



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Tribal**  
**Governmental Affairs**

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# Maritime Administration (MARAD) Office of Ports & Waterways

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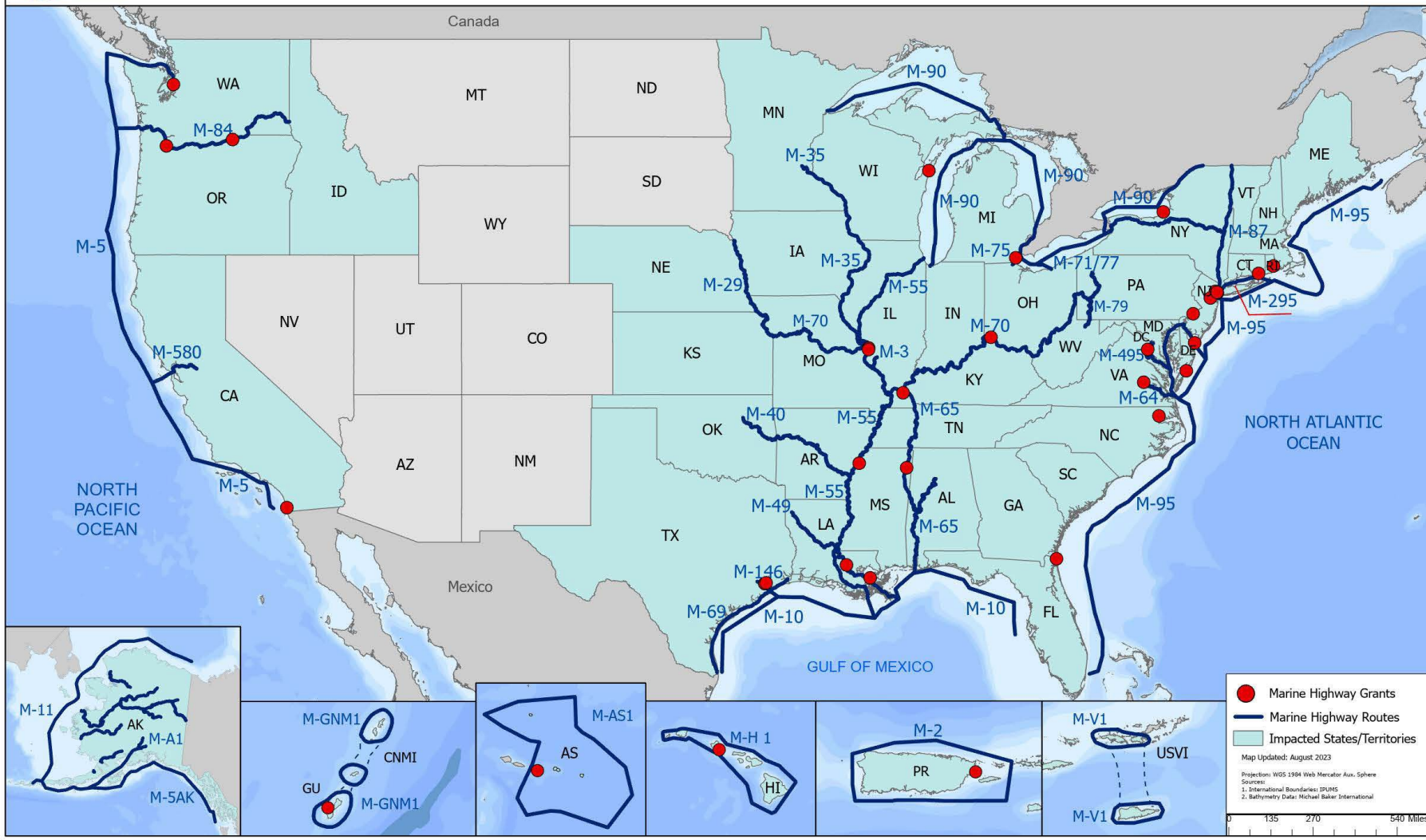
- Through the PIDP, MARAD provides grants on a competitive basis to assist in funding eligible projects for the purpose of improving the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports.
  - ✓ *In FY23, over \$662M in PIDP funding was available.*
- USDOT has funded 13 port infrastructure projects in Alaska, eight of these in the past two years. In SE Alaska, projects include:
  - In 2009, **City of Juneau** received a TIGER grant to fund Phase II of its Auke Bay Loading Facility upgrade project
  - The **Haines Borough** Lutak Dock Replacement project received \$20M, 78% of the project cost.
  - Nearly \$8M to the **City and Borough of Sitka's** Marine Service Center Sheetpile Wall and Crane replacement project, 80% of the anticipated project cost.

