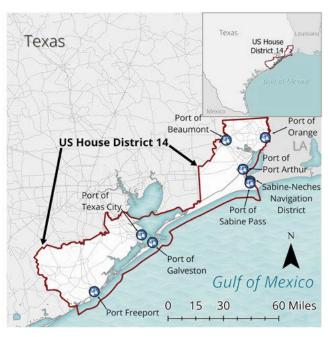


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## **TxDOT Government Affairs**

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



www.txdot.gov/about/divisions/maritime-division.html

## **Ports in House District 14**

















## **Projects in House District 14**

#### Port of Beaumont

• Island Park Terminal Shoreline Stabilization	\$15.00 M
Lot 14 Multipurpose Laydown Yard	\$34.41 M
• Main Street Terminal 2 - Dock, Shed, and Rail	\$190.00 M
Orange County Access Road	\$40.00 M
South End Truck Queuing Area Phase II	\$20.00 M
• Workforce Development and Training Center	\$3.00 M
Truck Queuing Area 3	\$4.00 M

#### Port Freeport

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Parcel 25 Improvement Project	\$20.00 M
• Velasco Terminal - Area 4 Improvement Project	\$26.76 M
• Velasco Terminal - Area 6 Improvement Project	\$10.00 M
Velasco Terminal - Berth 9 Expansion	\$56.00 M
• Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project	\$295.00 M
Truck Staging Area Across from Gate 8	\$7.61 M
Public Parking Expansion Area	\$1.50 M

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## **Projects in House District 14**

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Port of Galveston
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Maintenance Facility Relocation\$10.00 M
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• Pelican Island Projects Phase 1\$65.00 M
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Rail Spur and Loading Area\$5.00 M
West End Cargo Expansion\$18.00 M
Wharf Road Roadway and Utility Improvements
and Gate Relocation\$14.00 M
• Galveston Harbor Channel Extension Project\$16.34 M
Galveston Island Wayfinding Project\$1.60 M
• Pedestrian Improvements 21st - 29th Street\$1.12 M
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Port of Orange
DRAVO Bulkhead - East Side
DRAVO Bulkhead - West Side\$44.25 M
Improve Rail Reverse Curves from S. Childers to
Alabama\$2.53 M
Railyard South of Childers Road\$3.00 M
• Trans Modal Yard Transition Dock and Fendering\$13.59 M
Hickory Cove Improvements\$55.20 M
Alabama Street Entrance Improvements from
FM 1006 to Gate\$2.83 M
Alabama Street Improvements from Gate to Bridge
Crossing and Bulkhead\$9.46 M
Alabama Street Improvements from Bridge
Crossing to Command Center\$3.73 M
South Childers Roadway Improvements from FM 1006 to
Orange City Limits\$4.38 M
South Childers Roadway Improvements from City Limits to
Entrance of DRAVO Industrial Terminal\$8.34 M
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Enhancements - East Side\$7.30 M
<ul> <li>DRAVO Additional Truck Queuing and Utility</li> </ul>
Enhancements - West Side\$5.47 M

#### Port of Port Arthur

Berth 1-2 Toe Wall Construction	\$31.00 M
Berth 7 & 8 Liquids Loading Terminal	\$36.40 M
Berths 3-5 Toe Wall	\$42.00 M
Bridge Multimodal Laydown Area	\$14.62 M
Multimodal Railyard Flyover Staging Area	\$13.03 M
Railyard Redevelopment	\$15.10 M
Terminal Rail Expansion	\$10.00 M
• Turn Lane Traffic Relief and Truck Staging Area	\$4.72 M

Port of Sabine Pass	
Inlet Channel for Marina Expansion	\$12.00 M
• Intracoastal Canal Barge Berthing and Loading	
Terminal	\$40.00 M
LNG Ship Berth and Bunkering	\$65.00 M
Mechanic Street Facilities	\$2.39 M
Multi-Use Facility Expansion	\$8.00 M
North Yard Dock	\$44.70 M
• Sheet Piling Wall Replacement at Texas Bayou .	\$12.95 M
State Highway 87	\$284.00 M
White Ranch Road	\$23.11 M
Industrial Truck Route	\$20.13M

#### **Sabine-Neches Navigation District**

• Sabine-Neches Waterway Channel Improvement Project.....\$1.80 B

Total Project Cost......\$3.71 Billion



Container ship docked at Port Freeport







# IMPACTS of TEXAS PORTS

**#7** Port of Beaumont (2022)

Port of Galveston

1.49 Million
Cruise Passengers in 2023

Port of Palacios

Largest

Shrimp Fleet in Texas

Texas Transportation Jobs (2023)

