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**Humboldt Bay Secures Funds for Marine Highway Market Study**

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Today, Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-01) joined with Board members of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and the President of Humboldt Maritime Logistics, LLC to announce a \$275,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration to develop a market analysis of a marine highway system off the U.S. West coast.

Specifically, the grant will assist the Maritime Administration in a project that will develop a market analysis of a potential marine highway service along the US West coast, including use of the Port of Humboldt Bay and other ports on the North coast.

"I am pleased the Department of Transportation and the US Maritime Administration recognize the importance of Humboldt Bay Harbor. This market analysis is an important step in developing a marine highway off the west coast and it brings the promise of short sea shipping out of our port closer" Congressman Thompson stated.

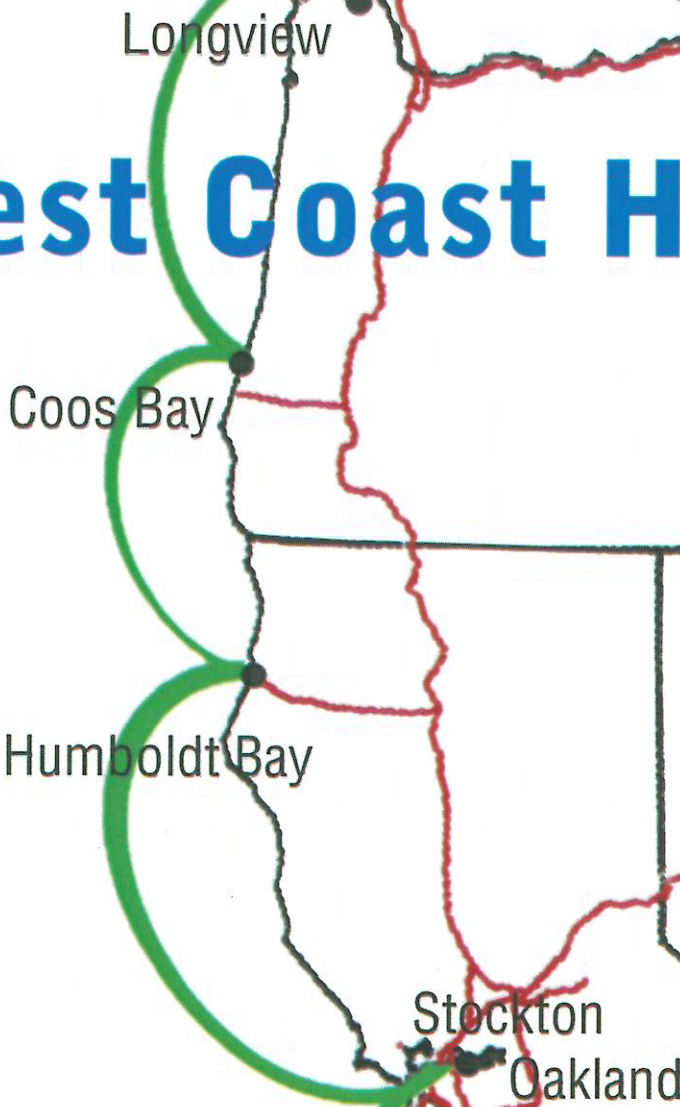
Along with the Port of Redwood City and the West Coast Corridor Coalition, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District will coordinate and collaborate on this market analysis. The results of this project will help the US Maritime Administration determine the federal interest in supporting marine highway development on the West coast and opens the door for future federal funding of marine highway projects that will utilize the Port of Humboldt Bay.

This project is a follow up to the August 2010 announcement by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood where he unveiled a package of marine highway corridor designations, projects and initiatives eligible for funding as part of the federal government's America's Marine Highway program. That package included three projects sponsored or co-sponsored by the Harbor District and championed by Congressmen Thompson. Specifically, the projects included were the designation of the "M-5 Marine Highway Corridor", the "West Coast Hub-Feeder Initiative" and the "Golden State Marine Highway Initiative".

For nearly a decade, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District has been at the forefront of developing west coast marine highway applications and for the last two years, has been working extensively with a potential marine highway service operator, Humboldt Maritime Logistics, LLC, (HML) on the joint West Coast Hub-Feeder Project. The Project, which was developed by HML, is the first integrated marine highway freight program for the U.S. West Coast

The America's Marine Highway Program was developed in an attempt to lessen traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and improve safety on some of the nation's major highways by shifting some of the freight to coastal shipping routes. In Humboldt's case, the M-5 corridor has been established to work in conjunction with Interstate Highway 5.

# West Coast Hub-Feeder Project



- Saves 5.4 million gallons of diesel fuel a year compared to a long-haul truck-load scenario
- Eliminates 60,000 metric tons of CO2 pollution a year
- Decreases combined greenhouse gas emissions by 68%
- Decreases dependence on foreign oil
- Insulates supply chains from fuel price volatility and increase
- Directly creates U.S. construction, maritime and port jobs
- Eliminates 34 million traveled-truck-miles per year

## Project Details

- 23 Potential West Coast Port Calls per Month
- Serves 10 Major West Coast Freight Lanes
- Capacity for 5,700 Truckload Equivalents per Month
- 53' and 40' Container Service

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