



# **SLSDC's Strategic Initiatives**

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# SLSDC's FY 2009 Budget

## ◆ U.S. Seaway Asset Renewal Plan

- 10 years / 50 projects
- \$165 million proposed for FY 2009-2018
- \$17.5 million in FY 2009

## ◆ Administration Proposal

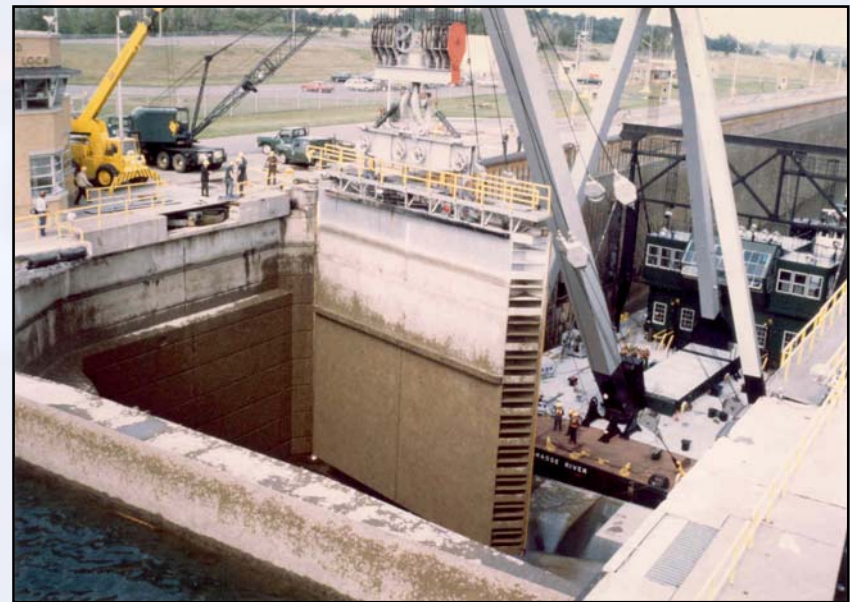
- 83 percent increase in FY 2009 (\$17.4M to \$31.8M)
- Largest percentage increase in history of DOT

## ◆ Why Now?

- SLSDC reputation
- Canadian model
- 50 year anniversary
- Bush Administration
- Transportation infrastructure

## ◆ What It Means

- Safety
- Security
- New technology





# Short Sea Shipping

## ◆ **Removal of Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) in Great Lakes**

- The debate is over
- Mechanics in Congress

## ◆ **Existing Challenges**

- 25 percent Canadian ship tariff
- Canadian user fees
- Pilotage
- 24-hour rule

## ◆ **Reasons for Optimism**

- Great Lakes Feeder Lines
- Congestion ?????
- Canadian toll freeze
- Canadian new cargo incentives
- Melford Terminals
  - o Closest to Europe / Suez
  - o Greenfield / State of art
  - o Low cost producer
  - o Seaway friendly





# Ballast Water / Invasive Species

- ◆ **One of Top SLSDC Priorities**
- ◆ **Legislation Stalled by Environmentalists**
- ◆ **SLSDC New Regulations**
  - NOAA study – saltwater as biocide
  - Mandatory
  - More inspections and recordkeeping
- ◆ **Montreal Inspection Process**
  - SLSDC, SLSMC, USCG, Transport Canada
  - Not publicly known
  - Folly of state legislation
  - We are not the problem – we are the solution!





# The Future . . .

- ◆ **Asset Renewal – *Public Sector***
- ◆ **New Build Investment – *Private Sector***
- ◆ **Removal of SSS Impediments**
- ◆ **Toll Reform**
- ◆ **Containers**

