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## **REGIONAL MARITIME ADVOCACY**

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- Icebreaking
- Great Lakes USACE O & M Funding
  - IIJA FY22
  - IIJA FY23
  - FY22 Appropriations
- New Soo Lock Funding
- Seaway Marketing & Trade
  - Development Funding
- Great Lakes Authority
- Seaway Administrator
- 2022 Economic Impact Analysis



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IIJA FY22 & Disaster Relief  
1/19/22

**\$106.35 million**  
Great Lakes O+M

**\$516 million**  
Great Lakes  
Construction

IIJA FY23  
3/30/22

**\$66 million**  
Great Lakes O+M

FY22 Workplan  
5/25/22  
(HMTF)

**\$270.6 million**  
Great Lakes O+M

**\$507.5 million**  
Great Lakes  
Construction



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### HARBOR MAINTENANCE FUNDING

- Maintenance Dredging
- Breakwater and jetty repair
- Lock operations and maintenance
- CDF operation & maintenance

In the last 10 years, Great Lakes harbor maintenance funding has grown 210%

YEAR	NATIONAL	GREAT LAKES	%
FY22	\$2.05 B	\$270.6 M	13.4%
FY21	\$1.68 B	\$210.8 M	12.5%
FY20	\$1.65 B	\$161.3 M	9.8 %
FY19	\$1.54 B	\$191.9 M	12.4 %
FY18	\$1.37 B	\$161.4 M	11.7 %
FY17	\$1.276 B	\$154.5 M	11.8%
FY16	\$1.263 B	\$142.8 M	11.3 %
FY15	\$1.112 B	\$118.8 M	10.7 %
FY14	\$1.076 B	\$118.0 M	11.0 %
FY13	\$882 M	\$87.3 M	9.5 %



# NEW LOCK AT THE SOO PROJECT COST INCREASE

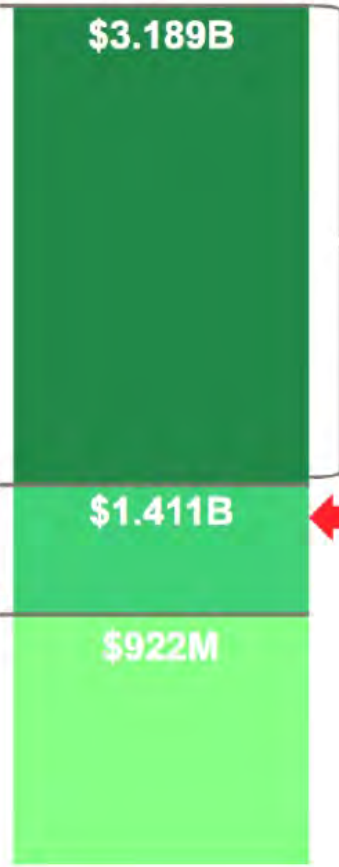


- April 2022 fully funded cost estimate is \$3.189B
- Current project spending limit (AKA 902 Limit) is \$1.411B
- Potential spending limit exceedance of \$1.778B
- Due to cost estimate exceeding spending limit, USACE is seeking consideration of an increased authorized project cost in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2022
  - PACR Director's Report transmitted to the House and Senate Authorizations Committees on 08 June 2022

2022 Total Project Cost\*\*

Current Spending Limit (902 Limit)

2018 Project First Cost\*



\$1.778B Potential Spending Limit Exceedance

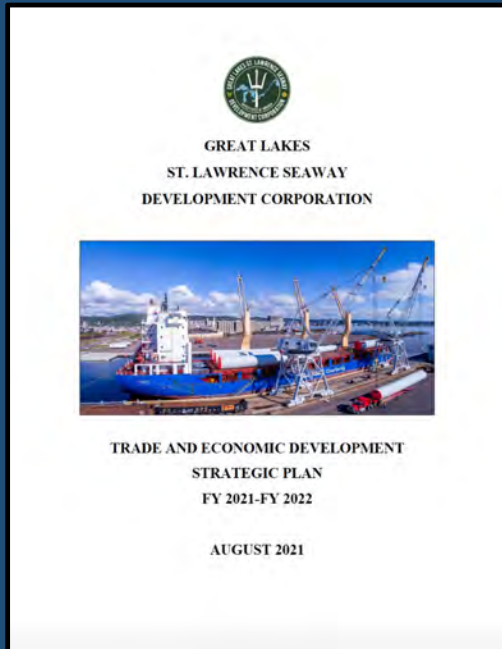
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\* Project First Cost – cost estimate for authorization (e.g., \$922M in 2018, & requesting \$2.93B in 2022)

