



TxDOT Maritime Division Maritime Funding Update

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Maritime Funding Project Progress



Maritime Infrastructure



Seaport Connectivity

Contracts executed/in development	12	10
Projects in procurement phase	4	1
Projects under construction	1	0
Estimated letting volume/total cost		
FY 24	12/\$200,000,000	5/\$16,892,250
FY 25	0/\$0	14/\$23,107,750

Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund (SCIRF)

LOAN TERMS

YEAR 0-3

No interest accrual or payments due during the initial loan term, either until project completion or for up to three years, whichever comes first



Interest will begin to accrue at the AAA bond rate minus 1%

YEAR 5+

Interest will accrue at market rate



APPLICATION STATUS

- MRD received 1 application for the full \$400M available
- Application currently under review
- Next step, if approved: Commission presentation

Looking Ahead

Considerations

- MRD is working to create a legislative brochure ahead of the 89th session.
- MRD plans to create a video to visually showcase MIP project progress
 - Photographs or drone footage will be helpful



Looking Ahead

Legislative Charges

Texas Senate

Transportation Funding: Assess the implementation of funding appropriated by the 88th Legislature for aviation, maritime ports, international points of entry, existing rail line operations, and public transportation from non-dedicated state funds and federal funds and make recommendations to ensure these sectors meet current demands and are prepared for future growth.

Texas House

Port Infrastructure and Maritime Industry: Study long-term needs of the maritime industry in Texas. Evaluate the implementation status of the Maritime Port Mission Plan and make recommendations to improve port planning, safety measures, and project delivery. Examine status of TxDOT seaport projects that received funding during the 88th Legislature.

Questions?

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2026-27 Port Mission Plan

PAAC Meeting | May 14, 2024

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2026-27 PMP Updates

Thank you for completing Project Questionnaires!

MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Project
Port: _____
Project Name: _____

Project Support
Project has the support of the sponsor's governing board/commission: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Describe the support for this project from government agencies, industry, regional, planning organization, stakeholders, and the public.
Has the project been included in previous plans and/or studies? Please provide links & page numbers.

Project Summary
Project Summary including improvements to be made (with approximate details regarding lengths/size/area/extent of improvements)
Describe the existing and/or anticipated conditions that highlight the need for the project (include any relevant historical data)
Describe how this project will alleviate current and/or anticipated problems or constraints the Port is experiencing
Describe which industries this project would benefit or any new Port capabilities that would result from this project

Consequences of Inaction (What limitations or negative impacts will result from not implementing the project?)

SEAPORT CONNECTIVITY PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Project
Port / Submitting Entity: _____
Project Name: _____
Project Contact (name, title, email): _____
Does the project include any of the following? If so, the project is ineligible for SCP funding:
☐ Restricted public access
☐ Routine maintenance, operations, and administrative expenses
☐ Planning Studies
☐ Channel improvements, security projects, equipment purchases, and terminal improvements
☐ Rail projects
☐ Right of way acquisition

Project Basics

Project Summary
Project Location. (Include roadway, limits)
Project Summary including improvements to be made. (With approximate details regarding limits/size/area of improvements)
Describe the existing or projected future conditions that highlight the need for the project. (Include any relevant historical or forecast data).
Is the project included in any planning documents? If so, which? Include link & pg # (e.g. Maritime PMP, Regional L RTP, etc.)

Project Funding (Note: the PAAC expects a minimum local match of 25%)
Total Project Cost: \$ _____
Amount of SCP Funds Requested: \$ _____
Other Funding (amount and source): \$ _____

Fig. 1

SHIP CHANNEL PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Project
Port or Navigation District: _____
Project Name: _____
Is this a Federal or Non-Federal Project? ☐ Federal ☐ Non-Federal
*Note: Federal projects are those that are Congressionally Authorized (i.e. Water Resources Development Act [WRDA]). Non-federal projects are port-supported projects that do not undergo Congressional Authorization.

Federal Projects – NOT REQUIRED FOR NON-FEDERAL PROJECTS
Project is authorized under WRDA ☐ Yes ☐ No
Year authorized under WRDA (if applicable) _____
Type of project _____
What is the status of Federal review? ☐ Feasibility Study ☐ Construction ☐ Maintenance*
Provide a link to the Chief's Report, if available _____
Provide a link to the project website or webpage, if available _____
*Note: Currently, only new work projects are eligible for funding under the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund (SCIRF); however, TxDOT is working to capture all of the ports' needs and gathering this information helps inform the current and future Port Mission Plan.

Non-Federal Projects – NOT REQUIRED FOR FEDERAL PROJECTS
Type of project _____
Please provide the project's approximate size and longitude _____
☐ Feasibility Study ☐ Construction ☐ Maintenance

Funding (continued on next page)
Project Cost: _____
Portion Cost: _____
Maintenance Cost: _____
Maintenance Cycle (years): _____
Share (%): _____
Sponsor Cost Share* (%): _____
Appropriated to Date (\$): _____
Allocated to Date (\$): _____

Fig. 1

PMP Project Summary

110 total
projects submitted

No questionnaires
from:

