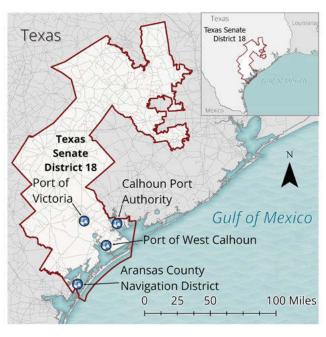


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TxDOT Government Affairs

The TxDOT Government Affairs Division is responsible for TxDOT's interactions with state and federal elected officials.

- Educational Series
- Texas Transportation Funding Brochure https://www.txdot.gov/about/divisions/ government-affairs-division.html



TxDOT Maritime Division Dashboard

The TxDOT Maritime Division Dashboard highlights the Texas maritime transportation system and TxDOT Maritime Division funding programs.



https://www.txdot.gov/data-maps/maritime-divisions-project-dashboards.html



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Ports in Senate District 18









Projects in Senate District 18

Aransas County Navigation District

Cove Harbor Bulkhead	.\$15.00 M
Rockport Harbor Bulkheads	\$3.00 M

Calhoun Port Authority	
General Cargo Dock- Dock Pile Encapsulation	\$0.54 M
 General Cargo Dock- Impact Breasting Dolphin 	
Replacement	\$0.82 M
New Barge Fleeting Area	\$24.00 M
 South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 1 	\$48.00 M
 South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 2 	\$80.40 M
 South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 3 	\$51.60 M
Jetty Deficiency	\$90.00 M
 Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project 	\$525.00 M

Part of Victoria

Port of Victoria	
General Cargo Dock Development	\$8.00 M
• Liquid Docks 4-6 and 1-2	\$15.00 M
Port Administration Building	\$5.00 M
Texas Logistics Center Rail Car Storage	
Phases 1 and 2	\$25.00 M
Transload Tracks and Container Laydown Yard	
Expansion	\$12.00 M
Edna Lane/McCoy Road/Dupont Road	\$5.00 M
North Access Road to Turning Basin	\$1.25 M
SH 185 Flyover	\$25.00 M
North Access Road to East Transload Road	\$1.90 M

Port of West Calhoun

 Long Mott Harbor Liquid Cargo Dock Bulkhead and Improvements\$18.60 M

TxDOT Yoakum District

SH 35 Bridge Replacement 2810	\$51.14 M
SH 35 Bridge Replacement 2712	\$17.02 M



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IMPACTS of TEXAS PORTS

#3 Port of Corpus Christi

#7 Port of Beaumont (2022)

Port of Galveston

1.49 Million Cruise Passengers in 2023

Port of Palacios

Largest

Texas Transportation Jobs (2023)

2,518,000

\$713.9 BILLION

Iotal Economic Value(2023)

Port of Beaumont
Strategic
Military
Port in
the US

28% of Texas GDP (2023)









Port Authority Advisory Committee

TEXAS PORT MISSION PLAN BACHOIN NO B SUMMARY

89TH Legislative Session



Introduction

In a state where the maritime industry accounts for more than 28% of the GDP¹, the Texas economy is largely driven by commodity supply chains that move goods to and from the state. Inland markets across the state rely on a strong multimodal freight network to get their goods to the ports for export. Improving the port systems help Texas compete in the global market by ensuring that its inland export commodities continue to reach their destinations worldwide.

Texas seaports require continual maritime infrastructure, seaport connectivity, and ship channel improvements to meet the needs of our Texas's booming economy, as they are a crucial link in the supply chain. The projects identified in this plan represent the needs of Texas ports and their implementation will secure the State's continued economic growth.