\*\* Total Project Cost (AKA "Fully Funded Cost") – fully funded with escalation to estimated midpoint of construction (e.g., \$1.031B in 2018, \$3.189B in 2022)



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## **SEAWAY TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

FY20 \$2 million

FY21 \$2 million

FY22 \$1 million

FY23 \$4 million (House Appropriations)



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117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION **H. R. 7131**

To promote economic growth and recovery throughout the Great Lakes region, to restore and to protect America's principal source of fresh water, which holds twenty percent of the world's freshwater, making it the largest system in the world, to foster innovation and to advance world-class workforce, education, training, and adjustment institutions for better jobs in the Great Lakes region, to strengthen and to expand the core U.S. manufacturing and industrial base, and the required energy systems to sustain and to power production, and to work with the Federal Government and provinces of Canada on our mutual Great Lakes challenges including the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway, and for other purposes.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2022

Ms. KAPFER (for herself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TONKO, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. MORELLA, and Ms. STEVENS) introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

## A BILL

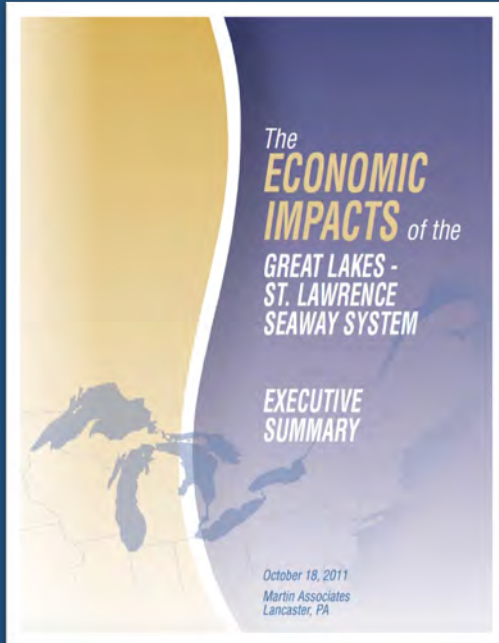
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# GREAT LAKES AUTHORITY

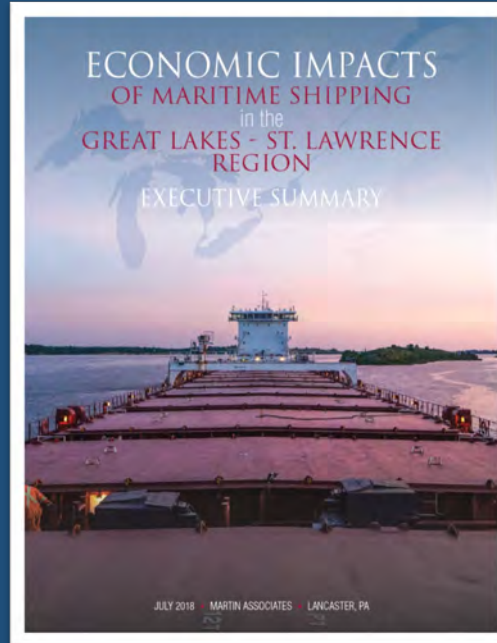
- Promote economic & workforce development
- Finance infrastructure
- Conduct regional planning
- Expand broadband
- Promote Great Lakes restoration
- Financial Assistance:
  - Loans
  - Loan guarantees
  - Grants



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**2011**



**2018**

## **2022 ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY**

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LAKE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION  
SHIPPING FEDERATION OF CANADA  
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