2,518,000

\$713.9 BILLION

Total 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

89<sup>TH</sup> 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** 

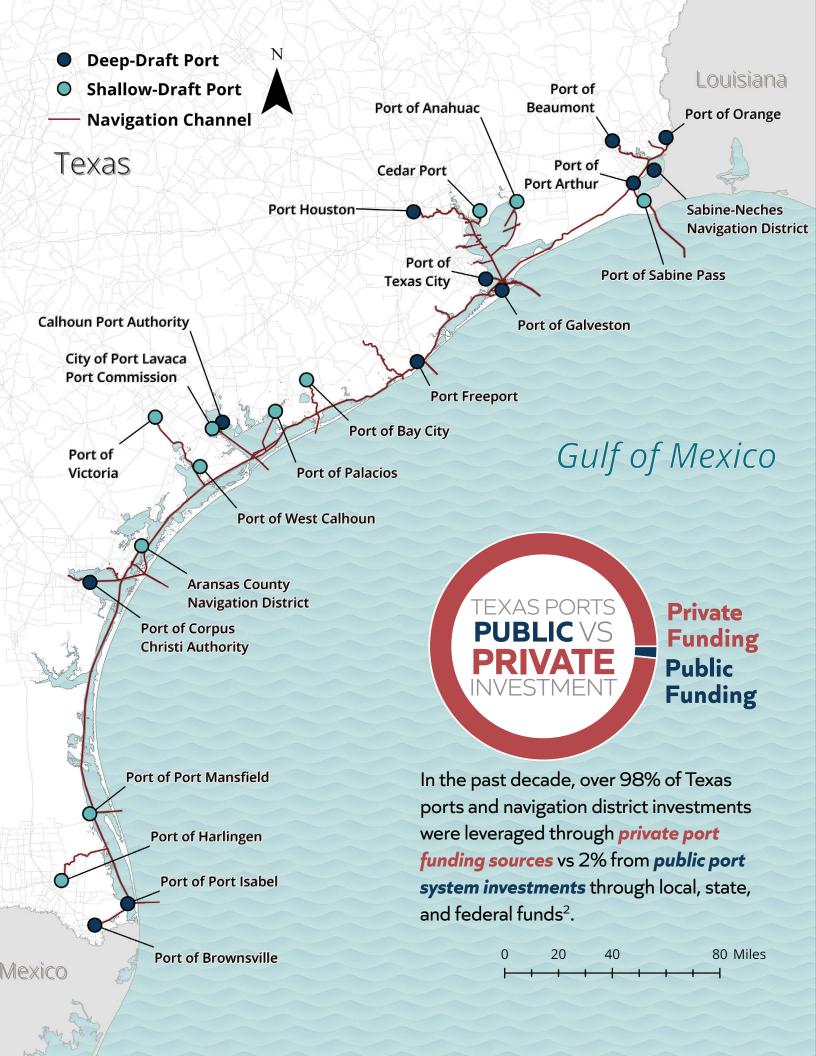


\$5.46 **BILLION** 

## 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



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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

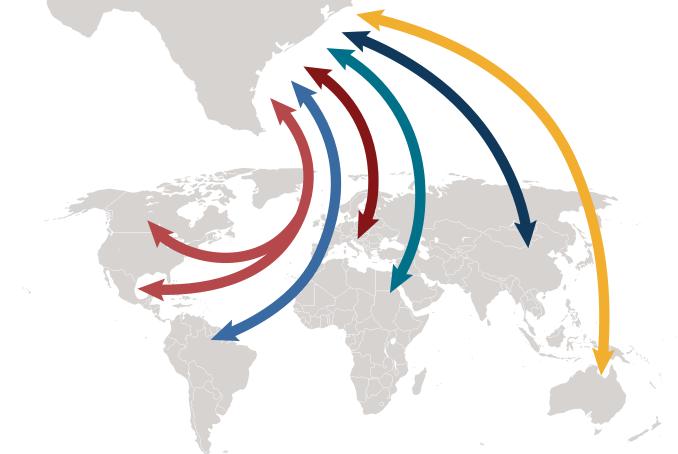


#### **PROJECT DEPENDENT**

- 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

**America** \$67.44 B

**South & Central** 

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 \$150.01 B

**Asia** 

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



## PORT of BEAUMONT

Port of Beaumont Navigation District, Jefferson County

Chris Fisher, Port Director & CEO www.pobtx.com









Situated on the Neches River 42 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, the Port of Beaumont has been providing deep draft channel access to the Southeast Texas region for over 100 years. The port is accessed via the Sabine-Neches Waterway, a 64-mile long navigation channel maintained by the Sabine-Neches Navigation District, and the Port of Beaumont Channel, and stretches from Port Arthur city limits to the Port of Beaumont public wharves and docks. The port serves as the largest strategic military port in the United States.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

The Port of Beaumont is prioritizing construction and modernization of infrastructure that will increase storage and berthing capacity to meet the current and future needs of customers. Focus areas include reconstruction of the Main Street Terminal 2 shed, dock and rail, which was originally constructed in the 1950s; construction of an access road that will facilitate the expansion of the port's billion dollar liquid bulk handling facility; construction of an additional queuing area to reduce congestion on city streets; stabilization of a shoreline that will open up future growth opportunities; and development of a workforce development and training facility to enhance the skill sets that support the maritime industry.

