

# Marine Highway M-2

**Sponsor:** San Juan Port Commission

**Supporters:** The Ports of Ponce and marine/port facilities in Mayaguez, Ceiba (former U.S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads), Yabucoa, Guanica, Guayama, Guayanilla, and Arebico.

**Landside Route Served:** Route-2

**Route Description:**

The M-2 Route includes the Caribbean Sea and connecting commercial navigation channels, ports, and harbors around the perimeter of Puerto Rico via San Juan, Mayagüez, and Ponce.

**Attributes:**

Puerto Rico is served by just 250 miles of interstate highway and 169 miles of noninterstate facilities. By 2020 this system is expected to handle approximately 492 million vehicle-miles of travel. According to the Federal Highway Administration, almost \$1.4 billion will be required over the next 20 years to address congestion sourced problems. Adding to this is the fact that 90 percent of Puerto Rico's cargo arrives by water (approximately 14 million tons), and 18 percent of its traffic is attributable to trucks originating from the Port of San Juan alone. There is no rail system to supplement goods movement by truck; as such, water represents the only potential alternative.

This marine highway Route which circles the island and connects the vital sea ports such as Ponce (Port of Las Americas), Mayaguez, Ceiba, Yabucoa, Guanica, Guayama, Guayanilla, and Arecibo offers the potential to provide relief for the movement of people and freight, especially into and out of the island's sea ports.

