# ST. PAUL DISTRICT OPERATIONS PERSPECTIVE

# MISSISSIPPI RIVER MANAGERS MEETING

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# INLAND NAVIGATION WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

- CURRENT STATE
- FUTURE STATE
- STRATEGIC INITIAVES
- USACE NAVIGATION PRIORITIES

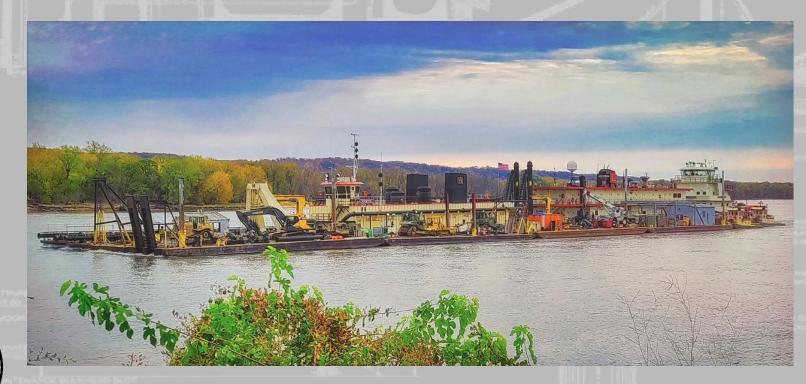






### **CURRENT STATE OF INLAND NAVIGATION**

- 514.9 M tons (2019) of goods valued at \$134 billion, vs. 766.3M tons (2018) of goods valued at \$507.3 billion, moved on the U.S. inland waterways system
- World-wide demand for waterborne commerce expected to more than double by 2025
- (estimated 47% of US inland waterborne commerce is on Miss River)
- Historic moment: Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act \$2.2 B







### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES UPDATE

#### **CURRENT STATE**

Strategic Engagements

#### **FUTURE STATE**

- **Resilient Navigation:** 
  - **Open Pass**
  - **River to Reuse**

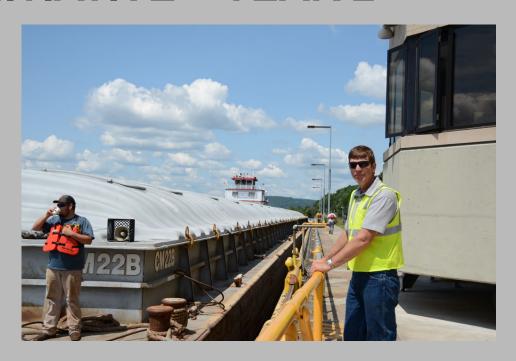






#### STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE – YEAR 2

- ERDC supported effort
- Define current and future state of inland navigation
- Multi-modal and Inter-modal context
- Future focus
- Information gathering includes Industry input
- Establish a strategic outreach framework around the commercial, hydrologic, political, financial, and regional landscape