## **TOP 10 U.S. PORT FOR OVERALL TONNAGE**

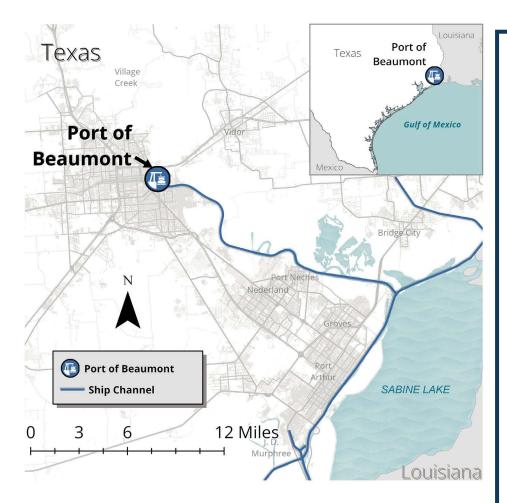


## Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
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Island Park Terminal Shoreline Stabilization	Maritime Infrastructure	\$15.0 Million
Lot 14 Multipurpose Laydown Yard	Maritime Infrastructure	\$34.4 Million
Main Street Terminal 2 - Dock, Shed and Rail	Maritime Infrastructure	\$190 Million
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Orange County Access Road	Maritime Infrastructure	\$40.0 Million
Truck Queuing Area 3	Seaport Connectivity	\$4.0 Million



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## DOCKS, WHARVES, LAND, & STORAGE

- 12 public docks/wharves
- 105+ acres of open storage
- 500,000+ sf of covered storage over 98 acres
- 800+ acres available for buildout

#### **CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT**

- 1 Liebherr Mobile Harbor Crane
- 19460 American Crane
- 2 Grove GHC130 Crawler Cranes
- · Limited shore power available



Ship Channel Name: Port of Beaumont Channel (PoBC) and Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW)

**Current Depth:** 

40 ft (SNWW)

**Authorized Depth:** 

48 ft (SNWW)



#### ROAD

 Highway access to US 69/96, US 10, US 287, US 90, SH 82, SH 87, SH 73, and SH 105

#### **RAIL**

 BNSF, Canadian Pacific Kansas City, and Union Pacific

#### BARGE

• Direct access to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

#### **AIR**

• 11 miles to Jack Brooks Regional Airport

#### **PIPELINE**

• Direct connections available



# CARGO CONNECTIONS

## Top Trading Partners

#### **EXPORTS**

- 🚃 Asia \$7.9 Billion
- Mexico \$2.9 Billion
- Spain \$1.5 Billion

#### **IMPORTS**

- Mexico \$3.0 Billion
- Asia \$143 Million
- \delta Brazil \$141 Million

Data from USA Trade for 2023

## Top Commodities

#### **EXPORTS**

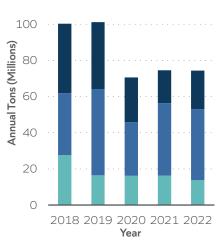
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Fertilizer & Chemicals
- Food & Agricultural Products
- Crude Materials

#### **IMPORTS**

- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Crude Materials
- Fertilizers & Chemicals
- All Manufactured Equipment, Machinery and Products

## Tonnage

120 ...



■ Total Imports ■ Total Exports ■ Total Domestic

Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce

Statistics Center, 2024



## PORT FREEPORT

PORT FREEPORT Port Freeport Navigation District

Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO www.portfreeport.com











Port Freeport is a deep water port that was voted into existence in 1925 by Brazoria County residents. Its services include project cargo and breakbulk, container, heavy lift, and roll on/off operations. Port Freeport ranks #6 in chemicals and #26 in containers in the U.S. and transports over 37 million tons of cargo annually.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

Port Freeport is actively pursuing infrastructure enhancements and market diversification to strengthen its connectivity and broaden its service offerings. The port is rapidly growing its operations by expanding its automotive, container and steel volumes, including significant contracts with Volkswagen Group of America and Fresh Del Monte Produce. Looking forward, the port is exploring new cargo opportunities and supporting chemical and production facilities for exports. Key infrastructure projects are in motion to support this expansion and promote efficient cargo movement, including the widening of SH 36 for improved port access and the development of truck queuing areas.

In preparation for increasing traffic, Port Freeport is focusing on critical connectivity enhancements. Initiatives like the Terminal Expansion Area and concrete stabilization behind Berth 8 demonstrate the port's strategy to upgrade its maritime infrastructure. These enhancements are critical in supporting the port's anticipated growth in shipments and vehicle traffic.

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT**



**Annual Rail Cars** 14,000



**Direct Jobs** 16,400

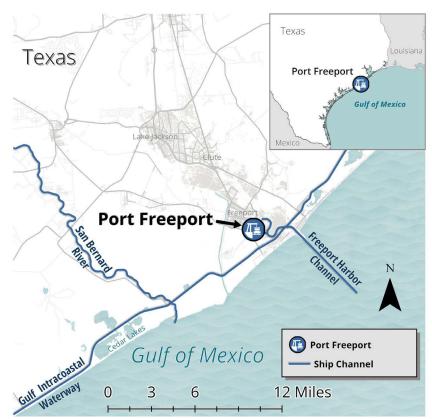
Ranked

Among U.S. Ports in Total Foreign Waterborne Tonnage Handled

## Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Velasco Terminal - Area 6 Improvement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$10.0 Million
Velasco Terminal - Berth 9 Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$56.0 Million
Velasco Terminal - Area 4 Improvement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$26.8 Million
Parcel 25 Improvement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$20.0 Million
Public Parking Expansion Area	Seaport Connectivity	\$1.5 Million
Truck Staging Area Across from Gate 8	Seaport Connectivity	\$7.6 Million
Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project	Ship Channel	\$295 Million

