

PORT AUTHORITY ADOPTS MARITIME STRATEGY

The Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) has taken the next big step in maximizing the economic potential of our deepwater ports, harbors, and natural marine assets. In early August, the CPA announced the adoption of the Connecticut Maritime Strategy, which provides a roadmap for investing in eight strategic areas that will strengthen Connecticut's maritime industry and have a positive impact on the state's long-term economic outlook. The Maritime Strategy was officially released at a press event at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford on August 9, 2018.

"We are making a down payment on our maritime future," said Scott Bates, Chairman of the CPA, "This strategy will allow each of our ports to reach their full economic potential."

The strategy marks the culmination of the past two years of work for the CPA. It lays out eight objectives that will provide a foundation for the port authority's efforts over the next five years. These include:

- Management of State Pier
- Investment in Commercial Ports
- Dredging of Ports and Waterways
- Supporting the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP)
- Development of Intermodal Options
- Leverage of Emerging Opportunities
- Enhance Ferry Systems and Cruise Coordination
- Ensure Future Support of CPA

"Connecticut's ports and harbors represent tremendous untapped economic potential," said Gov. Dannel Malloy, "This Maritime Strategy will help ensure that we make targeted, smart investments in our marine infrastructure that will help strengthen our coastal communities and create jobs."



Going forward, the Connecticut Maritime Strategy will serve as a guide for the CPA and state officials to ensure that resources are being invested in areas with the highest potential for growth. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the strategy.

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Two Major Port Authority Bond Requests Meet Unanimous Approval

On July 25, the Connecticut Port Authority received unanimous approval by the Connecticut State Bond Commission for two new projects: the purchase of land around the Port of New Haven, and the preliminary design work for improving and redeveloping Pier 7 in New London.

The first project, awarded \$751,000, will allow the Connecticut Port Authority to purchase four parcels of land at the Port of New Haven to be preserved for maritime-related uses. In the past, the land has been used by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a staging area for materials and maintenance of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. Precise plans for these parcels have not yet been announced, however, having the land approved for purchase by the Connecticut Port Authority is a major milestone in the continued investment in the Port of New Haven.

The second bond request of \$750,000 will go towards the redevelopment of Pier 7 at Fort Trumbull State Park in New London. The pier is currently being used by the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Navy, and other large visiting ships. This grant approves the early stages of planning for Pier 7 and is the first step toward redeveloping the pier for Connecticut's deep-water commerce and the next generation of visiting ships.

"We are grateful to Governor Malloy and the State Bond Commission for their continued commitment to Connecticut's maritime economy," said Scott Bates, Chairman of the Port Authority. "These two projects will further enhance the development of our deepwater ports, and along with innovative programs like SHIPP for small harbor improvements, the CPA is continuing to work with our partners to invest in the growth and development of all of Connecticut's waterways.

Approval of these two projects will lead to further development in two of Connecticut's three deep-water ports and will support the commerce and infrastructure of Connecticut's waterways. Innovative programs such as the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) have showcased the Connecticut Port Authority's commitment to town and community harbors, and these new bond approvals allow the CPA to further support the growth and development of the largest ports in the state.

"We are thrilled to see what the future holds for Connecticut's maritime activities," said Evan Matthews, Executive Director of the Connecticut Port Authority. "Unanimous approval of these grants show that Connecticut is ready to bring our major ports into the next generation. Connecticut is ideally located for deep-water commerce, and we are excited to see this investment in some of our most valuable maritime resources."



Left to right: CPA Chairman Scott Bates, Congressman Joe Courtney, Rear Adm. Mark Buzby, USN, Mayor Michael Passero.

Rear Admiral Buzby Visits State Pier

On August 20, Congressman Joe Courtney along with the CPA and the City of New London had the opportunity to showcase State Pier to Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby, the Administrator of the United States Maritime Administration. During the visit state and local representatives discussed recent investments in Connecticut's maritime economy and showcased the increased flow of goods through State Pier.

Prior to visiting the pier, Buzby visited Mystic Seaport Museum to participate in a roundtable discussion about the potential of the Connecticut maritime economy and was provided a tour of the Thames River. At the end of his State Pier visit, Buzby stated that "There is great potential in this port, given its size, deepwater, and access to the trains, it has a lot to offer."

CPA Hosting Workshop

From September 10 – 14, the CPA will be hosting a workshop for the International Association of Maritime & Port Executives (IAMPE) for Maritime Port Manager (MPM) and Maritime Port Executive (MPE) Professional Certification Programstm. The program showcases a combination of lecture and real-world case study sessions designed to train and educate the future leaders of our ports, and the CPA is honored to be hosting the New London Seminar next month. For more information, contact Gerri Lewis at glewis@ctportauthority.com

Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival

The Connecticut Port Authority is proud to sponsor the Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival September 5 - 9. The annual celebration is held at the historic Port of New London and promotes Connecticut's maritime heritage and spirit of innovation. To learn more, visit www.CTMaritimeFest.com.

