

Mid-America Port Commission



Douglas Aeilts, MO Commissioner-Chairman

MAPC BACKGROUND

- Serves 26 counties in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri
- Established by like-legislation passed by Iowa, Illinois and Missouri
- General purpose for formation:
 - A multi-purpose, multi-state entity to enhance economic, river and port development
 - Continued flood prevention efforts

MAPC BACKGROUND (CONTINUED)

- Counties served in Iowa:
 - Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Van Bure and Wapello
- Counties served in Illinois:
 - Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Henderson, Mercer, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, Scott and Warren
- Counties served in Missouri:
 - Clark, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Scotland and Shelby

MAPC OFFICERS

The MAPC Board is comprised of up to nine (9) Commissioners representing equally the three (3) states forming the MAPC service area (Iowa, Illinois, Missouri). Each state governor appoints a member, while the other two (2) are appointed by county boards/commissions.

Douglas H. Aeilts, Chairman (Missouri Commissioner)

Mike Norris, Vice Chairman (Iowa Commissioner, Governor's Appointee)

Karen Voss, Secretary/Treasurer (Illinois Commissioner)

MAPC OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

H.O. Brownback (Illinois Commissioner, Governor's Appointee)

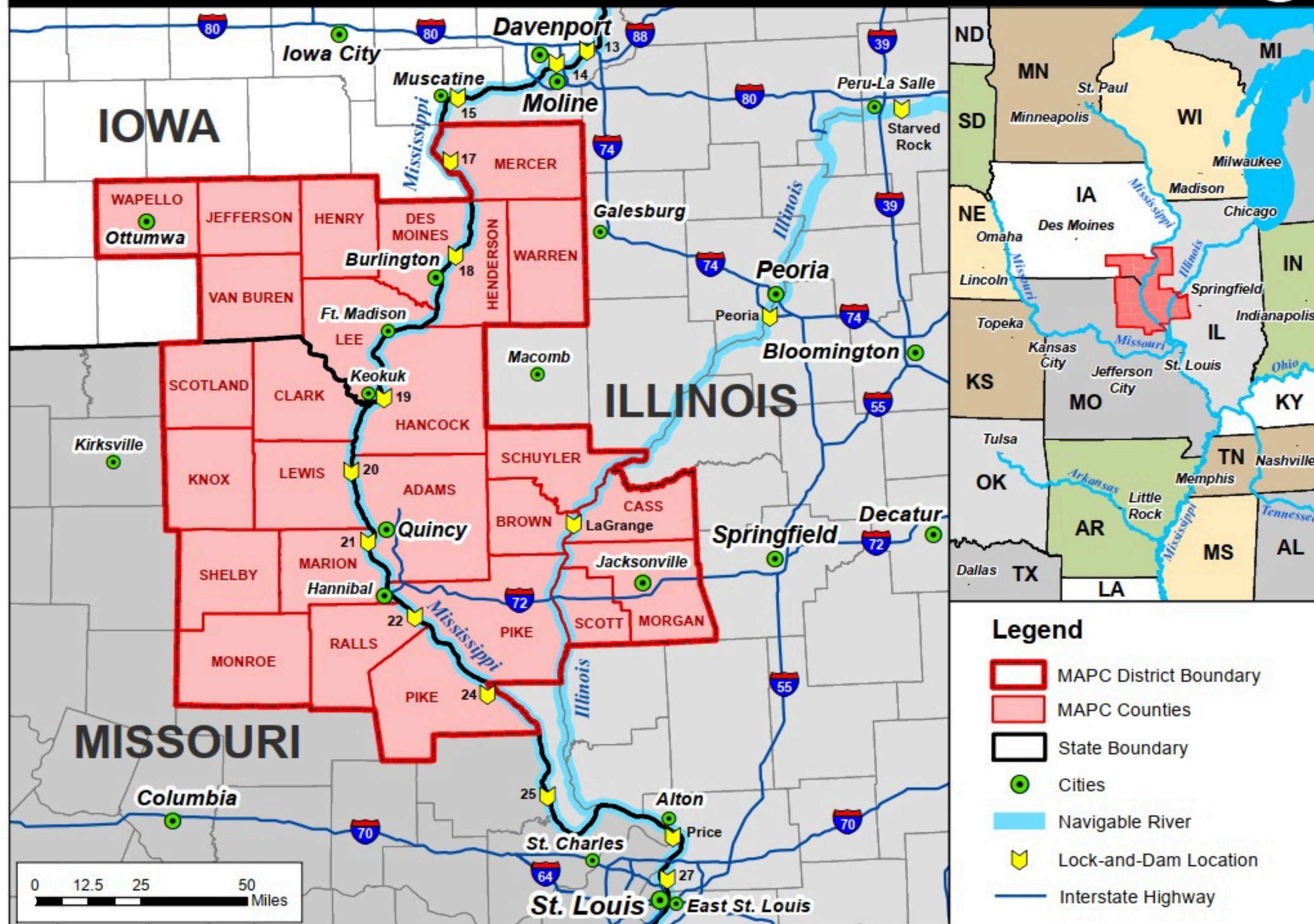
Mike McLaughlin (Illinois Commissioner)

