



BACKGROUND

The Port of New York and New Jersey (PONYNJ) is the largest port on the East Coast, serving a community of more than 21 million people. It has seen steady growth in cargo volumes over the past 13 years, but has also faced a number of challenges to operational efficiency, such as an increase in vessel size, labor shortages, operating system failures, a shortage of chassis, and other interruptions due to construction, record snow, ice and sub-freezing temperatures, as well as natural disasters such as Superstorm Sandy. The port community recognized no one entity in the port could fix these complex challenges and that everyone needed to work collaboratively for collective change. In late 2013, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority) in partnership with the New York Shipping Association (NYSA) formed the Port Performance Task Force (PPTF) made up of industry executives to: 1) provide a framework for constituents in the Port to discuss areas of common interest, 2) identify challenges to port efficiency and service reliability, and 3) recommend potential solutions and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) in order to maintain the port's position as a preeminent port of the United States.

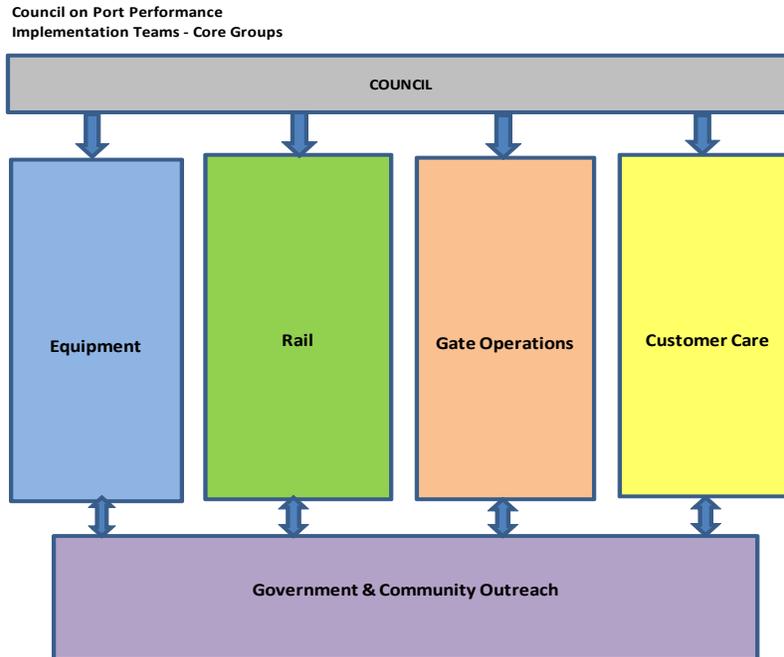
COUNCIL ON PORT PERFORMANCE'S OBJECTIVE

Following the publication of the Port Performance Task Force Final Report on June 24, 2014, the Council on Port Performance (CPP) was formed to provide oversight on the implementation of programs and initiatives that will improve efficiency and service reliability in the Port of New York and New Jersey. The Council shall:

1. Work to implement the recommendations contained in the Port Performance Task Force (PPTF) Final Report dated June 2014.
2. Work to protect and advance the common interests of the diverse stakeholders in the Port.
3. Advocate for changes in policies, programs and procedures that will improve the Port's preeminent position.
4. Promote information sharing and relationship building for the benefit of all port stakeholders and work to ensure an understanding of the Port's importance to the regional and national economy.
5. Identify and address any emerging issues that impact the competitiveness and efficiency of the Port.
6. Provide oversight on matters that impact day-to-day operations.

COUNCIL ON PORT PERFORMANCE'S ORGANIZATION

The Director of Port Commerce leads the CPP for the Port Authority along with the President of the NYSA. Four implementation teams were established to address specific concerns related to productivity and performance. In addition, a Government and Community Outreach Committee will provide support and service to the CPP to deliver a common message on the port's commitment to excellence and progress on CPP activities. Support on each project will be provided by a Subject Matter Expert Panel that is commissioned for the duration of each project or initiative.



FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Together, after extensive collaboration and input from the community, the Task Force produced 23 recommendations, which the PPTF prioritized according to impact on long-term efficiency and service reliability as well as feasibility of implementation. Each Implementation Team will develop a sequence to approach the recommendations assigned to them based on time required to implement and overall impact. To view a complete list of the recommendations and download the full report, visit <http://www.panynj.gov/port/port-news-announcements.cfm?tabnum=2>

CONTINUING THE COLLABORATION

The CPP will build upon the efforts of the earlier efforts of the Task Force. Regular communications and periodic Town Hall meetings will take place to inform the port community of progress and to solicit input on implementing the recommendations. The port community is committed to furthering the Task Force's highly collaborative and inclusive process to improve efficiency and reliability at the PONYNJ. By working together to identify specific solutions to maximize the port's efficiency, the port community has paved the way for continued economic success for the port as well as the region it serves.