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## PORT FACILITIES

#### **DOCKS & WHARVES**

- 18 operating berths, including private docks
- Over 7 mi of port-owned rail track
- 90 acres for container operations
- Over 1,800 ft of multi-purpose berth for Panamax and Post-Panamax vessels
- 1 hour vessel transit time to most private and public berths

#### **CARGO HANDLING**

- 2 Post-Panamax ship-to-shore gantry cranes
- 2 additional Super Post-Panamax gantry cranes planned for Berths 7 and 8
- Project cargo and oversize overweight corridor
- · Roll on/Roll off services

#### **LAND & STORAGE**

- 7,000 acres undeveloped land
- 1,800 acres for buildout
- 300 acres of environmentally mitigated property



#### **ROAD**

- Highway connections to SH 36, SH 288, SH 6, and SH 35
- Ongoing SH 36 expansion from Port Freeport to Fort Bend County Line

#### DAII

• Connections to Union Pacific

#### **BARGE**

 30-minute sailing time to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

#### **AIR**

- Commercial service to HOU and IAH PIPELINE
- Connections available



**Ship Channel Name:** Freeport Harbor Channel

**Current Depth: 46 ft** 

Authorized Depth: 51 to 56 ft (varies)



# CARGO CONNECTIONS Top Trading Partners

**EXPORTS** 

Asia \$5.9 Billion

France \$652 Million

Netherlands \$632 Million

#### **IMPORTS**

Mexico \$1.5 Billion

🐺 Asia \$1.2 Billion

Colombia \$380 Million

Data from USA Trade for 2023

## Top Commodities

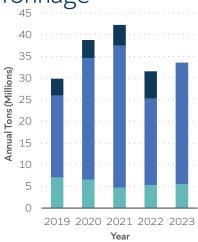
#### **EXPORTS**

- LNG & LPG
- Privately Owned Vehicles
- Crude Oil & Refined Crude Oil Products
- Petrochemicals
- Plastics
- Containers

#### **IMPORTS**

- Crude Oil
- Petrochemicals
- Green Fruit
- Finished & Privately Owned Vehicles
- Machinery & Agricultural Equipment
- Containers

Tonnage



■ Total Imports ■ Total Exports ■ Total Domestic

Tonnage data for 2019-2022 from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024; data for 2023 provided by the Port of Freeport

\*The total domestic tonnage for 2023 is unknown.



## PORT of GALVESTON

#### **Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves**

Rodger Rees, Port Director/CEO www.portofgalveston.com

















The Port of Galveston is a deepwater port established in 1825 and situated at the entrance of Galveston Bay and the Houston Ship Channel. The port serves thriving cruise and cargo industries, as well as commercial tenants. The Port of Galveston does not rely on any local tax dollars for its operations and capital improvements.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

The Port of Galveston is actively advancing its connectivity and maritime infrastructure to enhance operational efficiency, maximize port assets, and generate regional economic growth and more jobs. Important connectivity enhancements are underway, including an internal roadway to facilitate port traffic, improvements to pedestrian access, and optimized road connections between Harborside Drive and I-45. Notable projects such as the pedestrian sky bridge over Harborside Drive at 25th Street and upgrades along the internal Port Industrial Road aim to improve mobility and safety for both cruise and cargo traffic.



Projected between 2021 and 2024

On the maritime front, the port is investing in critical infrastructure projects to increase capacity and accommodate larger vessels. This includes the development of additional berths on Pelican Island, significant mooring and berthing upgrades at Piers 30-33, and essential maintenance like the replacement of the Cruise Terminal 28 sheet pile. These initiatives are pivotal for enhancing the port's cargo throughput and logistical capabilities, securing its position as a key economic hub on the Gulf Coast.

## Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Cruise Terminal 28 Sheet Pile Replacement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$30.0 Million
Maintenance Facility Relocation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$10.0 Million
Pelican Island Berth Development	Maritime Infrastructure	\$35.0 Million
Pelican Island Projects Phase 1	Maritime Infrastructure	\$65.0 Million
Pier 29 Bulkhead Improvements	Maritime Infrastructure	\$7.0 Million
Pier 30-33 Mooring and Berthing Upgrades	Maritime Infrastructure	\$10.0 Million
Rail Spur and Loading Area	Maritime Infrastructure	\$5.0 Million
West End Cargo Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$18.0 Million
Wharf Road Roadway and Utility Improvements and Gate Relocation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$14.0 Million
Pier 12-14 Berth	Maritime Infrastructure	\$101.6 Million
Galveston Island Wayfinding Project	Seaport Connectivity	\$1.6 Million
Pedestrian Improvements 21st - 29th Street	Seaport Connectivity	\$1.1 Million
Galveston Harbor Channel Extension Project	Ship Channel	\$16.3 Million



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#### **TERMINALS**

- Three cruise terminals
- Roll on/off cargo terminal at Pier 39/40
- · Project cargo at Pier 34
- Marina for commercial fishing at Pier 19
- 340 acres for buildout

