

This event will provide a unique opportunity for supply-chain stakeholders, shippers, and port operators as well as governmental agencies to join in valuable discussions regarding America's Marine Highway and in particular the M-70 Marine Highway Corridor.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2011
8:00 – 12:00

Location: OKI Regional Council of Governments
720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Invitees / Attendees

M-70 Corridor port directors, State DOTs (PA, WV, OH, IN, IL, KY, & MO), MPO's, vessel owner/operators, terminal operators

Goal

To undertake initial discussions in beginning a strategy to expand marine highway services in the M-70 Marine Highway Corridor (Ohio River Valley) and plan next steps, potentially through development of an M-70 Marine Highway Coalition.

AGENDA

8:00 to 8:30 Registration

8:30 to 8:50 Welcome & Introductions

8:50 to 9:30 America's Marine Highway Program & its role in the National Transportation System and Ohio River Valley

9:30 to 9:45 Break

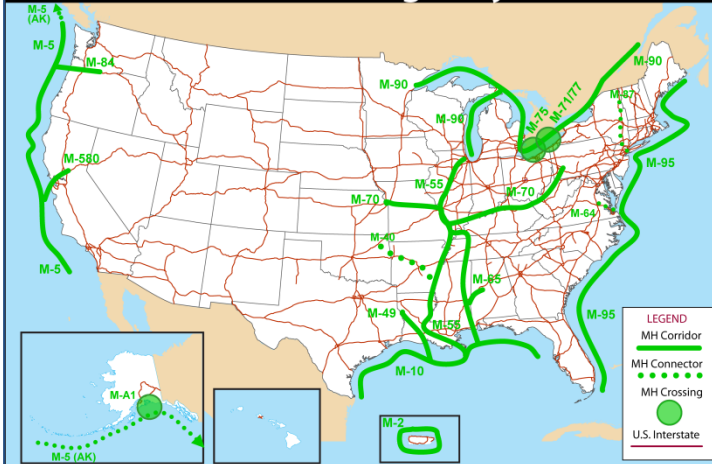
9:45 to 11:20 Discussion and working session addressing freight flow patterns and industry

11:20 to 11:40 General Question and Answer Session/ Public Comment

11:40 pm Corridor sponsor addresses attendees, recapping achievements of day's meeting and inviting all attendees to participate in effort

12:00 pm Event Concludes

America's Marine Highway Corridors



The M-70 Corridor includes the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri Rivers, and connecting commercial navigation channels, ports, and harbors, from Pittsburgh to Kansas City. It spans Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, connecting to the M-55 Corridor at St. Louis, MO. This corridor contains major freight truck bottlenecks at numerous points, including Kansas City, St. Louis, Louisville, Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. Similarly, rail congestion is evident in and around Kansas City, St. Louis, and several points along the corridor in Ohio. This Marine Highway corridor has the potential to help alleviate a portion of the congestion from the existing landside routes, while at the same time reducing emissions, conserving energy, improving safety, and reducing highway maintenance costs. It can also contribute to increased economic and commercial activity in the region by removing barriers to efficient freight transportation.



Please confirm your attendance to Eric.Neff@dot.state.oh.us
If you have any questions, please contact Eric Neff at 614-752-0399 or Eric.Neff@dot.state.oh.us.

Please Note: Space is limited to the first 150 registrants! Please feel free to pass this invitation to a colleague!