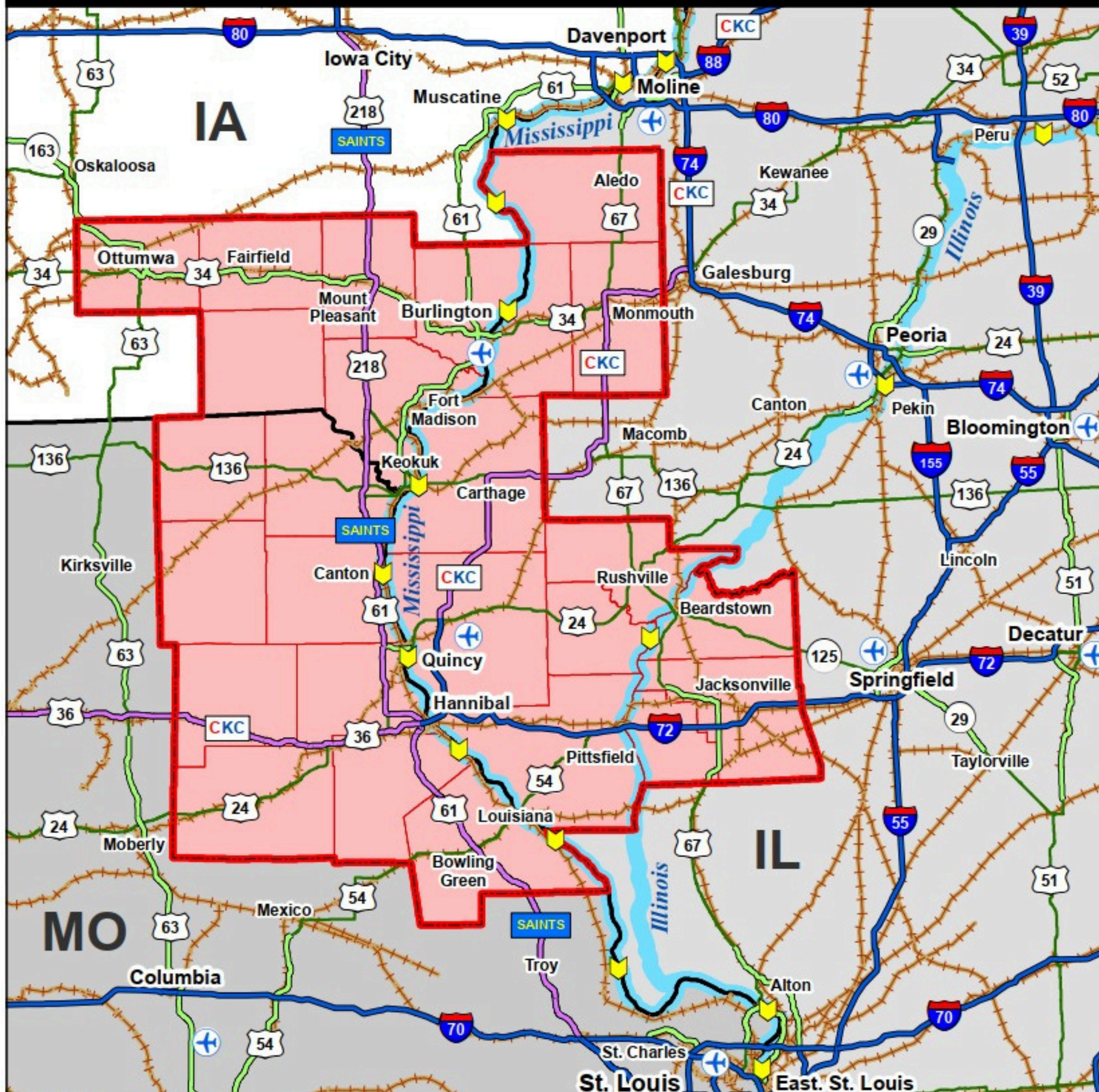
Rachel Lindeen (Iowa Commissioner)