#### **CARGO HANDLING**

- · Pelican Island Marine Repair Facility
- Fertilizer import at Pier 35



**Ship Channel Name:** Galveston Harbor Channel

Current Depth: Varies 41 to 46 ft Authorized Depth: Varies 41 to 46 ft



## **INTERMODALITY**

#### ROAL

 Highway connections to SH 275, US 74, and I-45

#### RΔII

 Connections to BNSF and Union Pacific

#### **BARGE**

- Direct access to GIWW (M-10, M-69)
- Commercial air service to HOU and IAH airports

#### **PIPELINE**

• Connections available

#### **PEDESTRIAN**

 Access from cruise terminals to the historical commercial district, parking, restaurants, hotels, and retail

# CARGO CONNECTIONS

## Top Trading Partners

#### **EXPORTS**

- Brazil \$444 Million
- India \$251 Million
- South Korea \$194 Million

#### **IMPORTS**

- Germany \$1.6 Billion
- **Brazil** \$807 Million
- Japan \$695 Million

Data from USA Trade for 2023

## Top Commodities

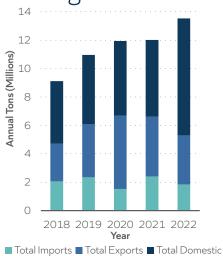
#### **EXPORTS**

- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Fertilizers & Chemicals
- Agriculture & Food
- Crude Materials
- Manufactured Goods
- Crude Materials

#### **IMPORTS**

- Fertilizers & Chemicals
- All Manufactured Equipment, Machinery & Products
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products

## Tonnage



Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024



## PORT of ORANGE

## Orange County Navigation and Port District

Lorrie Taylor, Executive Port Director/CEO www.portoforange.com





The Port of Orange is centrally located between Houston and Lake Charles on I-10, on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and Sabine River. The port was established in 1953 and was historically opened to service the local sawmills. Today, timber and plastics are large export commodities that are shipped to New Orleans, Galveston, and other Gulf ports.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

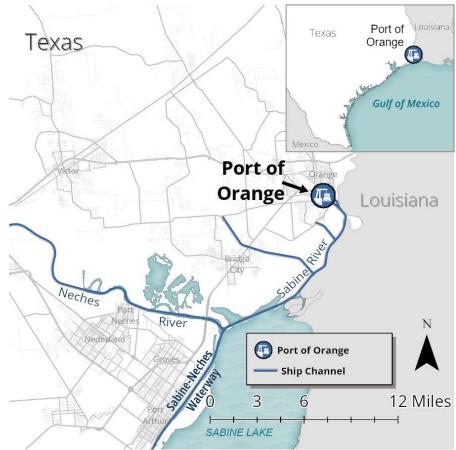
The Port of Orange is actively enhancing its connectivity and infrastructure to adapt to the evolving demands of the maritime and transportation sectors. Central to its strategy is the development of multimodal transport facilities, focusing on improving rail and road connectivity. This includes key projects like the Alabama Street Entrance and South Childers Roadway improvements, aimed at boosting operational efficiency and accommodating larger freight volumes.

The port is forging strategic partnerships with local and state authorities to support infrastructure projects. These collaborations are essential for securing funding and resources, crucial for expanding the port's capabilities. By focusing on these areas, the Port of Orange is positioning itself to meet current demands while preparing for future market shifts, laying a foundation for sustained growth and operational effectiveness.

## Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
DRAVO Bulkhead - East Side	Maritime Infrastructure	\$34.2 Million
DRAVO Bulkhead - West Side	Maritime Infrastructure	\$44.3 Million
Improve Rail Reverse Curves from S. Childers to Alabama	Maritime Infrastructure	\$2.5 Million
Railyard South of Childers Road	Maritime Infrastructure	\$3.0 Million
Trans Modal Yard Transition Dock and Fendering	Maritime Infrastructure	\$13.6 Million
Alabama Street Entrance Improvements from FM 1006 to Gate	Seaport Connectivity	\$2.8 Million
Alabama Street Improvements from Bridge Crossing to Command Center	Seaport Connectivity	\$3.7 Million
Alabama Street Improvements from Gate to Bridge Crossing and Bulkhead	Seaport Connectivity	\$9.5 Million
DRAVO Additional Truck Queuing and Utility Enhancements - West Side	Seaport Connectivity	\$5.5 Million
DRAVO Additional Truck Queuing and Utility Enhancements - East Side	Seaport Connectivity	\$7.3 Million
South Childers Roadway Improvements from FM 1006 to Orange City Limits	Seaport Connectivity	\$4.4 Million
South Childers Roadway Improvements from City Limits to Entrance of DRAVO Industrial Terminal	Seaport Connectivity	\$8.3 Million
Hickory Cove Improvements	Ship Channel	\$55.2 Million





## **PORT FACILITIES**

#### **DOCKS & WHARVES**

- 4 berths
- 136-ft air restriction
- · Dry dock services for barges and tugs

#### **CARGO HANDLING**

- Container-on-barge shipping capabilities
- · Heavy haul route for cargo
- Up to 800 amp shore power connections at each berth and pier

#### **STORAGE & LAND**

- 8 warehouses at Alabama St. Terminal
- 350,000+ sf covered storage
- 100+ acres available for build-out
- 28+ warehouses/offices at multiple locations



Ship Channel Name: Sabine River and Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW) **Current Depth:** 