TOTAL PORT PROJECT NEEDS Total: \$9,157,244,256



Maritime

\$3.11 BILLION



Connectivity \$585 Projects

MILLION

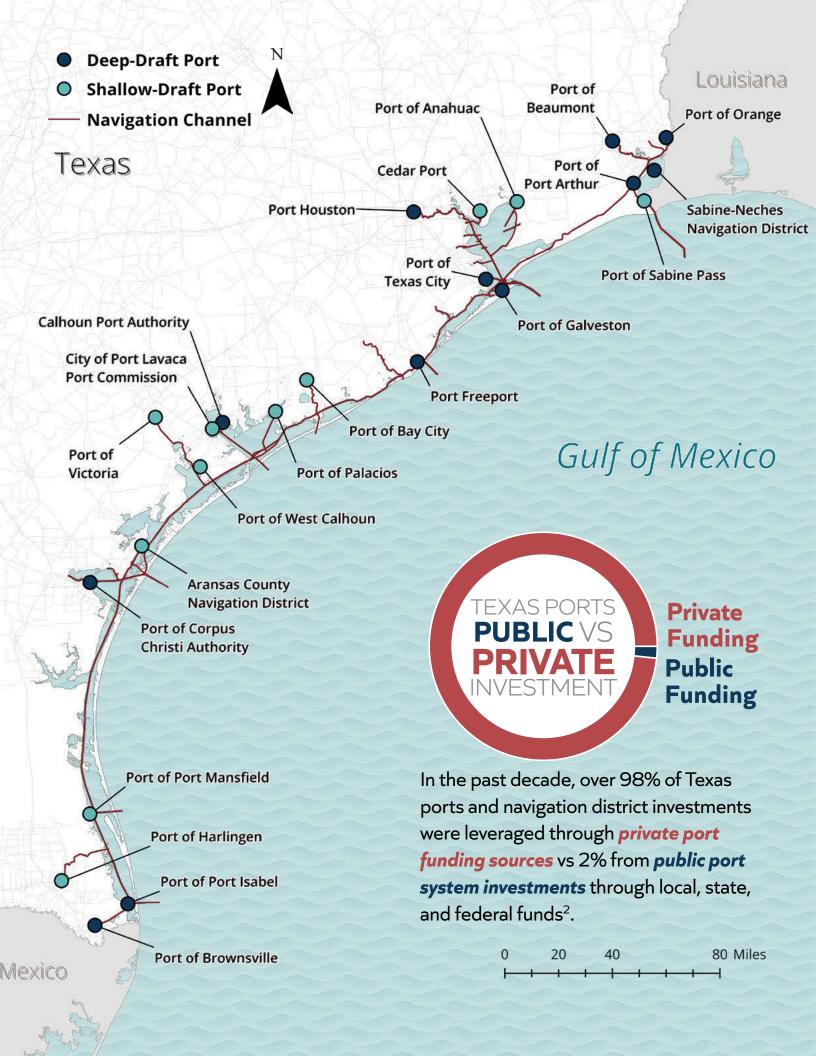


\$5.46 **BILLION**

Successes Since 88th **Legislative Session**

Following the 88th Legislature's historic \$640 million appropriation to Texas seaports, the Texas Transportation Commission awarded the funding to Texas seaport projects to help increase trade, improve safety, and provide a more robust supply chain for our state and the nation.

- · Signed into law as the first funding of its kind in Texas, the Commission approved eligible port development and infrastructure projects for \$200 million in funding awards through the Maritime Infrastructure Program (MIP). TxDOT and recipient ports were successful in initiating the letting process for all projects selected for funding within the first year of the biennium.
- Additionally, the Texas Transportation Commission approved eligible state highway and other publicly accessible roadway projects for \$40 million in funding awards through the Seaport Connectivity Program (SCP).
- The 88th Legislature appropriated \$400 million in general revenue to fund the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund (SCIRF). The entire \$400 million was approved for award to two ports.



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Maritime Infrastructure

Maritime infrastructure addresses port facility and capital improvement needs. Port facilities, including things like storage yards, docks and wharves, entry gates, and interior roadway systems are the backbone of a port's operations. The port's interior infrastructure and equipment help to move workers and goods between vessels and other modes of transportation outside of the port. Investment in port infrastructure allows for ports to maintain efficient business operations, support continued growth of existing businesses, attract new clients, and adapt to ever-changing domestic and global economic conditions all while remaining economically viable and competitive. A port without functional, modern infrastructure will lose out on significant growth, job creation, and revenue generation, while a port that is able to continually invest in infrastructure improvements will actively contribute to the economic health of the region and the state, helping to improve the quality of life in the local area.

