan

Secretary of Energy and Environmental
Affairs, Ian Bowles

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Massport

Captain Thomas Bushy, Cape & Islands
Region

Captain Jeffrey Havlicek, Waterways Users

Mr. Thomas McEnaney, Northeast Region

Mr. Richard Canastra, South Coast Region

Mr. Richard McGuinness, Boston Region



The Ports of Massachusetts



Fall River

Gloucester
Salem

Boston

New Bedford

- The purpose of the Seaport Council is to enhance and develop the deep water commercial ports of the Commonwealth, with an emphasis on the commercial aspects of the ports.
- The intent of both the Council initiative and the supporting funding is to give most attention to the four next tier ports: Gloucester, Salem, New Bedford and Fall River, in addition to the Port of Boston.



Gloucester, I4-C2 Land Acquisition

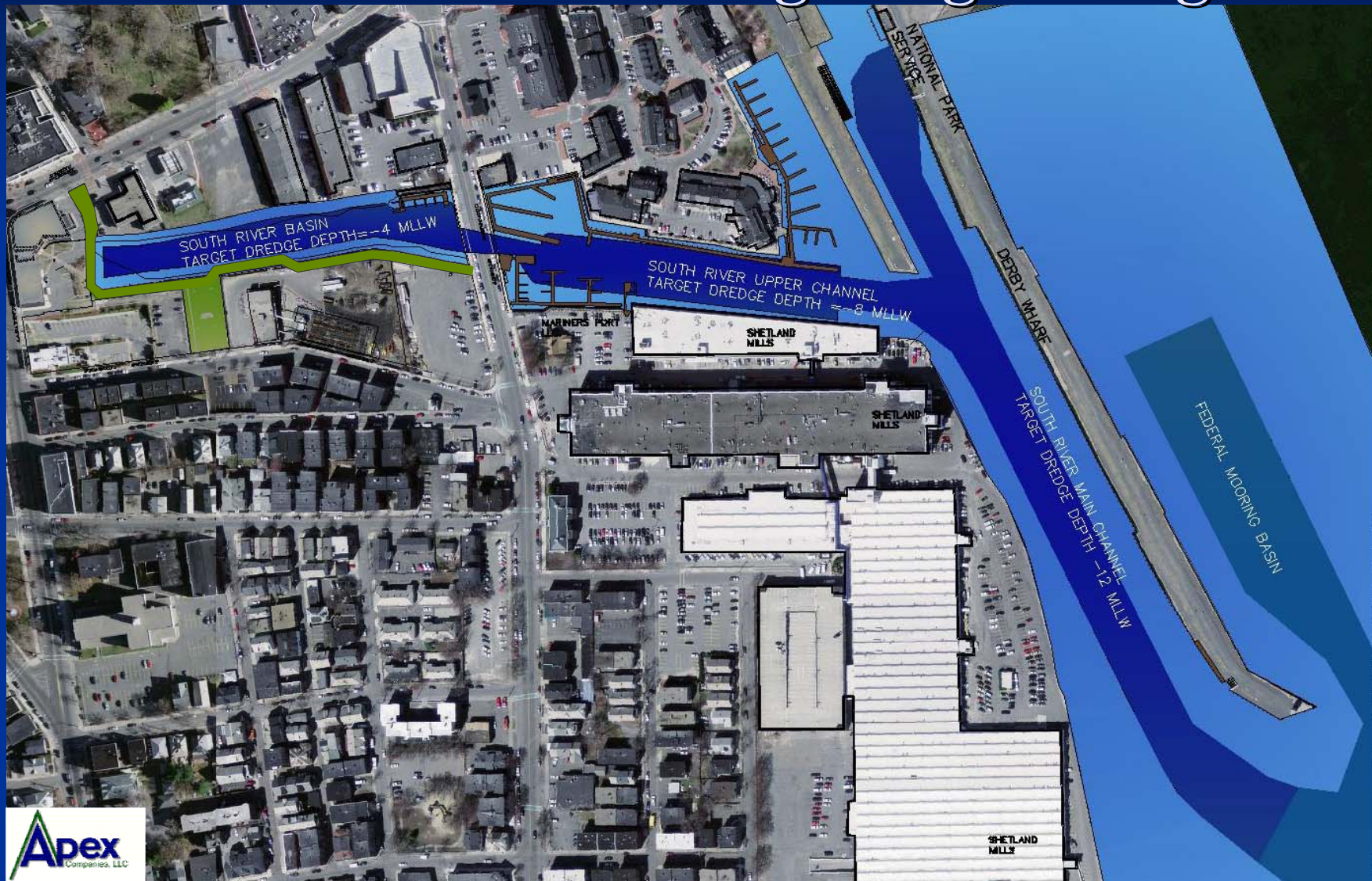


The I4-C2 lot in Gloucester's downtown has been called a city blight, because of its rusty chain link fence, overgrown weeds and empty parking lot, while it sits in a prime location on Gloucester's waterfront.