22 ft (Sabine River) | 40 ft (SNWW)

**Authorized Depth:** 30 ft (Sabine River) | 48 ft (SNWW)

## **MINTERMODALITY**

· Highway connections to I-10, SH 62, and SH 87

#### **RAIL**

· Connection to Union Pacific

#### **BARGE**

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

• Connections to Orange County Airport and Jack Brooks Regional Airport

• Natural gas, oil, and volatile substance pipeline connections



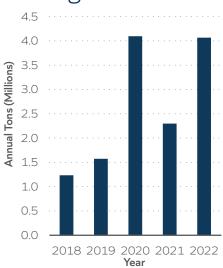
## **CARGO CONNECTIONS**

## Top Commodities

#### DOMESTIC

- Gasoline
- · Residual Fuel Oil
- Limestone
- Cement and Concrete
- Nitrogen Compounds
- Timber
- Plastics

## Tonnage



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## PORT of PORT ARTHUR

### Port of Port Arthur Navigation District

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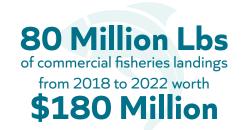




The Port of Port Arthur is deep water port co-located on the Sabine Neches Waterway, SNNW, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, GIWW. The port serves as a multi-modal transportation nexus connecting water, rail, truck and pipelines to meet the needs of domestic and international. The facility is the closest SNNW deep draft public port to the Gulf of Mexico. The Port of Port Arthur handles an array of cargoes including, energy, military, forest product, metals and project support; generating jobs and economic development for region, state and nation.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

The Port of Port Arthur, a strategic military port, is gearing up for significant expansion and infrastructural improvements for enhancing its connectivity and adjusting to the shifting demands of maritime logistics. Integral to its strategic development is the improvement of the SNWW, which is in the process of being deepened from 40 to 48 feet through a federally authorized project that has received \$103.2 million in federal funds. Construction is expected to span 7 to 10 years. This endeavor aims to bolster the port's capacity for handling larger vessels and increasing cargo volumes, strengthening its position as a pivotal link to international markets. However, it is important to note that the air draft restriction posed by the Martin Luther King Bridge could limit the height of vessels navigating the SNNW, even after it is deepened.



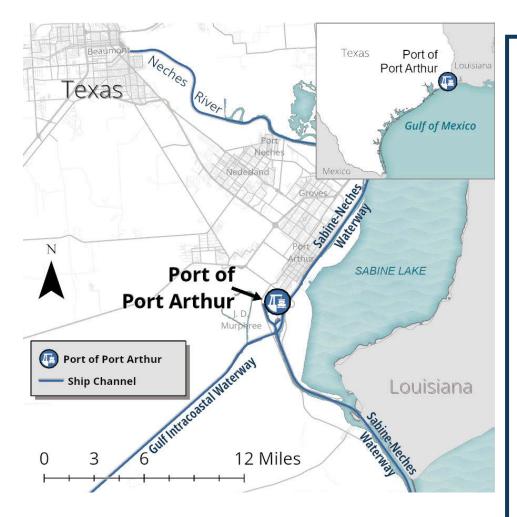
Facing the challenges of increased cargo traffic, the Port of Port Arthur is undertaking several critical connectivity projects, including efforts to address congestion, such as the planned improvements at the intersection of SH 82/87 and the construction of a flyover at Denbo Avenue over the railway and future alignment of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hurricane flood protection levee. These initiatives, coupled with the expansion of cargo laydown and staging areas, are vital for streamlining operations amidst the port's growth.

## Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Berth 1-2 Toe Wall Construction	Maritime Infrastructure	\$31.0 Million
Berths 3-5 Toe Wall	Maritime Infrastructure	\$42.0 Million
Berth 7 & 8 Liquids Loading Terminal	Maritime Infrastructure	\$36.4 Million
Bridge Multimodal Laydown Area	Maritime Infrastructure	\$14.6 Million
Multimodal Railyard Flyover Staging Area	Maritime Infrastructure	\$13.0 Million
Railyard Redevelopment	Maritime Infrastructure	\$15.1 Million
Terminal Rail Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$10.0 Million
Turn Lane Traffic Relief and Truck Staging Area	Seaport Connectivity	\$4.7 Million



TxDOT Maritime Division Port Profiles



## PORT FACILITIES

#### **DOCKS & WHARVES**

- 4,652 If of dock
- 80 ft roll on/off dock

#### **CARGO HANDLING**

- 2 generators
- 75-ton capacity rail mounted crane

#### **LAND & STORAGE**

- 550,000 sf shed storage
- 25 acres open storage
- Fenced and lighted storage with 24/7 camera surveillance
- 200,000+ sf commercial property for development
- 5 transit sheds



#### **Ship Channel Name:**

Sabine-Neches Waterway
Current Depth: 40 ft
Authorized Depth: 48 ft

## **INTERMODALITY**

#### **ROAD**

 Highway access to US 69/59, SH 82, SH 87, and SH 73

#### **RAIL**

Canadian Pacific Kansas City rail connected to Union Pacific

#### RARGE

• Direct access to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

#### **AIR**

 11 miles to Jack Brooks Regional Airport

#### **PIPELINE**

• Direct connections available



# CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Trading Partners

#### **EXPORTS**

- Mexico \$3.9 Billion
- (\*) Canada \$1.6 Billion
- Asia \$1.6 Billion

#### **IMPORTS**

- Asia \$5.4 Billion
- (\*) Canada \$2.6 Billion
- Mexico \$2.2 Billion

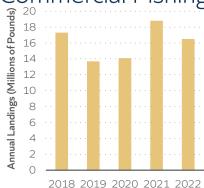
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## Top Commodities