Seaport Connectivity

Texas seaports have a robust intermodal transportation system connecting the state and the nation to domestic and foreign markets. A strong, viable network of road, rail, and pipeline connections to facilitate the movement of materials, goods, and personnel is key to the success of the state's port system. Transportation investments not only make individual ports more competitive, but also contribute to economic vibrancy generally, growing job opportunities, bringing resources to the state's coastal cities, and developing connections across regions.

Ship Channels

Texas ship channels have a powerful impact on the Texas and U.S. economies and help transfer Texas's respected exports all over the world. As key features of the supply chain, these assets must be looked after to ensure that they meet future demands to continue economic success. An investment in ship channel improvements typically brings an immediate return-on-investment. As vessels have grown larger to enhance trade efficiency, there has been a need for deeper and wider channels to accommodate them to have access to the ports.



Containers being off-loaded from a container ship at Port Houston

TEXAS PORT SYSTEMS



Executive Summary

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MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE

The maritime infrastructure needs presented encompass a wide variety of projects or studies including waterway projects such as turning basins, connectivity projects such as internal roadway or railroad improvements, and port facilities projects such as bulkheads and storage facilities.

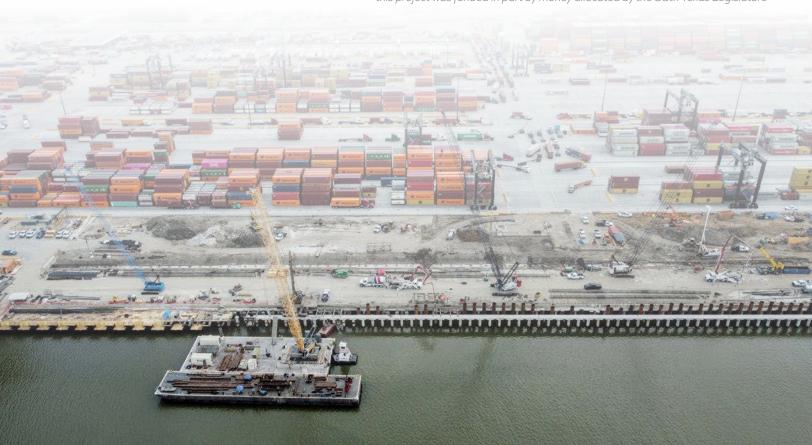
The maritime infrastructure projects presented in this plan include 82 projects, 78 capital projects and four studies, submitted by 17 ports whose total project cost is \$3.11 billion.

Maritime Infrastructure Projects

Project Types	# of Projects	Total Cost
Docks, Berths, and Wharfs*	31	\$1.12 Billion
Terminals	10	\$816.85 Million
Roadway/Railroad/Runway Improvements	10	\$325.07 Million
Building/Facilities	6	\$305.39 Million
Yards	8	\$221.07 Million
Bulkheads	11	\$216.20 Million
Other	6	\$103.70 Million
TOTAL	82	\$3.11 Billion

Costs provided by ports/navigation districts, *Includes four studies

Construction progress on the Port Houston Barbours Cut Wharves; this project was funded in part by money allocated by the 88th Texas Legislature



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Railyard near channel at Port of Port Arthur

SEAPORT CONNECTIVITY

The seaport connectivity needs include potential solutions to address safety issues, congestion, mobility deficiencies, or improvements between the interaction of vehicles, rail, and adjacent land use. Solutions targeting freight movement can provide regional benefits and benefits to general travel. Projects identified in this report were submitted by the ports and are developed at least to a conceptual level.

The seaport connectivity projects presented in this plan include 24 port-requested connectivity projects submitted by 10 ports and two projects submitted by one of the five coastal TxDOT Districts to address freight mobility at a regional scale. The total cost to implement these projects is estimated to be \$584.85 million.

Seaport Connectivity Projects

Project Types	# of Projects	Total Cost
Roadway Improvements	16	\$448.11 Million
Bridge Replacements	2	\$68.15 Million
Entrance/Exit Gate	1	\$40.00 Million
Truck Staging and Queuing Areas	4	\$24.37 Million
Wayfinding and Accessibility	1	\$1.60 Million
Public Parking	1	\$1.50 Million
Pedestrian Improvements	1	\$1.12 Million
TOTAL	26	\$584.85 Million





East Ostos Road at the Port of Brownsville



Receiving federal authorization for ship channel deepening and widening requires that a feasibility study first be completed to demonstrate that there are no negative environmental impacts resulting from the project and that the project is of national economic interest. Beyond just channel deepening and widening projects, other ship channel needs can include non-federal projects like dock deepening to match the deeper channel, areas for ship queuing while waiting for berthing space at the port or major alongside channel infrastructure improvements, like jetty structure improvements at the entrance channel.

