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Consensus-Based Vote is on September 29, 2020

These recommendations are divided into the three subcommittees of the Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC): Ports, Domestic Shipping & International Shipping. The Maritime Administration is providing these draft recommendations for public review, prior to the public meeting scheduled for September 29, 2020.

These draft recommendations are as presented by each subcommittee, per the guidance in their subcommittee charters. Furthermore, each subcommittee categorized the recommendations as “fiscal”, “programmatic/operational” and “legislative”.

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Committee	Category	Draft Recommendation
International	Fiscal	Secretary support the acceleration of acquisition of used ships to replace ships in the RRF
International	Fiscal	Secretary support the acceleration of construction of purpose-built surge sealift and prepositioning ships
International	Fiscal	Secretary support consistent (multi-year) funding to support sealift new construction
International	Fiscal	The Secretary should support stabilizing the MSP with multi-year funding
International	Programmatic	Secretary advocate for requiring all US owned fuel (of all types) that is moved worldwide within the Defense Fuels (DLA) network to be moved on US flagged ships
International	Programmatic	The Secretary should advocate for increasing and enforcing cargo preference requirements. / Endorsement of an executive order mandating 100 percent cargo preference requirement for all US Government-impelled or sponsored cargoes. / Implement MARAD enforcement authority (2008 NDAA)
International	Programmatic	Secretary charter study of the costs and viability of various proposals to transition to an Active Ready Reserve
International	Programmatic	Secretary support conduct of RRF/Surge fleet activation exercises of a scale equivalent to TA 19+ annually
International	Programmatic	Secretary advocate for placing all US owned sealift ships (Surge and RRF) when not activated under MARAD
International	Legislative	Secretary advocate for instituting a Tanker Security Program (TSP) as proposed in the 2020 and 2021 HASC National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).
International	Legislative	The Secretary should support legislation to eliminate the 50-percent ad valorem duty on vessel overseas maintenance and repairs
International	Legislative	The Secretary should advocate for incentivizing commercial shippers to utilize US Flag. / Modify US import duties on items shipped on American flag ships. / Exempt US import cargoes arriving on American Flag vessels from HMT. / Include freight charges for transporting American military exports sold to NATO in as part of the NATO Nations' 2% GDP commitment
International	Legislative	The Secretary should advocate for extending the foreign earned income exclusion to mariners employed on internationally trading vessels
International	Legislative	Secretary advocate for use of new commercial/government shipbuilding model
International	Legislative	Secretary actively support the enactment of the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act and offer significant advantage/financial support to ships equipped with CONSUL capabilities
International	Legislative	The Secretary should advocate for the elimination of the 3-year waiting period for the carriage of US preference cargoes
Domestic	Fiscal	Revise Title XI, Capital Construction Fund (CCF), and Construction Reserve Fund (CRF) Financing Regulations and Program Administration.
Domestic	Programmatic	Strict Enforcement of Cargo Preference Laws.
Domestic	Programmatic	Create additional entry level ratings billets on the Ready Reserve Fleet and Maritime Security Program funded vessels in both Full Operational Status and Reduced Operational Status.
Domestic	Programmatic	Provide a pathway to a relatively rapid (under a week of assessment examination) achievement of the STCW endorsements need for a national sealift emergency.
Domestic	Legislative	Provide tax-based incentives that support the expansion of the U.S. flag fleet, mariner base and domestic shipbuilding/repair industry.
Domestic	Legislative	Develop incentive programs for the expansion of the US flag tanker fleet and further incentivize the beneficial cargo owner to utilize US flag tankers in the export of US domestic energy.

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Port	Fiscal	No recommendations
Port	Programmatic	The recommended measures of success are: 1. Maritime trade and business environment, 2. The speed of shipments moving through a port's multi-modal system, 3. The consistency of shipment speed through a port's multi-modal system, 4. The visibility of shipments through a port's multi-modal system, 5. The air quality of a port's multi-modal system, 6. The local jobs supported by a port's multi-modal system. 7. Maintaining a sufficient and fully trained workforce to support efficient shipment movements
Port	Programmatic	Establish a public/private collaboration group that focus on further specifying the measures of success definitions, the most effective means for testing the effectiveness of the measures and dashboard, and the strategy for implementing the measures, starting at the national level.
Port	Programmatic	Define the metric base year and targets.
Port	Programmatic	Work to incorporate the measures of success and executive dashboard with other USDOT freight initiatives.
Port	Programmatic	Determine the best means for sharing the findings annually.
Port	Programmatic	Ensure ongoing review and revisions to the measures of success after implemented.
Port	Legislative	No recommendations