#### EXPORTS & IMPORTS

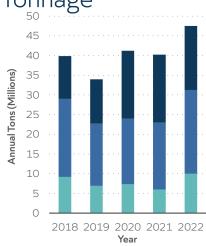
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Pulp, Aluminum, Pellets

## Commercial Fishing



**Year** Commercial fishing data from NOAA, 2023

Tonnage



Year
■ Total Imports ■ Total Exports ■ Total Domestic

Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024



## PORT of SABINE PASS

#### Sabine Pass Port Authority

Mark Viator, Port Director www.sabinepassportauthority.com











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The Port of Sabine Pass is a commercial, industrial, and recreational port located 5 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Sabine Pass, which forms the border between Texas and Louisiana, is naturally deep, has no bridge obstructions, and is well situated to provide deep draft berthing and bunkering for LNG, LPG, and other vessels. Shrimping, commercial and recreational fishing are the existing markets for the Port. Recreational boating is also popular at the port's safe harbor marina. Access to the port is provided via Sabine Pass between the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW). The port is engaged in the use of Public-Private Partnerships to expand its operational functions to benefit economic growth and maximize the use of the Port Authority's responsibility.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

The Port of Sabine Pass is prioritizing the expansion of its LNG and LPG export capabilities and infrastructure development to accommodate projected increases in vessel traffic, focusing on LNG carriers. By 2027, the port anticipates 4,500 ships annually will transverse the Sabine-Neches Waterway, with 1,500 of these being LNG and LPG vessels. The expansion includes the construction of additional LNG ship berths on the lower channel and the development of three finger piers on the Gulf Shore aimed at alleviating channel congestion and enhancing the port's capacity for energy industry shipping. Key projects feature the operational Sabine Pass LNG export facility, with its six operational trains, alongside the Golden Pass LNG expansion, Chenier, and the newly announced Oneok facilities.

#### **PORT HIGHLIGHTS**



Deepwater LNG-Compatible Gulf Port



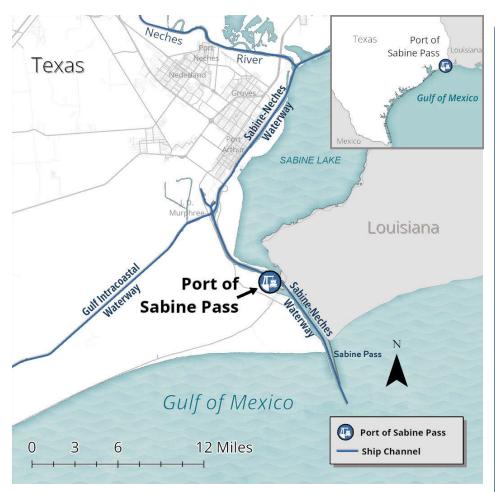
Environmental Sustainability



Opportunities at the Port of Sabine Pass focus on enhancing strategic connectivity and environmental sustainability. The port aims to add access road, berths, and pipeline facilities to boost inland connectivity, easing both truck and vessel congestion and improving safety. The facility expansion is also aimed at improving sustainable conditions that are impacted by weather events such as fog.

## Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Intracoastal Canal Barge Berthing and Loading Terminal	Maritime Infrastructure	\$40.0 Million
Inlet Channel for Marina Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$12.0 Million
LNG Ship Berth and Bunkering	Maritime Infrastructure	\$65.0 Million
Mechanic Street Facilities	Maritime Infrastructure	\$2.4 Million
Multi-Use Facility Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$8.0 Million
Sheet Piling Wall Replacement at Texas Bayou	Maritime Infrastructure	\$12.9 Million
North Yard Dock	Maritime Infrastructure	\$44.7 Million
Industrial Truck Route	Seaport Connectivity	\$20.1 Million
State Highway 87	Seaport Connectivity	\$284 Million
White Ranch Road	Seaport Connectivity	\$23.1 Million



## **PORT FACILITIES**

#### **RECREATIONAL FISHING**

- 4 marinas
- 87 slips for power or sailing vessels
- 30 and 50 amp electrical
- Non-ethanol and clear diesel fuel

#### **ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Nearby refineries provide ready access to fuel, reducing emissions
- Potential for future hydrogen expansion
- Forthcoming GIWW berthing project to service carbon capture area
- 160-acre artificial reef site creates marine habitat and angling opportunities



Ship Channel Name: Sabine Pass (SP) and Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW) **Current Depth:** 

12 ft (SP) | 40 ft (SNWW) **Authorized Depth:** 

12 ft (SP) | 48 ft (SNWW)

