



U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System Update

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The CMTS was established by:

Presidential Directive = U.S. Ocean Action Plan (2004)

President George W. Bush directed the establishment of a cabinet-level interagency committee on the marine transportation system (MTS) within DOT. On July 10, 2005, Cabinet members – led by then-Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta - approved the first CMTS Charter designating SECDOT as the Cabinet-level chair and laying out the structure of the CMTS.

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act (2012, as amended), (PL 112-213), (46 U.S.C.A. § 55501):

The CMTS shall serve as a federal interagency coordinating committee for the purpose of:

- *Assessing the state of the MTS through a conditions and performance report*
- *Promoting MTS integration with other modes of transportation and marine environment uses*
- *Coordinating, improving the coordination of, and making recommendations related to MTS relevant federal policy*
- *Develop a summary of the Federal role in the MTS*

CABINET COMMITTEE

Chair: DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Members: Secretaries of 14 Departments and Independent Agencies

COORDINATING BOARD

****NEW**** **Chair:** Ms. Nicole Leboeuf,
AA for National Ocean Service, NOAA
Members: Leaders of MTS Agencies and Offices, including
White House Ex-Officio Members

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Acting Executive Director:
Mr. Brian Tetreault

WORKING GROUP

(30+ SMEs from member agencies)

CMTS INTERAGENCY TEAMS

- **TEAMS are organized at the request of a member(s) with concurrence by the Coordinating Board.**
- **TEAMS are also organized to address non-discretionary directives from Congress, GAO, leadership, etc.**

**INTEGRATED ACTION
TEAMS:** Long-term
teams

**WORKING
GROUPS:** Serious
team to address
bigger issue

TASK TEAMS: Ad hoc

CMTS INTERAGENCY TEAMS

Arctic Marine
Transportation
IAT

Maritime Data
IAT

MTS Resilience
IAT

COVID 19
Working
Group
STOOD DOWN
March 2022

Supply Chain and
Infrastructure IAT

Future of Navigation IAT

Maritime Innovative
Science and Technology
IAT

Offshore Energy
Facilitation Task Team

Ad hoc MTS Security
Task Team

Mariner and MTS Workforce
IAT

Mariner Mental Health
Working Group

Recruitment and
Retention Task Team

Diversity, Equity,
Inclusion Task Team

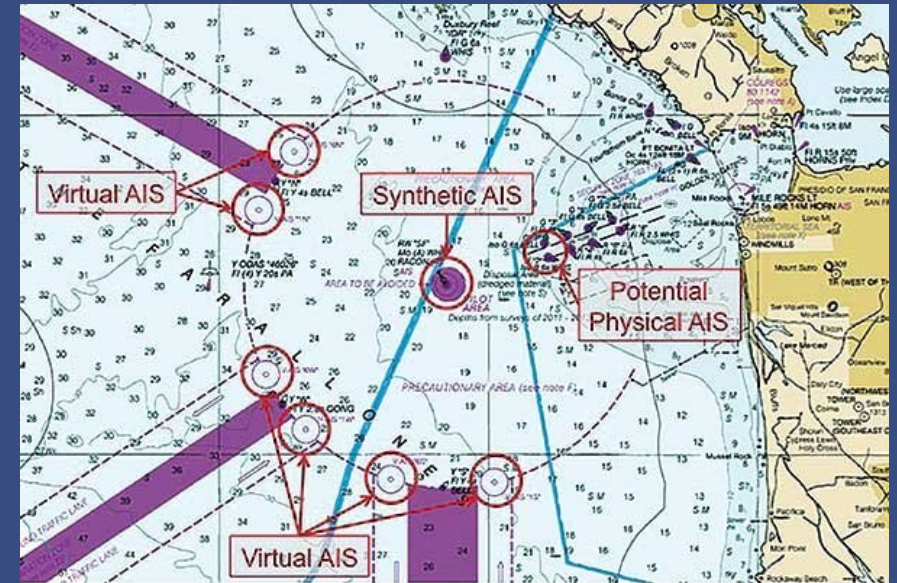
Military to Mariner Task
Force



Future of Navigation IAT

Co-led by USCG, USACE,
NOAA

- Facilitates the coordination and integrated collection, processing, and dissemination of navigation data and information to provide services to stakeholders, eliminate duplication, and enhance the safety, reliability, and efficiency of our waterways and ports.
- **Waterways Harmonization** - Deconflicts and synchronizes names and abbreviations for rivers, bays, and landmarks, which can differ between local, state, and federal agencies;
- **Ensuring S-100 standard** for electronic charts
- Maritime information interoperability
- TRIDENT



Offshore Energy Facilitation Task Team

Co-led by
USCG & BSEE

- **Drafted National Guidance for the Mitigation of Munitions and Explosives of Concern on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf**
- **Background:**
 - MEC/UXO deposited on the OCS legally and through acts of war through the 1970s
 - No agency authority, regulations, or guidance exist for leaseholders. OCSLA narrowly delegates authority, combined with 12 nm limitations
- **Engagement with interagency partners and industry**
- **Public comment period on Proposed National Guidance closed Sept. 25th**



A 1,000 lb general purpose bomb found in Lake Michigan, in vicinity of the Waugoshance Lighthouse, once used as a bombing target during WWII. (Photo: Courtesy of James Barton)

Maritime Data IAT

Co-led by
USACE & MARAD

- Serves as the body of experts on the **discovery, access, and sharing capacity of data related to the operation and governance of the MTS**. Developing performance measures for the MTS Report to Congress
- Supporting data interoperability
- Supporting access to and sharing of AIS data
- Working with OEFTT to **integrate MEC data into the Marine Cadastre**

