## Fast (Version K)

### Contention 1: Inherency

#### Maritime transportation systems’ fall is inevitable in the status quo

Lewis ‘11 (Thomas A. Lewis is a veteran reporter, historian and environmental writer, 4/28/11, “Mississippi Rising: Apocalypse Now?”, <http://www.dailyimpact.net/2011/04/28/mississippi-rising-apocalypse-now/>) PA 6/19/12

In the 1950s the Mississippi was ready for another change, exploring in ever greater

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a matter of time and it is only prudent to prepare for it.”

### Plan

#### The United States federal government ought to substantially increase its investment in the Marine Transportation System.

### Contention 2: Trade

#### Waterway infrastructure improvements are key to establish trade leadership

Independent Record ‘12 (January 12, 2012, Independent Records, HelenaAir- Montana Daily News, “Efficient waterways key to exports,” <http://m.helenair.com/mobile/article_622a021e-3ced-11e1-9a56-001871e3ce6c.html>)

A major infrastructure project near the bottom of Central America could have major repercussions for

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shipping channels. The ability to grow our country’s exports depends upon it.

#### Expanding MTS is vital to US global trade leadership

Kiefer et al 2K – principal investigator for Planning and Management Consultants– study authorized by Section 401 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, report to the US Army Corps of Engineers (Jack, Planning and Management Consultants, “The National Dredging Needs Study of Ports and Harbors Implications to Cost-Sharing of Federal Deep Draft Navigation Projects Due to Changes in the Maritime Industry”, May 2000, <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/docs/iwrreports/00-R-8.pdf>) CB

2.2.2 Other Tangible Benefits Indirect benefits of Corps projects include gains

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trade are widespread and are not limited to a handful of coastal states.

#### The impact is reverse casual – governmental failure to invest in MTS collapses trade leadership

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5.6 Direct Costs of Not Deepening Harbors to Accommodate Larger Ships The direct

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deep draft navigation channels should be expanded as a matter of national policy.

#### \*\*There are 2 impact scenarios to loss of trade leadership

#### \*\*First is Protectionism

#### Lack of trade leadership causes protectionism and mercantilism

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Over the past few years, I and several other US trade-watchers have

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, it has risen just as America's free trade leadership has faded away.

#### Mercantilism destroys globalization and increases international conflict

Posen ‘09 (Adam Posen, Deputy director and senior fellow of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, “Economic leadership beyond the crisis,” http://clients.squareeye.com/uploads/foresight/documents/PN%20USA\_FINAL\_LR\_1.pdf)

In the postwar period, US power and prestige, beyond the nation's military might

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rise to the challenge, it should concentrate on the following priority measures.

#### Protectionism will cause terrorism, resource war, genocide, rogue nations, and WW3 – risks extinction (because of China becoming mad at Taiwan, Iran overtly colonizing, and terrorists thinking they can get away with stuff because the US is growing weaker)

Panzner ‘08 (Michael J. Panzner, faculty at the New York Institute of Finance, 25-year veteran of the global stock, bond, and currency markets who has worked in New York and London for HSBC, Soros Funds, ABN Amro, Dresdner Bank, and JPMorgan Chase (Michael, “Financial Armageddon: Protect Your Future from Economic Collapse,” p. 136-138)

Continuing calls for curbs on the flow of finance and trade will inspire the United

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between Muslims and Western societies as the beginnings of a new world war.

#### Trade is inevitable – just a matter of if we cooperate – lack of US involvement causes global conflicts

Bergsten ‘97 – Director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics & former Assistant Secretary for International Affairs at the Treasury Department (C. Fred, 9-27, “America and the World,” The Economist, <http://www.iie.com/publications/papers/print.cfm?doc=pub&ResearchID=291>, RG)

Third, American leadership has been crucial in assuring the compatibility, indeed the complimentarity

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his predecessors, without jolting confidence in its staying power in other respects.

#### \*\*Second is Agricultural Exports

#### Investment in MTS sustains US agricultural exports

Khachatryan and Casavant ‘11—Research Associate and Director/Professor at the Freight Policy Transportation Institute at the School of Economic Sciences at Washington State University (Hayk and Ken, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPROVEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, http://wstc.wa.gov/Meetings/AgendasMinutes/agendas/2011/July19-20/documents/11\_0719\_BP5\_FPTIInfrastTrdPolicyRept.pdf, EL)

The efficient and affordable freight transportation system that facilitates the linkage to international markets has

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PNW) economy to the rest of the world through the 16 ports.

