



**LOUISIANA STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
PORTS AND WATERWAYS RECOMMENDATIONS
FEBRUARY 2014**

Ports and Waterways Recommendations

Goal	No.	Recommendation	Revenue Scenario Total (\$millions) ¹				Cost ²	Ranking
			1B	2B	3B	4B		
EC	9	Establish a central ports and waterways office that would be responsible for developing a Statewide Maritime Marketing Program and studying the economic competitiveness of ports among other duties to be established.			✓	✓	Low	High
EC	10	Support multi-state coordination of infrastructure improvements to the mutual benefit of all for support of Mississippi River deepening (complement the LA goals).	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
EC	11	Continue to work through partnerships to increase utilization of the inland waterway system and of coastal shipping.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
EC	12	Support the development of major container terminals and distribution centers through individual port authorities.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
EC	13	Support public-private partnerships for maritime facility investment, including distribution centers, through tax credits and other tax incentives.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
INF	16	Increase funding for Port Priority Program.	662	662	1,619	1,619	--	High
INF	17	Implement the recommendations of the DOTD's MTS Plan with funding from State General Fund.	✓	✓	✓	✓	High	High
INF	18	Support the full appropriation in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for maintenance of navigation channels.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
INF	19	Support and implement all ports and waterways megaprojects as identified in the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update. ³			✓	✓	High	High
INF	20	Develop a comprehensive ports and waterways policy or rule to influence State and Federal legislation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
INF		Seek authority to match Federal funds through capital outlay funds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	

¹ Forecasted budgeted total in nominal dollars.

² Cost categories: Low = Less than \$50 million, Medium = \$50-100 million; and High = Greater than \$100 million.

³ Priority A megaprojects are funded in Scenario 3B and 4B. Priority B megaprojects are funded in Scenario 4B. Priority C and D megaprojects are currently not funded through the revenue scenarios.

LEGEND: EC – Economic Competitiveness Goal, INF – Infrastructure Preservation & Maintenance Goal