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Mr. Seeburger - Thank you for including the District in the notification list for this study. The Florida Inland Navigation District is the state sponsor of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in Florida. The waterway has the capability to move goods and people through the study area. The maps that have been included in your mailings don't clearly show the waterway's full extent through the study area, please revise your maps for clarity.

The amount of funding provided by the United States Congress to the project's federal partner, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for maintenance of the waterway channel is directly tied to the volume of goods that are transported on the waterway. Currently, the waterway transports approximately 1.8 million tons of cargo which is primarily fuel oil moving to 3 power plants along the waterway. An increase in the cargo volume would lead to more federal funding for the waterway. Therefore the District is very interested in the results of your study effort.

As you are well aware the waterway transports hundreds of thousands of passengers a year. We would expect these numbers to continue to increase, especially in the movement of tourists.

These waterway movements, both cargo and passengers, take vehicles off of the roadways. A typical waterway barge transports the same amount of cargo as 59 tractor trailers, therefore removing them off of I-95.

The District is very interested in the results of your study effort especially as it regards our waterway. Please feel free to contact me should you need any information about the waterway.

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