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The Illinois Marine Transportation System Plan (IMTS Plan) is a multimodal planning and policy endeavor initiated by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in March of 2019. The IMTS Plan provides the State of Illinois a foundational understanding of the marine transportation system and how it contributes to the state's transportation network, economy, and citizens' quality of life. This plan is only the first step in better integrating the state's waterways into the

state's multimodal transportation network. The programmatic recommendations created as part of the IMTS Plan, provide IDOT and other State agencies important information on how to move forward towards integration of the marine mode as part of Illinois' multimodal transportation network.

In order to obtain a diverse array of information, stakeholder perspectives, and to identify critical issues regarding the Illinois Marine

Transportation System, outreach was conducted to stakeholders from a number of industries and sectors of government across the state. The knowledge and viewpoints of these stakeholders was an instrumental part in development of the plan. In addition to stakeholder outreach, a steering committee was created to provide more in depth guidance in the development of the plan; the members of the Steering Committee are as follows:

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