Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority

Port of Detroit Capital Investment Needs

DETROIT WAYNE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FEBRUARY 5, 2026

AGENDA

- Introduction to the Port Authority and the Port of Detroit
- Port Authority Initiatives and Accomplishments
- Port of Detroit Strategic Advantages
- Port Authority Initiatives
- Detroit-Wayne Mobility Innovation Terminal
- Michigan Maritime & Port Facility Assistance Grant Program Support
- Questions

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The Port Authority

Founded in 1978 by City of Detroit and Wayne County. The Port Authority's mission is to:

- Advance maritime & related industries
- Initiate port & transit infrastructure projects
- Support projects around economic development & international trade
- **Engage** - CBP to bring consistency in inspections, shippers to identify capabilities, business to develop new lines
- **Staff** - assist in strategy development, grant applications, industry advocacy

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The Port Authority

Economic Development Tools

- Issue low interest revenue bonds
- Conduit for Federal and state grants:
  - Port Infrastructure Development
  - EPA and Energy Efficiency Programs
- Land assemblage
- Public Private Partnerships for Maritime Projects

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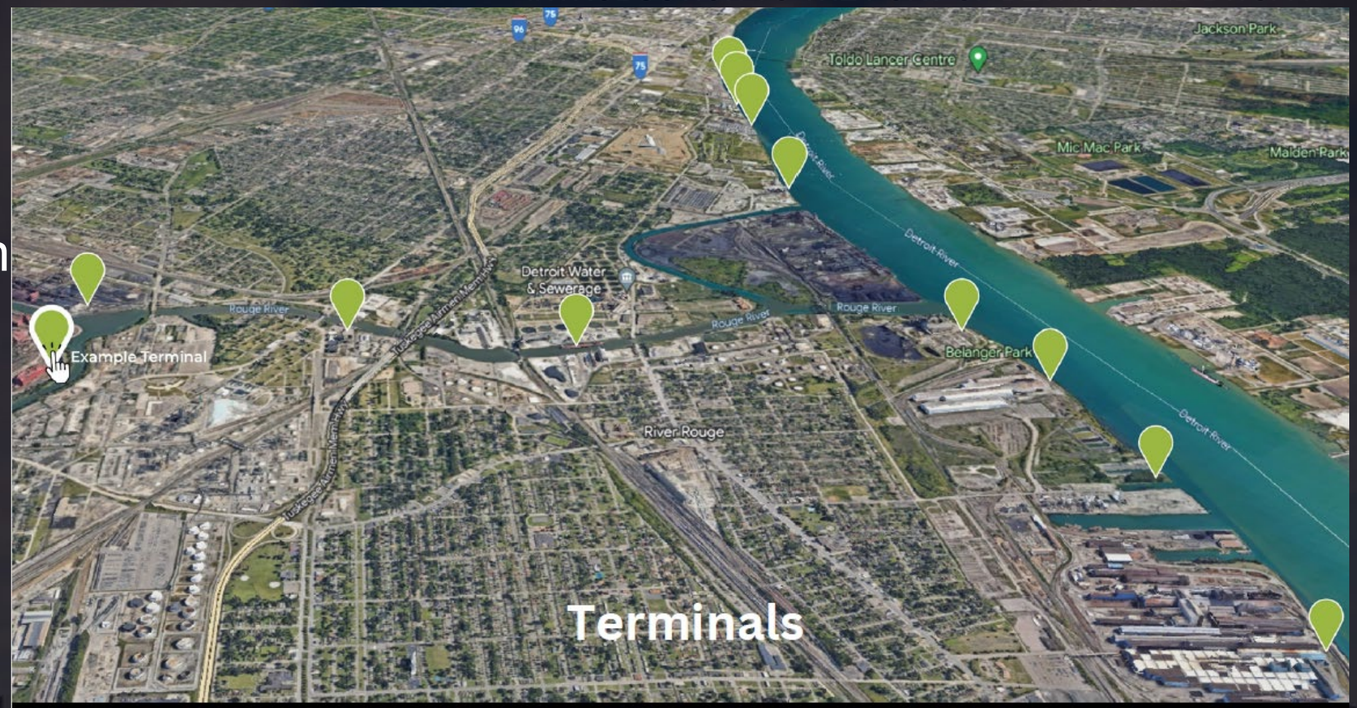
Port of Detroit