Emily Benjamin (Iowa Commissioner)

Norris Hinton (Missouri Commissioner)

Brian Munzlinger (Missouri Commissioner, Governor's Appointee)



**Legend**

- MAPC District Boundary
- State Boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Avenue of the Saints / Chicago-Kansas City Exp'y
- Other 4-Lane/Limited Access Highway
- Other Highway (2-Lane)
- Railroad
- Commercial Service Airport
- Navigable River
- Lock-and-Dam Locations

0 12.5 25 50 Miles

MAPC HISTORY

- Initial years spent on location study for port sites
- Six (6) total sites identified, two (2) in each state
- Completed 2001 by USACE, Rock Island District
- Top sites identified:
 - Quincy, IL (immediately below LD 21)
 - Green Bay Bottoms, IA (between Fort Madison and Burlington)

MAPC HISTORY (CONTINUED)

- Primary activities over time:
 - Advocacy for investment in navigation and flood control
 - Support for new port sites or expansions
 - Commodity flow studies to benefit area ports and industries

MISSION STATEMENT



Mid-America Port Commission (MAPC), located in the Upper Mississippi and Illinois River basins, exists to increase economic development in rural and underserved areas in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri through improved river infrastructure and increased use of the inland waterways.

MAPC AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

ADVOCACY

Through a survey of Commissioners and stakeholders, advocacy for river issues was identified as the main opportunity for the organization, in the following areas:

- Fully funding and implementing the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability (NESP) program.
- Improved flood control structures
- Updated federal and state transportation and investment plans.
- New port development and expansion.

CONNECTIONS

Through a survey of Commissioners and stakeholders, connecting the MAPC area was identified as a main opportunity for the organization, in the following areas:

- Business opportunities for ports or port users.
- Information on waterways, regulation, investment plans and waterway users.
- People in state and federal regulatory agencies, businesses, ports, and elected officials at local, state and federal levels.



AREAS OF FOCUS

Through a survey of Commissioners and stakeholders the following items were identified as the primary area of focus
(listed in order of highest priority to lowest priority):

1. Connect MAPC with elected representatives and decision makers in funding and regulatory agencies.
2. Advocate for full funding of Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP).
 - a. Which includes 1,200' long locks at the following Lock and Dam sites: LD20, 21, 22, 24, 25 on Upper Mississippi, and Peoria and LaGrange on Illinois Waterway.
3. Advocate for robust maintenance of the inland navigation system on Upper Mississippi and Illinois Waterway.
4. Advocate for port development and expansion in the MAPC area.
5. Connect MAPC area with business opportunities.
6. Advocate for improved flood control structures.

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Through a survey of Commissioners and stakeholders, the following items were identified as future opportunities to focus on to further the mission of MAPC.

- Advocate for Port Development and expansion Connect MAPC area with business opportunities.
- Improved flood control structure advocacy.

With input from the MAPC Commissioners and stakeholders, the Commission reviewed its current position through an analysis of areas to focus efforts, immediate opportunities and future opportunities. The goals and strategies to follow have been designed to address the areas of focus and opportunities identified in this analysis.

STRATEGIES

1. Develop position statements and materials on priority Areas of Focus.
2. Create communications schedule with elected representatives and key officials from funding and regulatory agencies in the MAPC area.
3. Meet annually with partner organizations (economic development groups, utilities, ports, key employers), city councils and county boards to build and maintain key relationships.
4. Update all public-facing communication materials consistent with strategic plan.

STRATEGIES (CONTINUED)

5. Seek to understand each private and public port's opportunities, plans and threats for expansion and efficient operation.
6. Utilize the combined political resources from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri to leverage needed funding.
7. Communicate business connection willingness and ability to freight originators, area ports, and state and federal agencies.

MAPC FUTURE

- MAPC will become a larger voice on river and port issues.
- MAPC will connect private and public officials on river and economic development issues.
- MAPC will be available for the benefit of private and public organizations.

THANK YOU

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