## M INTERMODALITY

#### **ROAD**

• Highway connections to SH 87 **RAIL** 

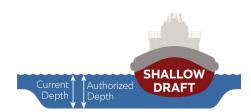
• None

#### **BARGE**

- Direct access to GIWW (M-10, M-69)
- 24 miles to Jack Brooks Regional Airport

#### **PIPELINE**

Connections available



## CARGO **CONNECTIONS**

## Top Commodities

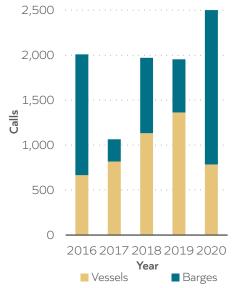
#### **EXPORTS**

- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Crude Materials

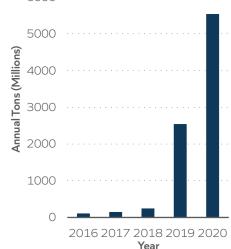
#### **IMPORTS**

- Manufactured Equipment
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- · Primary Manufactured Goods

## Vessel Calls







Tonnage and vessel call data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024









Established in 1893, the Port of Texas City is a private, deep water port in Galveston Bay that boasts a vessel transit time of approximately 1.5 hours to the Gulf of Mexico. The Port of Texas City primarily services the petrochemical industry, with waterborne tonnage just under 33 million tons annually. On an annual basis, more than 1,000 deep draft vessels and 4,150 inland barges call on the port.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

As part of its mission to support maritime and rail trade for the energy industry, the Port of Texas City is called upon by tankers handling both crude and refined petroleum products, and vessels carrying other petrochemicals and dry bulk materials. The Texas City Federal Channel is currently dredged to 46 feet to accommodate Aframax and Suezmax tankers.

## **PORT RANKINGS**

Largest

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The Port of Texas City has expansion projects on the horizon including the development of new deep draft docks and the installation of new rail infrastructure to handle additional volumes and to diversify the cargo base. The port is also working on site development planning for a new commercial business park with rail service. While these initiatives are not part of the Texas Port Mission Plan for the 89th Legislative Session, they represent significant ongoing and future expansions that will contribute to enhancing Texas's overall maritime capabilities.

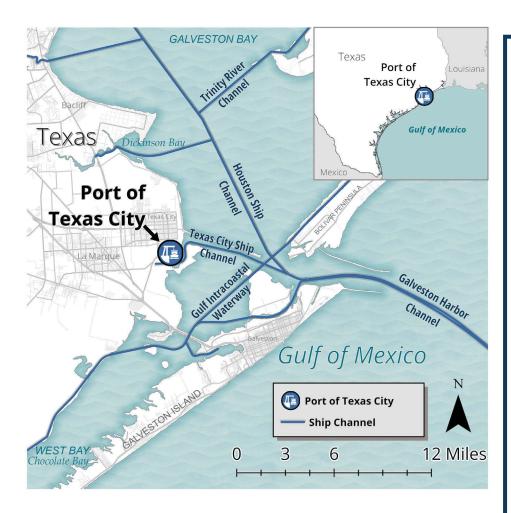
## Ongoing and Future Expansion Projects\*

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Dock 42, 43, 46 & 60 New Builds & Rehab of Dock 62	Maritime Infrastructure	\$330 Million
Highland Bayou Bridge Upgrade	Maritime Infrastructure	\$25 Million
La Marque Development Project	Maritime Infrastructure	\$50 Million
Port Lead & Loop Track Renovation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$16 Million
Port Rail Yard & Warehouse Removal/Relocation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$55 Million
Port Security Entrance Relocation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$25 Million
Port Water System Upgrade	Maritime Infrastructure	\$5 Million
Tex-Tin Transload Tracks, South Yard Development, and 200 Yard Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$25 Million
Barge Fleeting Area	Maritime Infrastructure	TBD
Dredge Disposal Site	Maritime Infrastructure	TBD

Costs provided by the Port of Texas City

 $<sup>{}^*</sup>$ These projects, although they provide maritime infrastructure enhancements, are not included in the PMP's Maritime Infrastructure Report.







- 35 berths
- 3 barge fleeting areas
- · Dry bulk terminal
- · Onsite storage capacity for 1,000 railcars



**Ship Channel Name:** Texas City Federal Channel **Current Depth: 46 ft** 



## **INTERMODALITY**

#### **ROAD**

• Highway connections to I-45, SH 3, SH 146, SH 6, and SH 197

#### **RAIL**

• Texas City Terminal Railway switching railroad with connections to BNSF and Union Pacific

#### **BARGE**

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

#### **AIR**

· Commercial service to IAH and **HOU** airports

#### **PIPELINE**

Connections available



Mexico \$1.9 Billion

Netherlands \$748 Million

Chile \$601 Million

#### **IMPORTS**

Asia \$885 Million

Mexico \$595 Million

Brazil \$182 Million

Data from USA Trade for 2023

## Top Commodities

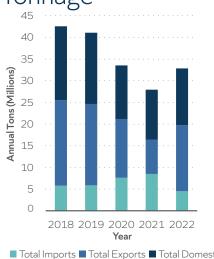
#### **EXPORTS**

- Crude Petroleum
- Distillate Fuel Oil
- Petrochemicals
- Ethanol
- Petroleum Coke

#### **IMPORTS**

- Crude Petroleum
- · Distillate Fuel Oil
- Petrochemicals
- Ethanol





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Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024