Ship channel improvement projects are investments that are costly and time sensitive. Delays in funding and implementing projects can lead to missed opportunities for attracting tenants, increases in overall construction costs, operational and safety issues with vessels, and loss of returns on the overall investment.

Ship Channel Projects

Project Types	# of Projects	Total Cost
Channel Deepening and Widening	8	\$4.96 Billion
Dock or Harbor Improvements	2	\$340.00 Million
Entrance Channel Jetties	1	\$90.00 Million
Other Dredging Needs	2	\$61.20 Million
Feasibility Study	4	\$11.56 Million
TOTAL	17	\$5.46 Billion

Costs provided by ports/navigation districts

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

FEASIBILITY STUDY INITIATION



- Section 203 of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1986 and amendments from recent WRDA issuances allow the non-federal sponsor to initiate the study through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) funding and participation require allocations in their annual Work Plan budget for the specific study

FEASIBILITY STUDY



3 YEARS

UPTO 10 YEARS

- Evaluates proposed solutions and alternatives
- Identifies plan that maximizes National Economic Development (NED) benefits
- Culminates with a USACE-approved signed Chief's Report by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)

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Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund

In 2017, the 85th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 28, establishing the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund (SCIRF). This creates a revolving loan program to help finance the modernization of ship channels. In 2023, the 88th Legislative Session appropriated \$400 million to fund the SCIRF.

SCIRF-eligible projects must:

- Deepen or widen a ship channel
- · Be authorized by Congress
- Meet any other standards set by the Texas Transportation Commission
- Maintenance dredging is not qualified per current statute

Federal Ship Channel Appropriations

Ship channels that have been authorized by the federal government for improvement or where the federal government has assumed maintenance responsibilities are dredged under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program. However, ports act as non-federal sponsors of the projects and are responsible for funding a portion of the construction and maintenance costs.

The ship channel improvement projects presented in this plan include seven federally authorized deepening projects, representing a \$2.54 billion federal share and \$1.92 billion

local share, for a total estimated first cost of \$4.46 billion. These federally authorized projects are eligible to use SCIRF funds. Loan funds will be utilized to cover construction costs and will be paid back into the fund over time. Additionally, this plan reflects four projects in the feasibility study phase for future Congressional authorization, and five non-federal projects, which are ineligible for SCIRF funding according to the current statute. The total cost of all ship channel needs is estimated to be \$5.46 billion.

Some federal funding has already been appropriated to date for federally authorized channel improvement projects and feasibility studies. Through 2024, federal appropriations for ship channel improvement projects in this plan total approximately \$1.23 billion.

Federal Appropriations for Texas Ship Channel Projects Through 2024

Project Name	Amount Appropriated
Brazos Island Harbor Channel Improvement	\$68.00 Million
Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement	\$405.68 Million
Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement	\$207.72 Million
Galveston Harbor Channel Extension	\$10.78 Million
Houston Ship Channel Expansion	\$172.72 Million
Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement	\$1.81 Million
Sabine-Neches Waterway Channel Improvement	\$367.00 Million
TOTAL	\$1.23 Billion

CONGRESSIONAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION



10+YEARS

2 YEARS

- An individual project requires Congressional authorization for construction through a signed bill or WRDA
- WRDAs have been issued as frequently as biennially or as infrequently as once a decade