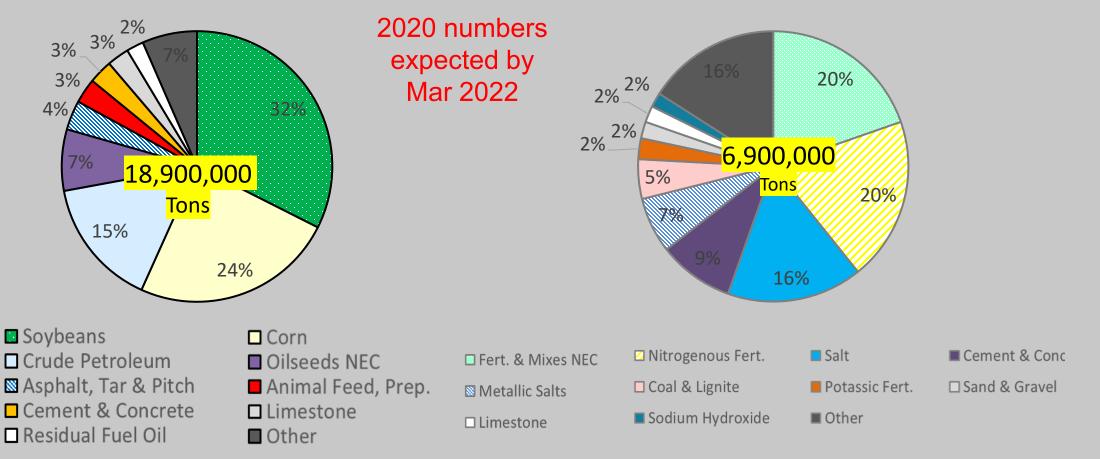


#### **OUTCOME:**

- We understand the big picture and how we fit into it
- We know what we need to do now to be ready for the future

# UPPER MISS SHIPMENTS (EXPORTS) by COMMODITY TYPE, 2019

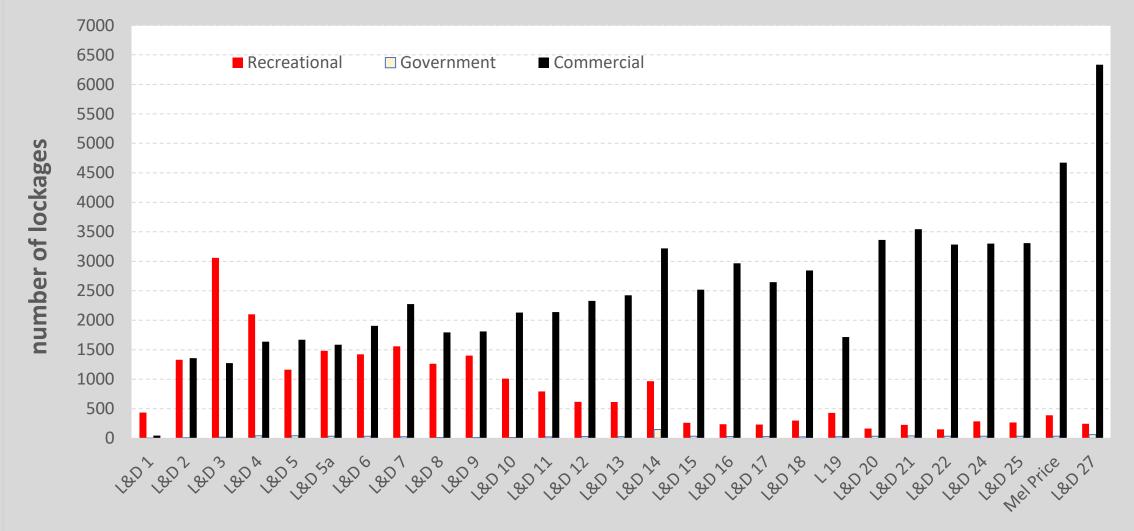
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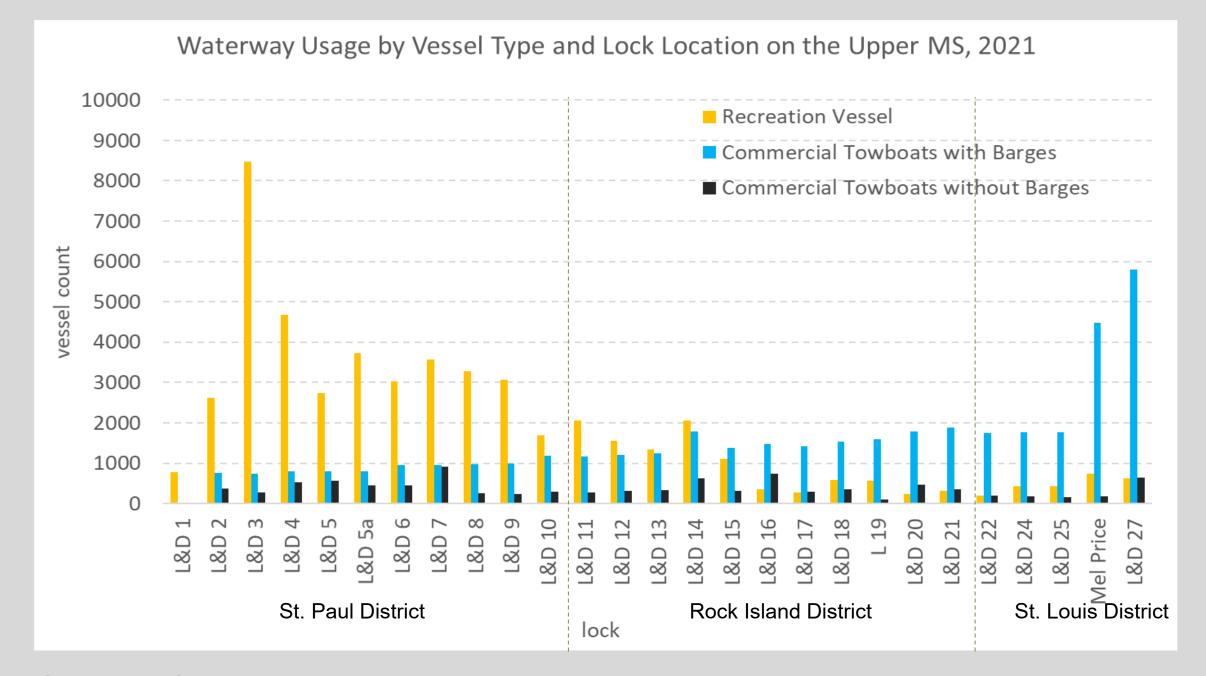


