

# Save the Date

Thursday, February 22  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm

The America's Marine Highway Program is a Department of Transportation-led program to expand the use of our Nation's navigable waterways to relieve landside congestion, reduce air emissions, provide new transportation options, and generate other public benefits by increasing the efficiency of the surface transportation system. The program works with public and private stakeholders to achieve these goals.

## Freight Network:

Southern Rivers and Gulf and Intracoastal Waterways (M-10)/StrongPorts Workshop

This event is a coordinated effort between Maritime Administration and Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals (IRPT) and is hosted by Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

The goal of the workshop is to support freight growth, explore resources available and build relationships in order to contribute to an efficient freight transportation system.

Let's "Rediscover the ***Strength*** of America's Inland Rivers"

### Topics to be Explored:

- Overview of the National, State and Regional Funding and Programs
- State Freight Plans and how the Waterways are incorporated into
- Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center
- Market Needs (Challenges and Opportunities)
- Industry Perspectives on Opportunities and Challenges)
- Container on Barge

**Please register for the workshop and to receive update e-mails. Please register by emailing Aimee Andres at [admin@irpt.net](mailto:admin@irpt.net) by February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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