PROJECT FUNDING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

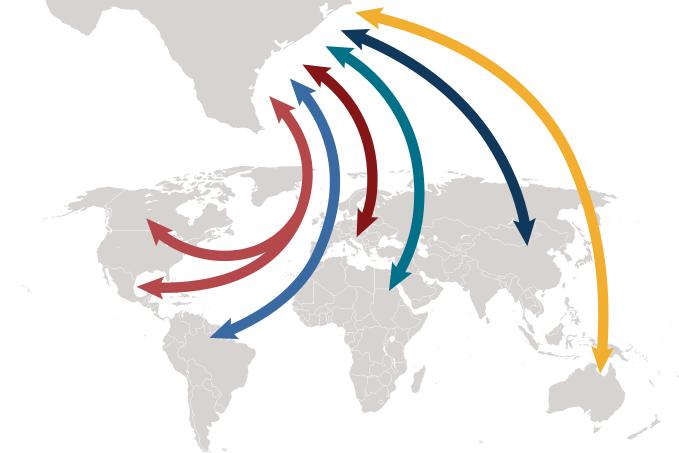


PROJECT DEPENDENT

- A Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) provides a legally binding agreement between the federal government and non-federal sponsor for construction
- Be authorized and have funding allocated by Congress

TEXAS PORTS

IMPACT THE GLOBAL **ECONOMY**



Annual Trade by Region':

Canada & Mexico \$50.77 B

Exports: \$36.16 B Imports: \$14.62 B **South & Central America**

\$67.44 B

Exports: \$49.76 B Imports: \$17.67 B **Europe**

\$123.27 B

Exports: \$87.85 B Imports: \$35.42 B

Africa \$9.77 B

Exports: \$7.94 B Imports: \$1.83 B

Exports: \$87.89 B Imports: \$62.12 B

Asia

\$150.01 B

Australia & Oceania

Exports: \$1.72 B Imports: \$0.62 B

\$403.61 billion in trade value overall annually*

\$271.32 billion in exports and \$132.28 billion in imports *Values in dollars for annual combined waterborne import and export trade value for Texas in 2023.

> Refer to the 89th Legislative Session Texas Port Mission Plan at https://www.txdot.gov/ projects/planning/maritime-port-planning.html for references.

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ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT

Keith Barrett, Harbormaster & Executive Director www.acnd.org





Established in 1925, the Aransas County Navigation District (ACND) manages over 1,900 acres of maritime and recreational facilities in Texas, including harbors, boat ramps, fishing piers, and Rockport Beach, with direct access to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW). Dedicated to serving industry alongside conserving and developing the area's natural resources, the ACND enhances the community's connection to waterbased activities and commerce by ensuring the navigability of inland and coastal waterways.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

The ACND is currently prioritizing critical infrastructure updates to address the pressing needs of Cove Harbor, its industrial hub. Key projects include enhancing area lighting to improve safety for the increased traffic from booming industrial activities and the significant growth experienced in Rockport and Aransas County. Additionally, the aging bulkheads, some over 60 years old, urgently require replacement to prevent potential catastrophic failure that could impact the harbor's operations and the local environment. These improvements are essential not only for retaining the businesses that have chosen ACND as their base but also for attracting new commerce, thereby supporting "head of household" jobs crucial for the local economy.

Opportunity-wise, ACND is poised to capitalize on the multifaceted use of its harbors to stimulate local tourism and economic development. Rockport Harbor and Rockport Beach, often voted the #1 beach in Texas, presents a significant opportunity for enhancing public events, art festivals, and market days, thereby increasing its cultural and recreational appeal. Meanwhile, Fulton Harbor's dual role in supporting both commercial and sport fishing activities offers a unique chance to diversify Aransas County's maritime activities further.

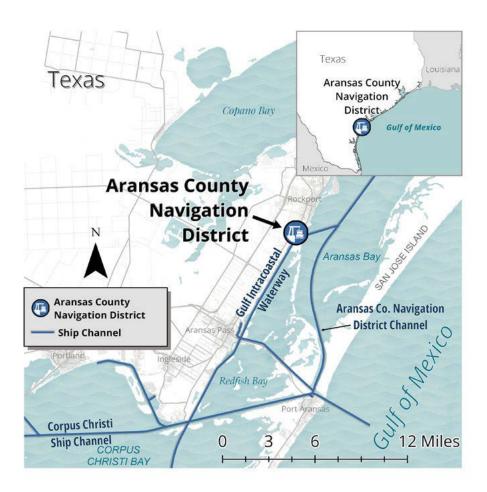


Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Cove Harbor Bulkhead	Maritime Infrastructure	\$15.0 Million
Rockport Harbor Bulkheads	Maritime Infrastructure	\$3.0 Million