Data source: WCSC

\*Section Included: Minneapolis, MN to Mouth of Missouri River; Upper Mississippi River from mile 857.6 to mile 195. Maintained Depth: 9 feet. Navigation Seasons: 23 March to 5 December upper portion; annual closure in upper portion due to winter freeze-up; open all year in lower portion except during brief periods when the channel may be blocked by ice.

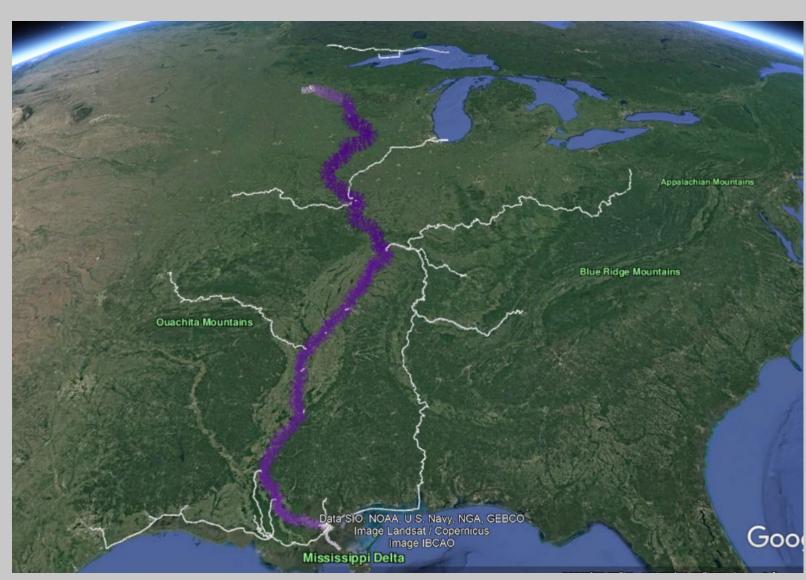






#### **MVP RESILIENT NAVIGATION STRATEGIC VISION**

- Quantify the current state of MVP inland navigation, the benefit to the region, and the potential impacts of changes to the waterway.
- Summarize the future of inland navigation within MVP/USACE, utilizing input from local ports and shipping industry.
- Identify potential future strategic/beneficial uses of district dredged material



