

Roger Bohnert, Deputy Associate Administrator, Intermodal System Development, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

Mr. Bohnert brings a diverse maritime, operations, and policy background to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration. A career U.S. Coast Guard Officer and licensed Merchant Mariner, he entered the Senior Executive Service in the Department of Transportation in 2003.

As the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Office of Intermodal System Development, he assists in developing policy and programs aimed at reducing congestion and removing barriers to the efficient movement of freight and passengers. Areas of emphasis include congestion mitigation projects; port, intermodal and terminal development; passenger and cruise industry support; shipper and carrier outreach; and deepwater ports. As part of this effort, he oversees the newly launched America's Marine Highway Program, which will expand the use of our nation's coastal and inland waters to mitigate landside congestion and improve the environment.

Prior to joining the Maritime Administration, Mr. Bohnert was the Acting Director of the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response and Military Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation. In this capacity, he analyzed and recommended security policy to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Chief of Staff across all modes of transportation and led the Department's response to emergencies and security incidents and threats. He represented the Secretary in senior level Executive Branch committees and groups to develop national policies that balanced homeland and national security requirements with the mobility needs of the nation during the dynamic post 9-11 period.

While in the Coast Guard, he served over thirteen years aboard ship, and sailed as Commanding Officer of the 3,000-ton Willow and the Island Class Patrol Boat Chincoteague. While ashore he served as a Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement Controller in the world's busiest Rescue Coordination Center, and as the Assistant Chief in the Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management Branch in Miami, Florida.

He holds a Merchant Marine license as Master, unlimited tonnage, all oceans. In addition to being awarded the Coast Guard Legion of Merit Medal, he received DOT Gold Medals for service in Iraq in 2004 and leading the Department's response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.