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NATIONAL WATERWAYS FOUNDATION RELEASES NEW STUDY COMPARING U.S. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION MODES

Washington, DC – The National Waterways Foundation (NWF) today announced the release of a new study conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute’s Center for Port and Waterways at Texas A&M University, “A Modal Comparison of Freight Transportation Effects on the General Public.” The study, conducted over more than one year, reports on the environmental, selected societal, and safety impacts of utilizing inland river barge transportation and compares these impacts to highway and rail transportation. The Foundation shared the cost of the study with the U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd).

The study:

- compares cargo capacity and fuel efficiency of trucks, trains and inland river barges;
- compares highway, rail and inland marine freight transportation related fatalities, as well as injuries;
- evaluates spills as a measure of overall safety in transportation and compares them between the three modes;
- compares the impacts of infrastructure investment between trucks, trains and inland river transportation;
- looks at the environmental impacts of the three modes; and,
- illustrates the impacts of a waterways closure on the metropolitan St. Louis area and what it would mean if all the cargo presently shipped through St. Louis by barge was diverted to the area’s freeways on trucks.

“The National Waterways Foundation is very pleased to support this study by the Texas Transportation Institute because it goes directly toward our mission – to help the public understand how critically important our national waterways system is in so many facets of our daily lives,” said Peter H. Stephaich, NWF Chairman, and Chairman, Campbell Transportation Company, Inc. “While we are truly an intermodal society, this comparison of

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rail, truck and inland waterways transport modes offers an updated perspective on the real benefits of moving cargo by water," he continued.

The National Waterways Foundation exists to explore and communicate to America the value of its inland waterway system. It will achieve its goals by:

- Promoting and conducting research on economic, environmental, social, security and public safety issues related to waterways management and transportation, including ways to improve the efficiency of the waterways and increase the benefits society may derive from them.
- Disseminating publications and other research and information bearing on the value of the waterway system.
- Fostering cooperation and collaboration among groups most greatly affected by the management and use of the inland waterways system.
- Ensuring high professional and ethical standards in its management, administration and in all that it does.

To receive a either a copy of *"A Modal Comparison of Freight Transportation Effects on the General Public,"* or the *Executive Summary of the Study*, please visit the website of the National Waterways Foundation, www.nationalwaterwaysfoundation.org and download the report.