Source: CPT cargo shipment transit paths 2016

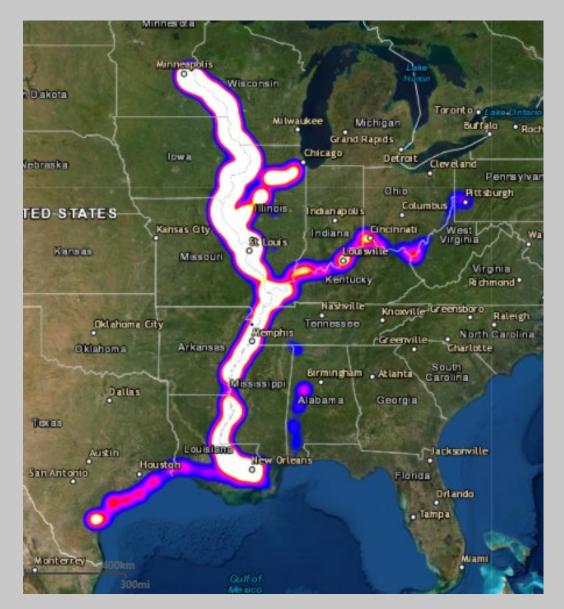
#### **ERDC SUPPORT OF MVP STRATEGIC VISION**

#### Data Collection/Analysis:

- Port Performance
- Waterway Transit Count by Direction
- Port Connectivity, Destination/Origin
- Impacts of Restrictions/Closures

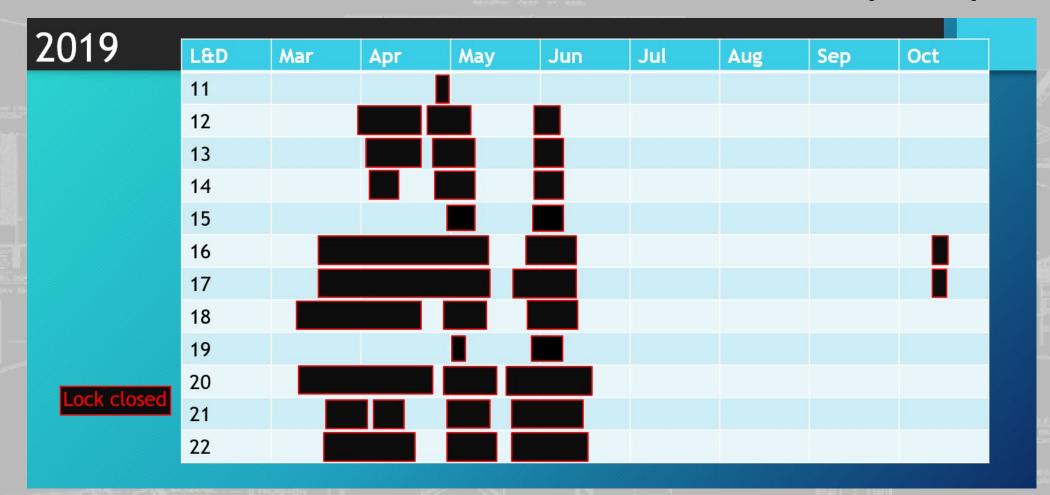
#### Outreach to Stakeholders:

- Commercial users
- ✓ Port Authorities (2021 and 2022)
- Industry advocates
- Regulatory authorities
- ✓ Multi-modal transportation authorities (2022)



Relative Density Plot: 2019 Vessels traveling to/from MVP

## **OPEN PASS CONCEPT – INITIAL FINDING (2021)**







Source: USACE Rock Island District Engineering staff

BUILDING STRONG<sub>®</sub> and Taking Care of People!

### **RIVER TO REUSE**

# PLACE MATERIAL WHERE IT CAN BE USED PRODUCTIVELY

- ✓ Agricultural Soil Amendments
- √ Residential Development
- ✓ Habitat Island Construction
- √ Stockpile for Removal
- √ General Construction



### **FUTURE STATE OF INLAND NAVIGATION**

- Invest in infrastructure through enhanced maintenance and dredging, modernization and new construction
  - ✓ Invest through NESP
  - ✓ Reduce the O&M backlog
  - ✓ Rethink (Modernize) our approach to channel maintenance
  - ✓ Use our resources in the most efficient and effective ways possible



Lock and Dam 2, Hastings, MN

# NAVIGATION AND ECOSYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (NESP)

#### **GLOBAL MARGET COMPETITION**

Helps the American farmer compete in global markets and decreases transportation costs.