*The DOT Grants Dashboard is a resource to identify federal funding sources:*  
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>

- USMHP has one primary goal: to expand use of America's navigable waters. Projects provide a coordinated and capable alternative to landside transportation, mitigate or relieve landside congestion, and promote marine highway transportation along designated Marine Highway routes.
  - ✓ *Since inception, over **\$91.6M** has been awarded through the USMHP.*
  - ✓ *In FY23, over **\$12M** in USMHP funding was available.*
- Congress recently authorized USMHP to support transport of bulk products (both loose and liquid) and maritime services between the US and Canada.
- Marine Highway Route “M-11” sponsored by AK Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities (Alaska DOT) was designated last month, adding more than 6,500 miles of new eligible waterways to the program.
- Alaska DOT was approved as sponsor of the “M-5” (AK) route, allowing private entities to apply for USMHP grants with their endorsement.



## United States Marine Highway Grants





## National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants (Culvert AOP Program)

This is an annual competitive grant program that awards grants to eligible entities for projects for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs that meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish.

- 200 mm/yr available
- 2022 AK received 45 Million



## **BIL Changes to DOT's Tribal Program**

- Originally housed in Government Affairs
- Creates an Office of Tribal Government Affairs
  - 10.2.2023 opening
- Elevates leadership to Assistant Secretary
- OTGA has been funded by omnibus



## DOT Tribal Consultation Policy

- ❖ Initially put out for Tribal Consultation via POTUS Memorandum 1.26.2021
- ❖ Comments adjudicated and put back out for Tribal Consultation 1.31.2022
- ❖ Virtual consultation held 4.27.2022
  
- ❖ Secretary signed the document in August 2023.
  
- ❖ <https://www.transportation.gov/self-governance>





## **White House Council on Native American Affairs**

- ✓ Secretary Buttigieg serves as Principal
- ✓ Co-lead on Energy, Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee
- ✓ AS Teller & I handle day-to-day work on WHCNAA
- ✓ Cross Borders Issues
- ✓ Public Safety & Justice
- ✓ Development of deliverables
- ✓ Tribal leader engagement session



# White House Council on Native American Affairs

## Deliverables

- ✓ EV Initiative
  - ✓ International Workshop
- ✓ MARAD Roundtable
  - ✓ 9.26.2023
- ✓ FAA Tribal Symposium
  - ✓ 6.13 – 6.14
- ✓ FTA Tribal Symposium
  - ✓ 5.24 – 5.25
- ✓ NHTSA Safety Campaign
  - ✓ 10.18.2023



## Tribal Transportation Self Governance Program

The purpose of the TTSGP is to provide Tribes and Tribal organizations with greater autonomy, control, flexibility, and decision-making authority over federal transportation funds used to carry out tribal transportation programs and activities in tribal communities.

- Section 1121 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. § 207)
- Negotiated rulemaking with Tribes
- Final Rule published on June 1, 2020 (49 C.F.R. part 29)
- Final Rule effective date - October 1, 2020





## Tribal Affairs

- ✓ Inquiries for funding opportunities
- ✓ SME request
- ✓ Promote DOT opportunities to Tribal Partners
- ✓ Tribal Consultation (host both policy and project based, additionally assist Modes in developing and hosting)
- ✓ Technical Assistance



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