



OHIO RIVER BASIN
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Nation's Most Valuable River Transportation and Commerce Corridor

Approved by the

Ohio River Basin Alliance Steering Committee

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and

Amended 5 October 2020 as required:

- (1) To match the language of the final Plan for the Ohio River Basin; and
- (2) To include Working Group Members by reference to the *List of Working Group Members Appointed by the Steering Committee* in the Steering Committee records..

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1. Purpose

This Working Group is created by the ORBA Steering Committee (ORBA Bylaws VIII(a)) for the purpose of executing ORBA's role with respect to the Nation's Most Valuable River Transportation and Commerce Corridor (hereinafter referenced as "Transportation") goal of the Ohio River Basin Strategy. This documents the Steering Committee's charge to the Working Group as required by the ORBA Bylaws VIII(d).

2. Working Group Leader

In accordance with ORBA Bylaws VIII(a)(2), the Steering Committee appoints Marty Hettel to serve for a period of two years, corresponding to the period of performance of this charter, as the Leader of the Transportation Working Group. The Working Group Leader is an ex officio voting Member of the ORBA Steering Committee during their tenure (ORBA Bylaws VIII(a)(2)).

3. Working Group Members

Working Group Members are ORBA Members meeting the qualifications of ORBA Bylaws VIII(a)(1) who are selected to serve a two year term (ORBA Bylaws VIII(a)) corresponding to the period of performance of this charter.

The Transportation Working Group Members are included by reference to the *List of Working Group Members Appointed by the Steering Committee* in the Steering Committee records.

4. Requirements for All Working Groups

Working Groups shall (Bylaws VIII(b - d)):

- Meet or conduct conference calls at the request of their Leader to study, advise, and report on the specific charges from the Steering Committee;
- Keep and submit within 30 days to the Steering Committee written minutes of meetings and conference calls;
- Report to the Steering Committee during monthly calls; and
- Execute the charge from the Steering Committee.

Note Bylaws VIII(c): All written reports shall be submitted to the Steering Committee and no report shall be published or released for public information without approval from the Steering Committee.

5. Charge from Steering Committee to Transportation Working Group:

The Transportation Working Group is charged with developing and executing an annual detailed action plan to accomplish the following strategic actions in the Ohio River Basin Strategy.

- Serve as ORBA's liaison to leadership of each strategic action for this goal, keeping the Steering Committee apprised of progress and opportunities for ORBA to be supportive of strategic actions.

Objective 1: By 2025, the inland waterways infrastructure is efficiently funded to consistently maintain authorized river pools and the economical transportation of goods on the inland waterways.

Strategic Actions:

- Advocate for consideration of all (national and regional) benefits in valuation for USACE projects. All benefits to be advocated are value of water supply, hydrological impacts, ecosystem services, recreation, national security, system infrastructure, and resource resilience. Currently, the primary direct navigation benefits of a water resource project are defined as the product of the savings to shippers using the waterway and the estimated traffic that would use the waterway.
- Advocate for greater use of the integration and maintenance of publicly accessible, comprehensive data on usage of locks and dams including all vessels and tonnage that from the Institute of Water Resources and Lock Performance Monitoring System and data at the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center. <https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/About/Technical-Centers/WCSC-Waterborne-Commerce-Statistics-Center/>
- In collaboration with Waterways Council, Inc. and other stakeholders, advocate for priorities that apply to the Ohio River Basin identified in the most current Inland Waterways Users Board recommendations (IWUB 2019). (See Appendix 1). Examples of projects include Freight and Analysis Studies, Major Rehabilitation Studies and 216 studies.

Objective 2: By 2025, compared to 2019, the five-year growth trend of water-dependent industry, recreation, and commerce has increased.

Strategic Actions:

- Facilitate and endorse regional collaboration by governments, industry, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to improve regional economic performance and competitiveness by creating an attractive land portfolio that addresses stream-side brownfields; strengthens water-related infrastructure; and develops a cooperative approach to attract industries that would use water resources, ports and terminals, and barge transportation.
- Advocate to update the Ohio River Basin Comprehensive Reconnaissance Report (2009) as a baseline and establish a five-year Basin growth trend of water-dependent

industry, recreation, and commerce.

- Advocate for a study on the removal and reuse/repurposing of outdated infrastructure such as abandoned rail lines to allow for waterfront development.

6. Deliverables and Milestones

- Working Group teleconferences or face-to-face meetings
- Timely submission of minutes to the Steering Committee
- Report on progress at the Steering Committee teleconference - monthly
- Action plan, with tasks required to complete each strategic action, including responsible person, team members, deadlines and milestones, resources needed, and success metrics - January 1, 2021
- Milestones from the action plan are incorporated by reference into these “Deliverables and Milestones.”
- Timely advice to the Steering Committee of speakers, panels and breakout groups recommended for the summits, and symposia.
- Annual written report on progress for each strategic action including milestones, success metrics, and challenges July 31, 2021 and July 31, 2022.

7. Duration

This Working Group is scheduled to last 24 months, from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2022.

8. Participation

Participation in Working Groups is open to ORBA Members (ORBA Bylaws VIII(a)). To join a Working Group, an ORBA Member should submit an e-mail expressing interest to the ORBA Steering Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson will submit to the Steering Committee for consensus approval and, upon approval, will notify the ORBA Member and the Working Group Leader of their addition to the Working Group. Working Group Members are expected to participate in the teleconferences, meetings, and activities of the Working Group. The Working Group Leader may recommend to the Steering Committee the removal of inactive Members from the Working Group.