#### **SUPPORTING RURAL AMERICA**

Integrated approach maximizes environmental benefits while preserving multiple uses for the waterways.



#### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Gives America the working modern infrastructure it deserves.

#### **JOBS CREATION**

High paying construction jobs and a permanent boost to the Midwest economy.

**NESP IS VITAL TO THE NATION** 

#### **NESP**

FY 22: Received construction new start

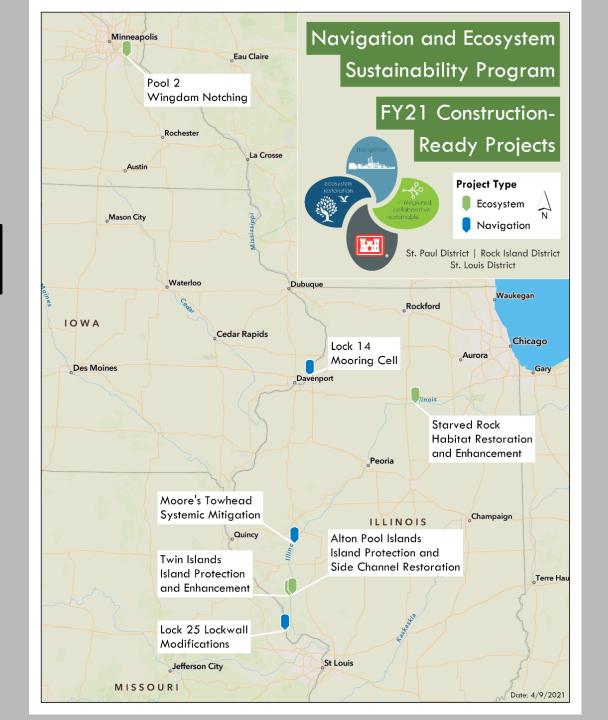
\$732.1M for 1200' lock at LD 25

\$97M for Lock 22 Fish Passage

NESP – Mooring Facilities Project Project Site Priority List as of 1 FEB 2022

#### NOT YET FUNDED

Priority	Location
1	Lock 14 Lower
2	Lock 15 Lower
3	Lock 20 Lower
4	Lock 11 Upper
5	Lock 10 Upper
6	Lock 25 Lower
7	Lock 14 Upper
8	Lock 22 Upper (repair/replace)
9	Lock 18 Lower
10	Lock 24 Upper





### O&M BACKLOG/DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - ST. PAUL DISTRICT [[[[[[



In fiscal year 2015,
USACE maintenance
funding = 0.23% of Plant
Replacement Value

NRC recommends an annual maintenance investment of 2 - 4% of PRV

Select Backlog/Deferred Item	FY 19 Estimate
Dam Gate and Bridge Painting	123,800,000
Bulkhead Repair	3,135,000
Dam Gate Repair	2,725,000
Guidewall Repair	13,600,000
Lock Repair (dewatering)	1,175,500
Spillway Rehab/Repair	4,250,000
Machinery/Equip Repair	488,000
Building/Grounds Repair	1,701,500
Auxiliary Lock Closure	30,000,000
Miter Gate Anchorage replacement	55,000,000
Miter Gate replacement	52,100,000
Other repairs	8,687,500
Tainter valve replacement	4,000,000
Total	\$300,662,500



#### MODERNIZING OUR REAL ESTATE PRACTICES

- Update to Policy Needed HQ request in progress
  - Fee Title Land Acquisition
  - Non-Standard Estate

