



Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Supports Governor's Michigan Maritime Strategy

DETROIT. February 2, 2026--The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority applauds the release of the Michigan Maritime Strategy report, which recognizes the vital importance of the blue economy to the State of Michigan and sets forth actionable strategies to leverage Michigan's natural advantages, maritime history and existing assets to expand economic development through tourism, cargo movement and manufacturing.

"The Governor's strategy mirrors the Port Authority's initiatives to build on our maritime legacy while at the same time making investments in port infrastructure, clean energy, innovation and workforce development," said Port Authority Board Chairman Jonathan C. Kinloch. "We support state level investments in shipbuilding and repair infrastructure, port modernization, recreational and commercial boat manufacturing, alternative fuel development and maritime tourism."

Upcoming Port Authority's activities include:

1. Clean Ports Grants: \$24.9 million in support of the deployment of zero emission port equipment and vehicles, and planning for a green-hydrogen powered port.
2. Maritime Careers: A Career Expo is set for April 10. Employers and universities will share information about careers on ships, in ports, and environmental stewardship.
3. Regional Tourism: Detroit will host over 70 cruise ship visits in 2026, bringing over 15,000 visitors to our region.
4. Decarbonization and Air Quality Improvement Plan: The Port Authority is working to eliminate 33,000 annual tons of carbon emissions from port operations, and develop jobs in clean energy.

About Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority:

The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority is a public entity formed by the City of Detroit and Wayne County in 1978 with a mission to promote maritime trade and economic development. Over eight million tons of cargo passes through the Port of Detroit annually, supporting over 9,000 local direct jobs and over \$900 million in economic activity. For more information visit: <https://portdetroit.com/>.

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