



## We need your help

ODOT is building the Ohio Maritime Plan from the ground up. That means that we need the assistance of maritime system stakeholders, which include public port authorities, transportation planning organizations, local government units, private operators, and everything in between. The more voices that contribute to the Plan, the more effective and beneficial the Plan will be.

### Ohio's maritime transportation system consists of two major waterway systems – Lake Erie and the Ohio River – and over 730 navigable miles.

The state of Ohio is uniquely positioned among inland states as a key global maritime logistics hub providing connections to domestic and international markets via Lake Erie and the Ohio River to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Gulf of Mexico. The maritime system plays a pivotal role in the State's multimodal freight transportation system; it can handle large volumes of bulky cargo at relatively lower costs, with fewer emissions, and in a safer manner compared to other freight transportation modes.

### ODOT is developing the Ohio Maritime Plan to inform policy and investment decisions relating to the maritime transportation system.

In addition to providing a clear understanding of Ohio's maritime system history, current system use, and key facilities, the Ohio Maritime Plan aims to:

- **Educate decision-makers and citizens** on the importance of maritime transportation to Ohio's economy.
- **Demonstrate what needs must be addressed** to maintain and grow the maritime system, from capital and operational standpoints.
- **Develop policies and projects** that bolster the reliability, efficiency, and resiliency of the maritime system.
- **Identify opportunities for collaboration and partnership** by recognizing the owners and operators of the maritime system and better understanding their roles and responsibilities.
- **Identify needs and create resources** for partners to assist with planning and implementation.



We want to hear from you. Comments and feedback are welcome any time during the plan's development. Connect with us via [www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/ohio-maritime-plan](http://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/ohio-maritime-plan) or send us an email.

**This will be your plan.  
We look forward to  
building it together.**



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