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CCMP - Comprehensive Port Improvement Plan

As freight volumes increase, the Port Authority is examining several ways of moving freight quickly out of the region to other hubs for distribution. To meet this goal, the Port Inland Distribution Network (PIDN) is being developed to move freight directly to inland hubs. Phase I of the PIDN will be funded with \$780 million from the Port Authority. 90% of freight going outside the NY/NJ metro region goes to 8 distribution hubs. The PIDN will move freight directly from the port via barge to cities such as Albany, NY,



Providence, RI, Camden, NJ, Wilmington DE, and Pittsburgh, PA, to name a few.

Freight will be moved to rail hubs as well to locations such as Buffalo and Syracuse NY, Springfield, MA, and Reading PA.

Port Inland Distribution Network (PIDN): PANYNJ has been developing the PIDN in an effort to reduce the percentage of container traffic that comes through the Port of NYNJ by truck and to increase the effective throughput of the port. PIDN is an effort to

establish rail and/or barge services between Port of NYNJ and various "dense trade cluster" located within a 75- to 400-mile radius as listed below. NY/NJ COAST Issue Summary

Barge

Albany, NY

Barge

Hanover MD, Wilmington, DE

Barge

Hartford, Springfield, CT

Barge/Rail

Reading, PA, Camden, NJ

Barge/Rail

Worcester, Framingham, MA

Rail

Buffalo, NY

Rail

Pittsburgh, PA

Rail

Rochester, NY

Rail

Syracuse, NY

The areas listed above are each at different stages of development ranging from the consideration of sites in Buffalo, NY and Providence, RI to the development of business plans, such as for those who [buy gold](#) or [buy silver](#), in Reading, PA and Camden, NJ to weekly barge service now being provided in Albany, NY.

In addition to expanding port throughput, this plan could provide environmental benefits by reducing highway congestion while providing economic benefits including the promotion of freight-related businesses and the improvement of the regional connectivity. Accomplishing this will require cooperation between multiple state and local jurisdictions.