#### The collapse of U.S. agricultural exports turns every impact and makes extinction inevitable

Lugar ‘04 – U.S. Senator – Indiana, (Richard, “Plant Power” Our Planet v. 14 n. 3, http://www.unep.org/OurPlanet/imgversn/143/lugar.html

In a world confronted by global terrorism, turmoil in the Middle East, burgeoning

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in the survival of billions of people and the health of our planet.

#### Even minor food shortages trigger famine and starvation

Helfand ‘07 – North American vice president of the [International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.](http://www.ippnw.org/) (Ira, "An Assessment of the Extent of Projected Global FamineResulting From Limited, Regional Nuclear War", www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/helfandpaper.pdf)

At this point in time, we are ill prepared to deal with a major

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effective inaccessibility of food far more severe than the actual shortfall in production.

#### \*\*Independently

#### Even if they win free trade is bad, collapse of international trade causes blocks which exacerbate the impact.

Cooke ‘09 – trade unionist, writer for Workers Action, frequent contributor to Global Research (Shamus, 11-15, “What Is At Stake With Free Trade”, <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=COO20091115&articleId=16096>, RG)

And go alone they have. Instead of WTO-style international trade agreements,

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merely a policy of corporations to pursue wider aims within a larger system.

#### Free trade creates structural disincentives for war and deters terrorism

Griswold ‘11 (Daniel Griswold is director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute and author of Mad about Trade: Why Main Street America Should Embrace Globalization. “Free Trade and the Global Middle Class,” Hayek Society Journal Vol. 9 [http://www.cato.org/pubs/articles/Hayek-Society-Journal-Griswold.pdf Accessed 6/30/12](http://www.cato.org/pubs/articles/Hayek-Society-Journal-Griswold.pdf%20Accessed%206/30/12) BJM)

Our more globalized world has also yielded a “peace dividend.” It may not

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and less likely those gains will be destroyed by civil conflict and war.

#### Only a federal investment can solve trade leadership

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International trade has become increasingly important for the United States. Since 1946, the

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was implemented have changed and need to be updated for the 21st Century.

### Contention 3: Water Loss

#### Loss of the Mississippi Delta wetlands results in increased salinity problems – this makes water non-drinkable and costs massive amounts of money

Batker et al ‘10 (David Batker, BS in geology and biology from Pacific Lutheran University and completed graduate training under Herman Daly who is one of the world’s foremost ecological economists, Isabel de la Torre, Graduate degree in Law and bachelor’s in communications as well as a major in journalism from the University of the Philippines, Robert Costanza, director of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at the University of Vermont and University Director and Professor of Sustainability Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices at Portland State University as well as a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering Sciences which included a Systems Ecology with Economics minor, Paula Swedeen, Ph.D. in Ecological Economics from the Union Institute and a Master’s in Political Science as well as Environmental Studies from Western Washington University and a Bachelor of science degree in biology from Indiana University, John Day, Ph.D. in marine and environmental sciences from University of North Carolina and Masters in Zoology from the Louisiana State University as well as leading expert on the Louisiana wetlands, Roelof Boumans, Doctorate as an ecosystem ecologist at the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Systems in Louisiana State University, Kenneth Bagstad, post-doctoral associate and Ph.D holder at the University of Vermont, Gaining Ground Wetlands, Hurricanes and the economy: The Value of Restoring the Mississippi River Delta, <http://www.eartheconomics.org/FileLibrary/file/Reports/Louisiana/Earth_Economics_Report_on_the_Mississippi_River_Delta_compressed.pdf>, 2010, JKE)

While some rely on groundwater, most communities in southern Louisiana rely on fresh surface

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-engineered systems may greatly underestimate the true costs of supplying drinking water.

#### The Mississippi River wetlands are key to accessible quality water and preventing bacterial spread and CO2 through carbon sequestration

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Excess nitrogen, phosphorous, bacteria such as fecal coliform, and other pollutants in

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. It also enhances carbon sequestration through below and above ground plant growth.

#### Inaction in the face of water loss is a form of genocide that allows suffering to go unchecked – only action can solve

Vetleson 2K (Arne Johan Vetleson: Department of Philosophy at the University of Oslo, 2000, Journal of Peace Research, Vol 37, No 4, p. 522, “Genocide: A Case for the Responsibility of the Bystander,” JSTOR #!tylerd)

But this is not the whole picture. Actions are also omitted, endured,

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bystander, by which I mean the bystander who decides to remain inactive.

