

An Introduction to the Marine highway concept: the garnd design, challenges, regulatory framework and proposed solution / Archie Michael Hasudungan Batubara

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As one of the President Joko Widodo's visions is to make Indonesia as an advanced maritime nation, many development programs are introduced as concrete plans. For instance, the maritime highway concept: a trajectory network for ships and vessels to conduct sea freight activities. This writing will scrutinize both things that have been and have not been done yet by Joko Widodo's administration to implement the maritime highway concept by taking closer look to existing documents, such as the National Middle Term Development Plans 2015-2019, as well as analyzing the current legal framework which includes Presidential Decree No. 106 of 2015 on the Implementation of Sea Freight Public Service Obligation and its implementing and sectoral regulations. This article concludes that despite ambitious plan of the Government, there are plenty of rooms for improvement in order to successfully perform the concept. Giving the current situation, the first and foremost is to construct new seaports and expand the existing seaports to meet the technical requirements needed as well as the waiting and dwelling time target. This writing also opens a discussion on the concept of public-private partnership as a solution to catalyze the development of seaports and another infrastructure needed to fully run the marine highway concept.