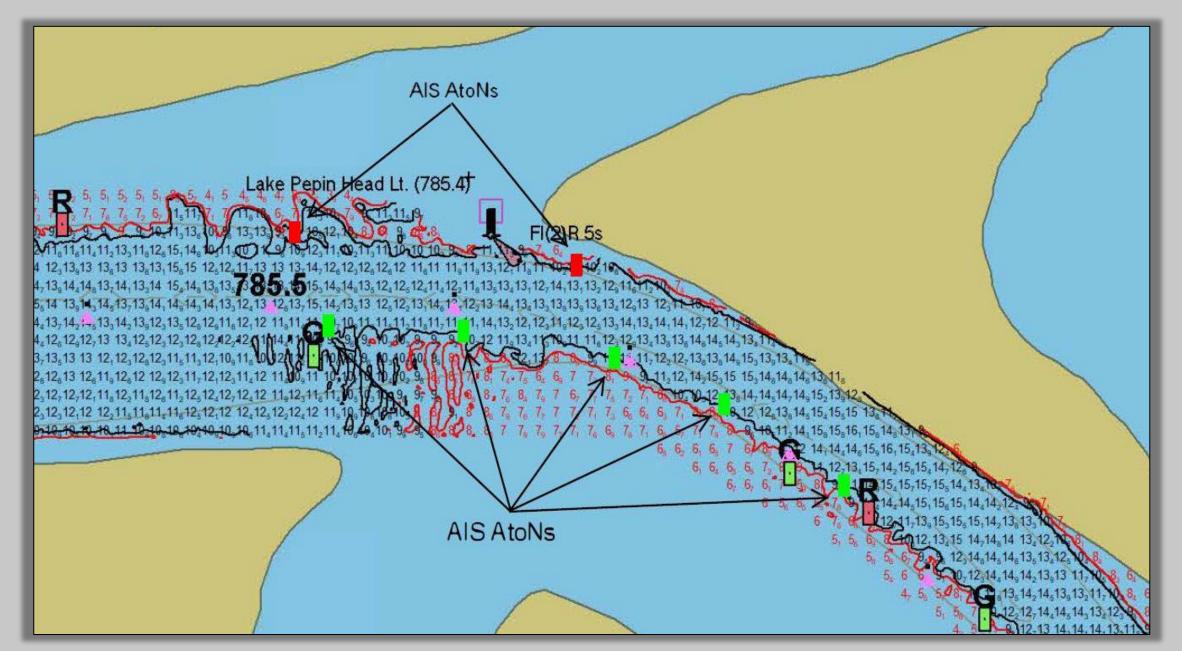


Dredge Material as a Resource

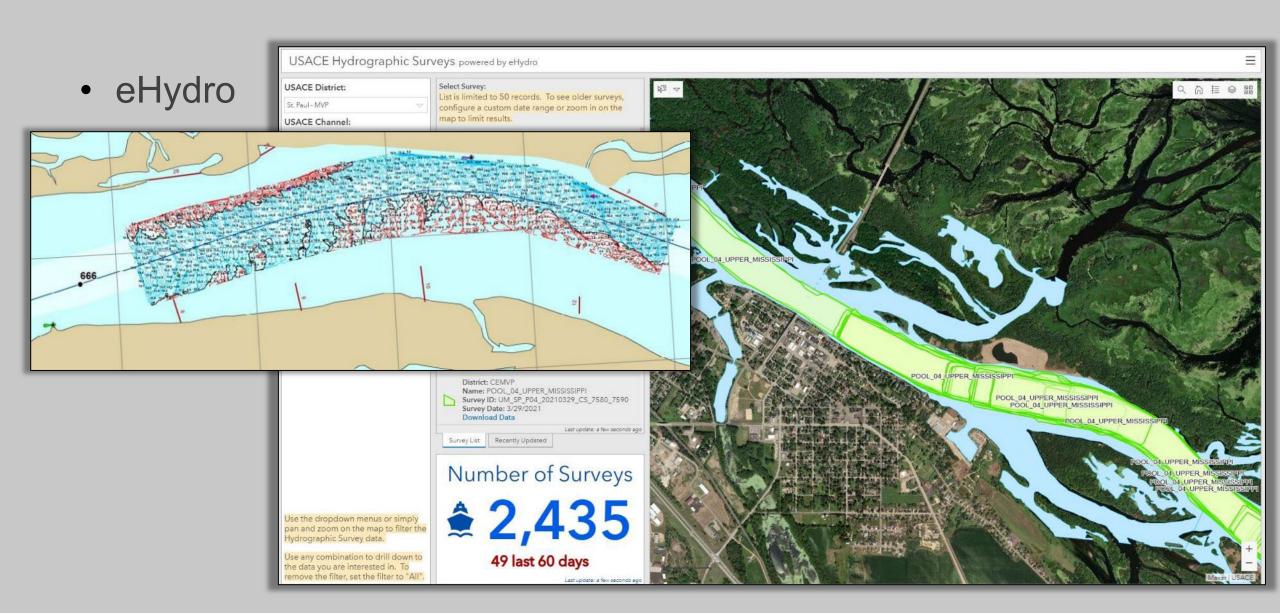


Dredge Material "Disposal"

### **MODERNIZING NAVIGATION CHARTS**

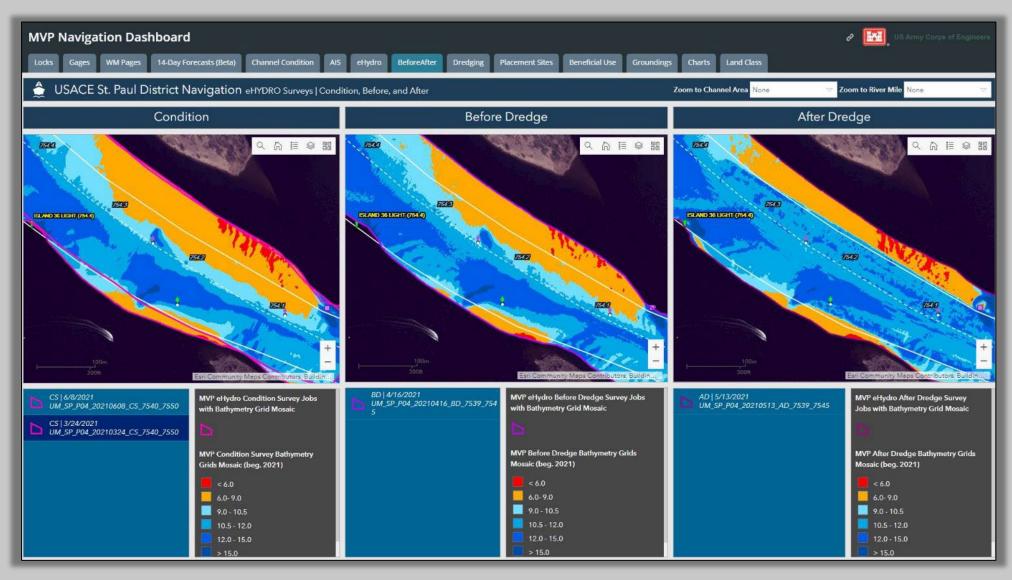


#### **MODERNIZING SURVEY AVAILABILITY**



#### **MODERNIZING DECISION MAKING TOOLS**

Navigation Dashboard – Increasing Internal Efficiency



# USACE FISCAL YEAR 2023 NAVIGATION BUSINESS LINE PRIORITIES

- Expanding opportunities for beneficial use of dredged material and quantifying benefits
- 2. Science-based mitigation for environmental aspects of dredging and dredged material
- 3. Remote lock operations
- 4. Enhance resiliency of navigation structures and minimize maintenance costs
- 5. Coastal resiliency by making navigation channels more resilient by employing engineering with nature concepts
- Engaging multidisciplinary engineering and environmental disciplines at our deepening/widening projects in support of resilient marine transportation systems

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### **FUTURE STATE OF NAVIGATION**





\* Maintain resilient navigation utilizing risk management processes.

