

Marine Highway M-GNM1

Sponsors: Port Authority of Guam (PAG) and Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)

Marine Highway Route:

PAG and CPA applied collectively to designate the waterways currently used to transport all goods and commodities between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) main islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Description:

PAG and CPA both service marine operations of containers, break-bulk, roll-on/roll-off (RORO) vessels, fishing vessels, fuel operations, and occasionally passenger vessels/cruise ships. The Marine Highway Route Designation supports the expansion of the already existent containerized freight service to the islands.

Attributes:

The island territories are predominantly reliant on marine transportation to sustain their residents' way of life. Nearly all commodities and household and commercial goods, such as food, clothing, fuel, vehicles, construction materials, and medical supplies are transported through the islands' seaports. Shipping routes originate from U.S. ports in California, Washington, and Hawaii. Establishing the Guam-CNMI Marine Highway Route under the AMH Program will allow these territories to leverage the full range of available Federal resources to remain a viable component of America's marine transportation and strategic seaports network, as well as position them to be in the best possible situation to further enhance and economically sustain these markets in the future.