Port of Salem

South River Dredge Engineering





Port of New Bedford



- Four-phased dredge project in New Bedford Harbor is funded by SAC.
 - Just completed the Phase III which included \$8 million in SAC funding.
 - Expected to increase sales by \$168 million per year.
 - Add 1,200 jobs.
 - Bring in an addition \$25 million in tax receipts.
 - Has already led to increased imports.

New Bedford State Pier



Ship Arrivals 2009





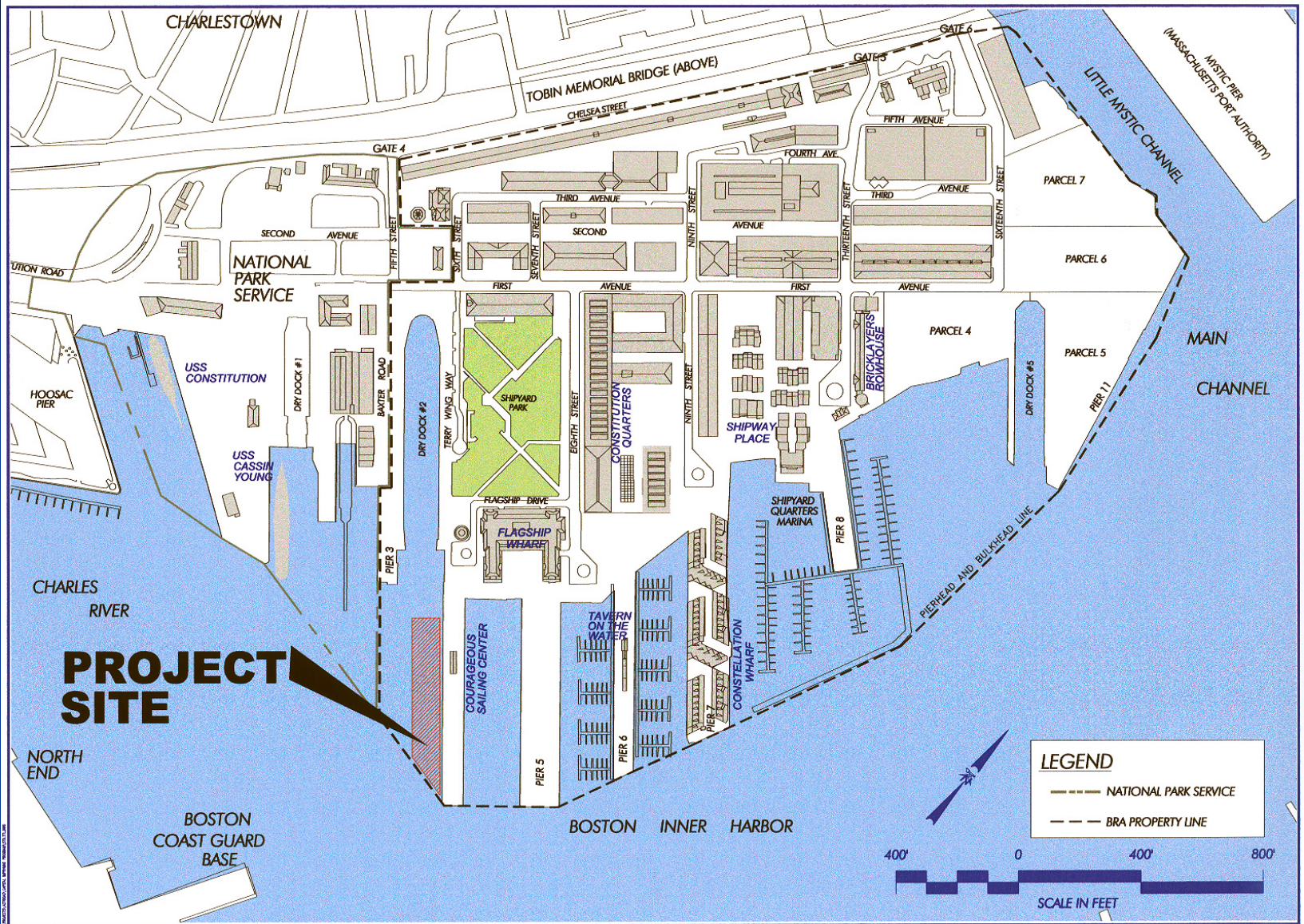
Port of Fall River



- South Berth Expansion on the Fall River State Pier.
 - \$12 million project.
 - Expand berthing opportunities for the pier.
 - Rebuild Ro-Ro ramp.
 - Pier has active on-dock rail connections and nearby highway access.
 - Identified as a possible site for coastal shipping.