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HARBORS

- Rockport Harbor
- Fulton Harbor
- Cove Harbor

BOAT RAMP

Copano Bay Boat Ramp

PARKS

- Rockport Beach
- Veteran's Memorial Park



Ship Channel Name: Aransas County Navigation Channel Current Depth: ~9 ft Authorized Depth: N/A



INTERMODALITY

ROAD

 Highway access to US 59, US 87, SH 35, and SH 172

RAIL

N/A

BARGE

• Direct Access to GIWW

AIR

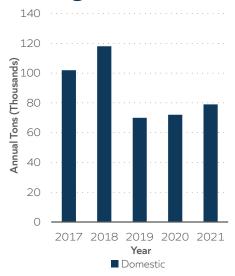
- 38 miles to Corpus Christi International Airport
- · Nearby regional airports

CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Commodities

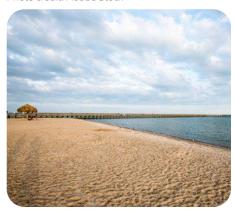
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Crude Materials
- · Primary Manufactured Goods

Tonnage



Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024

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CALHOUN PORT AUTHORITY

Charles R. Hausmann, Port Director www.calhounport.com









Established in 1965, the Calhoun Port Authority supports the Texas mid-coast's access to global markets, catering to the chemical manufacturing industry. It handles diverse cargoes like high-value chemicals, petrochemicals, crude oil, and fertilizers for international export. Its dock accommodates carriers up to 750 feet, utilizing the Matagorda Ship Channel and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), that are vital for Calhoun County's economy and the commercial fishing industry.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

Over the last few years, Calhoun Port Authority has been focusing on expanding its market reach and capabilities, significantly influenced by partnerships and development projects that promise to enhance its operational scale. Notably, the introduction of a 1.5 million-ton per annum capacity through the involvement of the PTB Group of Texas, alongside the conceptualization of moving toward unit train shipments, marks a strategic shift toward increasing the port's bulk handling capabilities. These developments, aimed at facilitating larger and more efficient cargo movements, underscore the port's commitment to evolving with industry demands and logistical advancements. Challenges such as the need for rail improvements and the resolution of congestion issues at critical intersections like SH 35/FM 1593 persist, indicating a continued focus on enhancing inland connectivity to support this growth.

In anticipation of future growth, the port is methodically planning the phased development of the South Peninsula, focusing on expanding liquid dock facilities. Additionally, proposed maritime infrastructure projects like shoreline bulkheading underscore a commitment to operational and environmental resilience. With the planned ship channel widening and deepening, the port is poised to support new cargo opportunities, aligning its development trajectory with regional economic aspirations and the maritime industry's evolving needs.

ECONOMIC IMPACT



Annual Truck Traffic 34,000



3,800



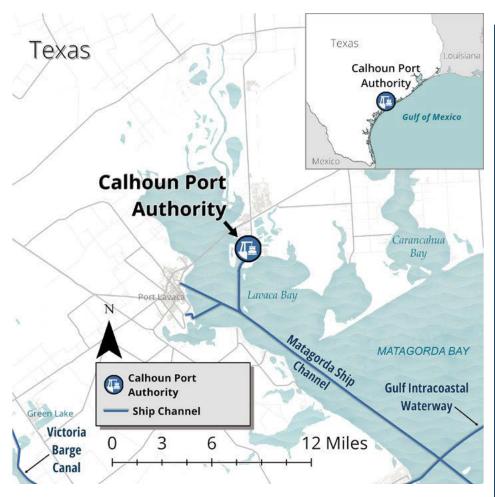
Annual Port Revenues \$2 Billion



Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
General Cargo Dock- Impact Breasting Dolphin Replacement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$817,200
General Cargo Dock - Dock Pile Encapsulation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$541, 256
New Barge Fleeting Area	Maritime Infrastructure	\$24.0 Million
South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 1	Maritime Infrastructure	\$48.0 Million
South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 2	Maritime Infrastructure	\$80.4 Million
South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 3	Maritime Infrastructure	\$51.6 Million
Jetty Deficiency	Ship Channel	\$90.0 Million
Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project	Ship Channel	\$525 Million