- 18 port facilities
- 32 miles along Detroit River, navigable portion of Rouge River
  - City of Detroit to Monroe County Line
- 8 - 10 million tons of cargo handled
  - Mostly steel, iron ore, cement
  - Ability to handle large machinery
- Over 6,000 jobs and $920 million of economic activity from Port operations
- Heavily caters to manufacturing & automotive industry



Buckeye Terminals, LLC
Cleveland Cliffs
Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority
Detroit Salt Co.
Edward C. Levy
Denmark Properties, LLC
DTE Electric Company
Equilon Enterprises, LLC

Ferris Marine Contracting
Fordson Properties
Francour
Great Lakes Petroleum
Hollingshead Materials
Honeywell
Jefferson-Brennan

LaFarge
Marathon
Marine Pollution Control
Michigan Marine Terminal
Morton Salt
Nicholson Terminal & Dock
Old Castle Materials & Cement
River Properties, Inc.

Reverre Dock
St. Mary's Cement
Sunoco
US Gypsom
US Steel
Waterfront Petroleum Terminals
Waterway Dev. Corp.
Westscott
Wolverine Terminals

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Port of Detroit Strategic Advantages

- #1 US Hub for Automotive Production
- #4 US City for Logistics and Distribution
- 47 million US and Canadian customers w/in 5hr drive
- #9 Exporter of Agricultural Products
- Deepwater Port Terminals
- 3 Interstate Highways
- Class I Rail Access (multiple)
- Foreign Trade Zone

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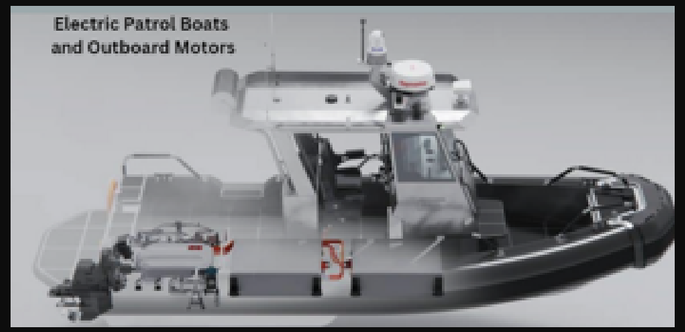
EPA Clean Ports Grants

$21.9 M Zero Emission Equipment Implementation

3 terminals & law enforcement
6 Forklift trucks
2 Railcar movers
1 Mobile gantry crane
4 Forklifts
2 Patrol boats
8 Outboard motors
11 DC fast chargers
IBEW/Trades PLA
Worker training



$3 M Planning for Port-Wide ZE Fuel

- *Hydrogen Fuel Study* – trucks, equipment, vessels
- *Hydrogen Economy & Jobs* – Port Detroit community engagement and education
- *Zero Emission PowerBarge Planning (w/ABS & UofM)*
  - *10MW of mobile "shore power"*

Detroit Wayne Mobility Innovation Terminal

- 21-acre marine terminal renovation
- Test site for innovation
  - Ships and harbor craft
  - Intermodal Cargo Transportation
  - Alternative fuels and energy
- Public-Private-Partnership
- Maritime Manufacturing Accelerator
- Job creator

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Detroit Wayne Mobility Innovation Terminal

Milestones and Funding

2023 Plans

- Concept Developed
- $1.5 million Award - Michigan Maritime & Port Facility Assistance Grant Program

2024 -25

- Partnership MOU Developed
- Engineering and Environmental Due Diligence
- Scope and Budget Development

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Detroit Wayne Mobility Innovation Terminal

Milestones and Funding

2026 Plans

- Finalize Budget and Scope
- Federal Grant Request $15 million+
- Michigan Maritime & Port Facility Assistance Grant Program $2.5 million
- Formal Project Announcement and Construction Start

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Questions

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