Charlestown Navy Yard - Pier 4 Dredging





Other Activity

- SAC is the pivot point for port security with the Executive secretary serving on Area Maritime Security Committee.
 - SAC has obtained over \$3 million in federal Port Security Grants for ports in Massachusetts to use to enhance port security infrastructure.
- SAC has provided expertise to cities and towns on all manner of maritime issues.
 - Dredging, fishing regulations, construction, permitting, costing, etc.
- SAC often makes small grants to allow communities to do initial planning, engineering and feasibility before and in anticipation of the Council's consideration of a project.



Saugus, Lobstermen's Landing



Winthrop, Multi-use Town Pier & Landing





Short Sea Shipping (Coastal Shipping)

“The movement of goods and people by vessel without crossing a major ocean”

- Recently designated “America’s Marine Highway” by MARAD (US Maritime Administration).
- Only 2% of domestic freight is shipped by sea, compared to 40% in Europe.
- For containers, there are two models:
 - Load-On/ Load-Off (LOLO)
 - Roll-On/Roll-Off (RORO)





Potential Benefits of Coastal Shipping

■ Environmental

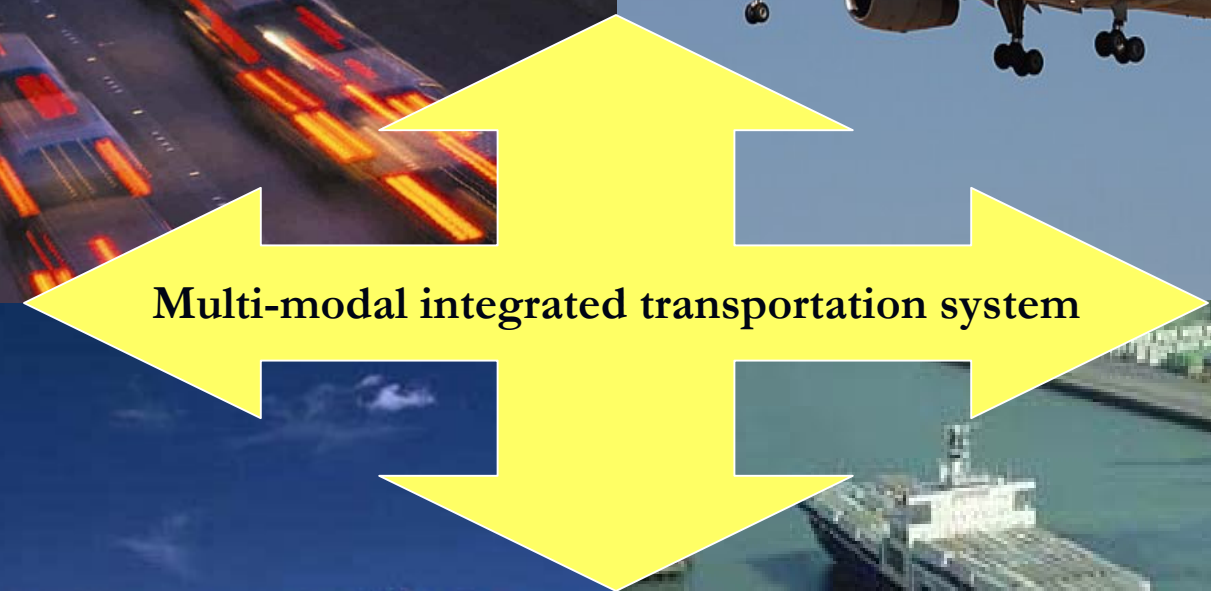
- Most efficient way to move freight
- One ship takes hundreds of trucks off the road
- New “green” ship designs

■ National Security

- Parallel freight movements

■ Traffic Mitigation and Road Maintenance

- In 1998, the FHA estimated that by 2020, freight tonnage will increase 70%.
- Trucks count for 10% of traffic but are responsible for 40% of the maintenance costs.



Multi-modal integrated transportation system





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