



“CMTS Hosts Speaker Series Presentation on USACE Regulatory Processes”

On Wednesday, February 1 2012, The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) hosted a speaker series presentation for Federal partners on “An Overview of the US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program,” with a main focus on coastal applications such as dredging and port expansion/maintenance. The presentation was held in the Department of Transportation Conference Center.

Ms. Lauren Diaz, the National Transportation Liaison for the USACE Regulatory Program, gave a detailed presentation emphasizing the role of the USACE Regulatory branch along with the impacts of different legislation and stakeholders on the permit process.

The presentation highlighted the evolution of the USACE regulatory authorities and jurisdictions, as well as types of permits, helpful hints on expediting the permit process, and decision criteria and funding agreements. Afterwards the event provided an opportunity for networking conversation and it was suggested that the CMTS organize a follow-up presentation on bridge permitting. The presentation was well received with hopes that further insight into the process will support the President’s directive to streamline permitting requirements associated with infrastructure projects of national significance.

A number of Federal agencies joined the presentation including the Department of Transportation/Office of the Secretary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Transportation Command.

On behalf of the CMTS members, we would like to thank Ms. Diaz for her informative presentation. The presentation is available on the CMTS website. For questions and further information please contact Ms. Diaz at Lauren.B.Diaz@usace.army.mil. For information regarding this and other CMTS activities: contact the CMTS Executive Secretariat at info@cmts.gov or 202-366-3612.

