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Information Paper

Mississippi River Between the Ohio & Missouri River (Lower River)

Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

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Location: The portion of the Mississippi Waterway within the boundaries of the St. Louis District extends from the mouth of the Ohio River to the Missouri River.

Description: The project consists of a 195-mile navigation channel, one 600-foot lock and one 1,200-foot lock, that includes a fixed crest dam, and 10,000 acres of managed lands. The project provides recreation (8 major recreation areas managed by Corps), fish and wildlife conservation, flood risk management, and navigation (nine-foot navigation channel).

Authority: River and Harbor Acts of 1910, 1927, and 1930 as amended by the River and Harbor Acts of 1945 and 1958.



Figure 1: Locks 27, Chain of Rocks Canal, Port of St. Louis

VALUE TO NATION				
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Ton Miles	16.2B	17.5B	17.5B	TBD
Tonnage	98M	106M	106M	TBD
Visitor Spending	\$6.1M	\$9.6M↑	\$13.8M↑	TBD
Jobs Supported	36	54	62	TBD
Total Visits	216k	299k	399k	73k

Activities for FY24:

- Operate and Maintain Project at funded levels.
- FY24 PBUD Specific Work – Dredging (\$11M).
- FY24 BIL – Locks 27 Embedded Metal Repair (\$5.5M), Locks 27 Maintenance Building Improvements (\$2.5M), Chain of Rocks Levee Dredge Pipe Abandonment (\$500k), Locks 27 CCTV Install (\$800k).
- Ongoing BIL – River Training Structure Repair, Dredging, Relief Well Rehabilitation, Locks 27 Embedded Metal Repairs, Locks 27 West Wall Concrete Repairs, COR Embankment Repairs.

Activities after FY24:

- Operate and Maintain Project at funded levels.
- Environmental Stewardship: Boundary Line Management (\$64k), Water Management (\$60k), Invasive Species Management (honeysuckle, Japanese Hops) (\$53k), Endangered Species Management (\$53k).
- Navigation: Dike and Revetment Maintenance (\$8M), Dredging (\$3M), Lock 27 CCTV (\$800k).
- Flood Damage Risk Reduction: Dam Safety Vegetation Removal (\$428k), Levee Maintenance (Interior Drainage repairs, relief well testing/repair) (\$588k).
- Recreation: Boat Ramp (\$375k), Kayak Access Point (\$250k), Trail Improvements (\$350k), Road Repairs (\$350k).

Congressional Interest:

Senate: Durbin and Duckworth (IL) Hawley and Schmitt (MO)
House: Bost (IL-12), Miller (IL-15), and Budzinski (IL-13)
Bush (MO-1), Wagner (MO-2), and Smith (MO-8).

PROJECT TRENDS				
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Federal Allocation	\$31,381k	\$34,844k	\$28,061k	\$29,962k
Supplemental	\$10k	\$0	\$0	\$0
BIL*	\$0	\$18,850k	\$11,530k	\$9,300k
DRSSA**	\$0	\$225k	\$22,500k	\$0
Non-Appropriated Contributions	\$0k	\$0k	TBD	TBD

*Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

Lock Closures:

- Lock 27 Main Chamber: 11 January - 1 April 2025