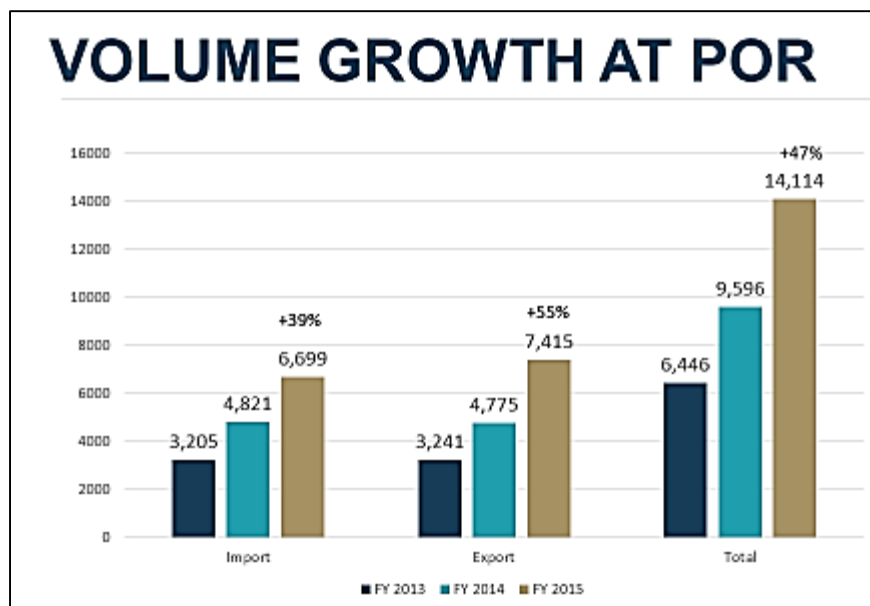


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Historical Context:

Effective February 1, 2012, The Port of Virginia began operating a barge service between the marine terminals in Hampton Roads and the Port of Richmond. Growth of the Marine Highway Barge Service is critical as it removes trucks off the highway and significantly reduces harmful emissions. Since the inception of The Port of Virginia's Marine Highway Barge Service, the cargo volumes have grown



year over year. In fiscal year 2013, the barge service transported 6,446 containers. In fiscal year 2014, the barge volumes increased 49% with a total of 9,596 containers transported. The barge volume increased another 47% in fiscal year 2015 with over 14,000 containers transported. Due to the consistent increase in volumes, the barge service increased from two trips a week to three trips a week in January of 2015 and is currently averaging approximately 200 containers transported per week.

On August 6, 2015, the Richmond MPO passed a Resolution to expand the Richmond Green Operator Program (UPC 104892) portfolio to include barge operations in addition to the drayage trucks. In furtherance of the Resolution, the name of the project was slightly modified to read, Port of Virginia Green Operator Program, and on September 1, 2015 the funds were formally obligated.