#### Water is a key human right—denying it is a form of structural violence

UN ’04 – Interagency Task Force on Gender and Water, United Nations task force and research group, April 2004, “A Gender Perspective on Water Resources and Sanitation,” United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd13/documents/bground\_2.pdf

II. Issues of particular concern to women and men A. Equitable access to

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location and technology of water and sanitation facilities in the community and household.>

#### Structural violence is a larger impact than nuclear war.

Gilligan ‘96 [James, Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School, Director of the Center for the Study of Violence, and a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the National Campaign Against Youth Violence, “Violence: Our Deadly Epidemic and its Causes”, p. 191-196]

The deadliest form of violence is poverty. You cannot work for one day with

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for they are inextricably related to each other, as cause to effect.

#### Our framework is one of empathy – we believe you have an ethical obligation to assist those who have been marginalized in the status quo – this is the only way to peace

Gyatso ‘93 (Tenzin Gyatso, shortened from Jetsun Jamphel Ngawang Lobsang Yeshe Tenzin Gyatso, was born Lhamo Dondrub, is the 14th and current [Dalai Lama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dalai_Lama), as well as the longest lived incumbent. Dalai Lamas are the head [monks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monks) of the [Gelugpa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gelug) lineage of [Tibetan Buddhism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibetan_Buddhism). He won the [Nobel Peace Prize](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobel_Peace_Prize) in 1989, and is also well known for his lifelong advocacy for Tibetans inside and outside Tibet; Speech given to the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, Austria, June 1993, <http://www.freetibet.org/about/dalai5>, dml)

“Our world is becoming smaller and ever more interdependent with the rapid growth in

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I am just one individual while others are infinite in number and importance.

### Contention 4: Solvency

#### The plan’s passage is inevitable, but now is key to solve

Offutt ‘11 (Steve Offut is an environmental scientist and counselor, 6/15/11, “[When the Mississippi River Finally Wins. Let's Start Planning.](http://www.steveoffutt.com/2011/06/when-mississippi-river-finally-wins.html)”, <http://www.steveoffutt.com/2011/06/when-mississippi-river-finally-wins.html>)

Because of the way the river is currently managed, we can even transition the

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The entire event will be an enormous economic, social and humanitarian disaster.

#### \*\*The federal government is key for multiple reasons:

#### A. Best solves the expansion of Marine Highways

Zimmer ‘11 [Nancy, August, “Progress on America’s Marine Highway” graduated from Smith College (B.A., cum laude, 1998), and City University of New York School of Law, (J.D., 2001).  She is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and is a trained mediator.  She is also a former commercial fisherman and commercial fishing boat owner.  She is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States.  Nancy can be contacted on +1 508 432-2121 or by email at zimmer@sealaw.org, http://www.corporatelivewire.com/top-story.html?id=66]

For the United States to compete in the global market it is imperative that it

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budget cuts to this program demonstrate a shortsightedness that is disheartening at best.

#### B. Leverages private investment and reduces congestion

Cook ‘11 — former General Counsel of the Maritime Administration, Counsel to Seward and Kissel LLP (H. Clayton, “Dead in the Water”, Maritime Executive, 7/8/2012, http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/dead-in-the-water, Deech)

\*\*\*Note: SST = short sea transportation, CCF = capital construction fund

For more than a decade, Europe and the U.S. have witnessed

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is being purchased by the vessel owner and included as a transaction cost.

#### C. Has Jurisdiction and key to Leadership

AAPA ‘11 – AAPA represents 160 of the leading seaport authorities in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean and more than 300 sustaining and associate members, firms and individuals with an interest in seaports (American Association of Port Authorities, “The U.S. Government’s Historic Role in Developing and Maintaining Landside and Waterside Connections to Seaports”, March 2011, <http://aapa.files.cms-plus.com/PDFs/Transportation%20and%20the%20Constitution1.pdf)//GP>

Over time these constitutional responsibilities have been further defined and our Constitution has formed the

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economic vitality, jobs, and global competitiveness, be recognized and prioritized.

#### States fail— they require the federal government for effective MTS upgrades because of interstate competition and a failure to share solutions

Puentes ‘11 – Director of Metropolitan Policy at Brookings(Robert Puentes, Senior Fellow and director of Metropolitan Policy at Brookings, former director of infrastructure at the intelligent transportation society of America, masters degree in urban planning, May 23, 2011 “Move It: How the U.S. Can Improve Transportation Policy”; http://www.brookings.edu-/research/opinions/2011/05/23transportation-policy-puentes; Brookings, Accessed June 19 2012)

The country needs to become more export-oriented for the future health of the

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How does any of this help get us closer to our national goals?