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PORT FACILITIES

DOCKS & WHARVES

- · 3 liquid cargo docks
- 1 dry bulk dock
- 1 cargo dock
- 1 multi-purpose dock
- 1 barge fleeting dock

CARGO HANDLING

- · Multiple liquid cargo loading arms
- · Pipe rack capabilities
- Spiral dry bulk conveyor unloading tower
- · Cargo outloading conveyor



Ship Channel Name: Matagorda

Ship Channel

Current Depth: 38 ft Authorized Depth: 47 ft

Projects: Matagorda Ship Channel

Improvement Project

MINTERMODALITY

ROAD

• Highway access to US 59, US 87, SH 35, and SH 172

RAIL

• Point Comfort & Northern Railway short line railroad to Union Pacific

BARGE

- 19-mile sailing distance to GIWW **AIR**
- · Nearby regional airports **PIPELINE**
- Connections available



CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Commodities

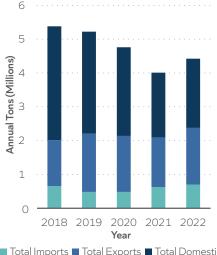
EXPORTS

- Fertilizer & Chemicals
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- · All Manufactured Equipment, Machinery and Products

IMPORTS

- Fertilizers & Chemicals
- Primary Manufactured Goods
- · All Manufactured Equipment, Machinery and Products
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products

Tonnage



■ Total Imports ■ Total Exports ■ Total Domestic

Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024

Commercial Fishing

 2 million pounds of landings worth \$5.4 million in 2018

Commercial fishing data from NOAA, 2019

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The Port of Victoria is an inland, shallow draft port established in 1946. The port is accessed via the Victoria Barge Canal, with a connection to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) on the southern end of San Antonio Bay, and offers easy access to deep draft shipping through the nearby Matagorda Ship Channel. The port is also a Harbor of Refuge, a designated shelter for ships and vessels that would be otherwise exposed to open seas during inclement weather.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

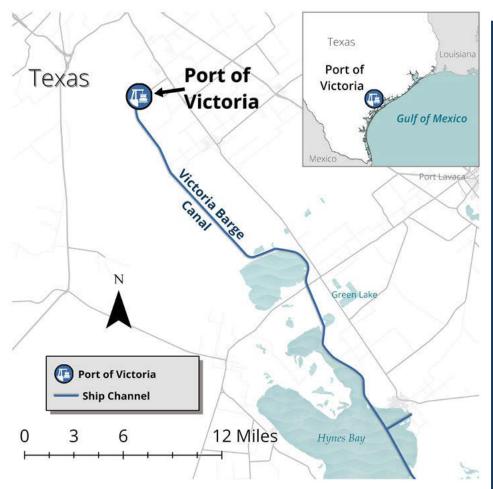
The Port of Victoria is positioning itself as a burgeoning green energy hub, focusing on the development of ammonia and hydrogen spaces, signaling a significant evolution in its market strategy. The port's future sees a push towards leveraging rail infrastructure for cargo movement to satellite transloading centers, indicative of a strategic shift in handling green energy and chemical facilities. The emphasis on rail expansion and storage yard development is part of a broader initiative to adapt to the substantial power and water requirements forecasted for the near future.

Maritime infrastructure projects are also prominent in the port's vision, with the development of liquid docks for planned ammonia and hydrogen projects and an expansion of transloading tracks and container yards to augment its capacity as a satellite port for Houston. Upgrades to key roadways, like the North Access Road to East Transload Road, and the development of a prime 30-acre greenfield site with waterfront access are instrumental in enhancing the port's accessibility. In parallel, plans to relocate the Port Administration Building are underway to foster business and support services, while also optimizing the utilization of port real estate.

Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
General Cargo Dock Development	Maritime Infrastructure	\$8.0 Million
Liquid Docks 4-6 and 1-2	Maritime Infrastructure	\$15.0 Million
Port Administration Building	Maritime Infrastructure	\$5.0 Million
Texas Logistics Center Rail Car Storage Phases 1 and 2	Maritime Infrastructure	\$25.0 Million
Transload Tracks and Container Laydown Yard Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$12.0 Million
Edna Lane / McCoy Road / Dupont Road	Seaport Connectivity	\$5.0 Million
North Access Road to Turning Basin	Seaport Connectivity	\$1.3 Million
North Access Road to East Transload Road	Seaport Connectivity	\$1.9 Million
SH 185 Flyover	Seaport Connectivity	\$25.0 Million

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PORT FACILITIES

DOCKS & WHARVES

- 2 general cargo decks totaling 200,000 sf
- 3 liquid docks
- Dock 1 is a 350-ft dual slip loading dock (20,000 sf)
- Dock 2 is an 800-ft loading dock (150,000 sf)
- · Turning basin

STORAGE & LAND

- 17,000 sf shed space
- 3+ acres ground storage
- 7,300 sf office and storage building
- 2,000+ acres of land available for lease
- 10- to 2,000-acre greenfield sites available



Ship Channel Name: Victoria

Barge Canal

Current Depth: 12 ft Authorized Depth: 12 ft

INTERMODALITY

ROAD

 Highway connections to SH 35, SH 463, US 59/Future US 69, and US 77

RAIL

 Port switching railroad with dual access to BNSF and Union Pacific

BARGE

 36-mile sailing distance to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

AIR

- 13 miles from Victoria Regional Airport
- Easements available



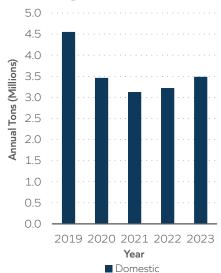
CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Commodities

DOMESTIC

- · Fertilizers & Chemicals
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Crude Materials
- Manufactured Goods
- Equipment & Machinery

Tonnage



Tonnage data provided by the Port of Victoria



The Port of Victoria
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PORT of WEST CALHOUN

West Side Calhoun County Navigation District

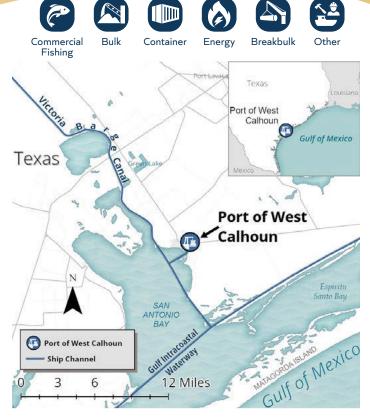
Jennifer Stastny, Director www.portofwestcalhoun.com

The Port of West Calhoun is a shallow draft port that was established in 1946. The port operates Long Mott Harbor and Seadrift Harbor, which offer access to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway via the Victoria Barge Canal. Key uses of port facilities include commercial and industrial barge loading and unloading, commercial fishing, and oil and gas exploration. The port is also used by recreational boaters.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

The Port of West Calhoun, amid an evolving market landscape, faces a crossroads where the provision of multimodal options, especially rail, becomes paramount to future success. Recent years have seen a surge of interest from both U.S. and international companies to use the port, yet the absence of necessary infrastructure, like rail access and a dockwall, has led to missed opportunities. However, projects like the recent Seaport Connectivity Program investment demonstrate opportunities, facilitating Dow's expansion near the port and supporting their ambitious plans for a small nuclear reactor. The port is exploring alternative financing methods, such as public-private partnerships, to overcome challenges in providing local match funding for future opportunities.

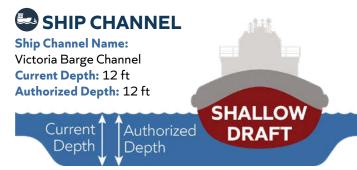
Strategic development at the port is aimed at establishing an industrial park in Long Mott Harbor, unlocking over 200 acres for development. Rail access remains a pivotal need for future tenants, but current rail lines are privately held, limiting expansion. The Long Mott Harbor Liquid Cargo Dock Bulkhead improvement is a completed project enhancing liquid cargo handling. The port's vision includes transforming Port O'Connor into a recreational hub with a 380-slip marina, addressing holiday traffic congestion and enhancing connectivity to support local development.



PORT FACILITIES

HARBORS

- Long Mott Harbor
- Seadrift Harbor



Port Projects

Project Name Project Type Total Project Cost

Long Mott Harbor Liquid Cargo Dock Bulkhead and Improvements Maritime Infrastructure \$18.6 Million