- Cedar Port
- Port of Bay City
- Port Isabel
- Port of West Calhoun



Maritime Infrastructure

65 projects submitted

\$1.9B total cost

\$508M funding identified

\$1.4B funding required

57 projects lettable next
biennium



Seaport Connectivity

25 projects submitted

\$510M total cost

\$141M funding identified

\$369M funding required

22 projects lettable next
biennium



Ship Channel

20 projects submitted

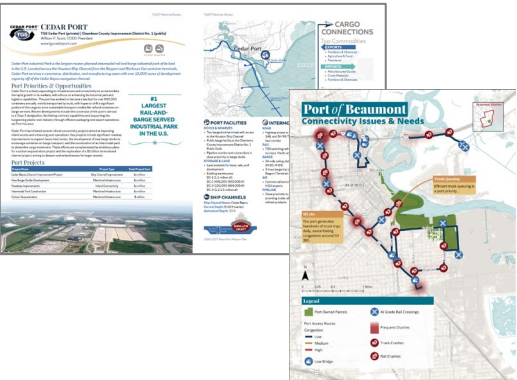
\$4.5B total cost

\$2.9B funding identified

\$1.6B funding required

17 projects lettable next
biennium

Project timeline



We are here



Sept-Dec 2023
1st round port interviews
☒ **completed**



May-Jun 2024
Ports review draft materials
by June 9



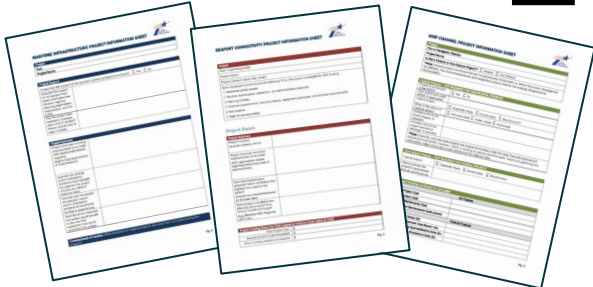
Sept 2024
PAAC to review
and approve final
PMP



Jan-Feb 2024
Ports fill out project
questionnaires
☒ **completed**



Jun-Jul 2024
2nd round interviews to
finalize port materials

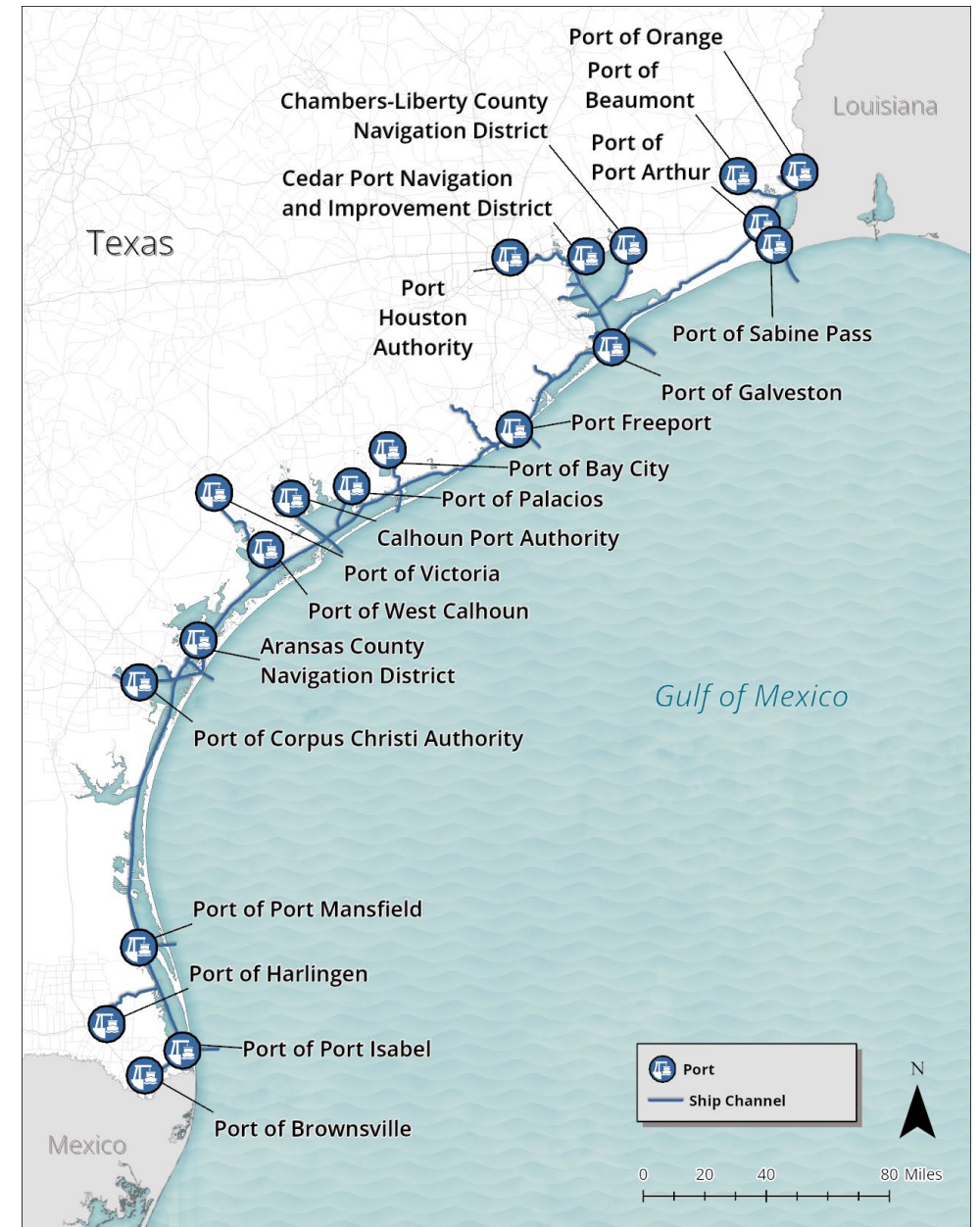


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Port Materials

Draft Port Materials

- Each port will receive an emailed PDF package for review
- Will include:
 - 1x Port profile
 - 1x Connectivity issues and needs map
 - Project profiles
- **Request each port review and send edits**



1x Port Profile

Typologies



Container



Breakbulk



Bulk



Cruise



Energy



RoRo




Commercial Fishing



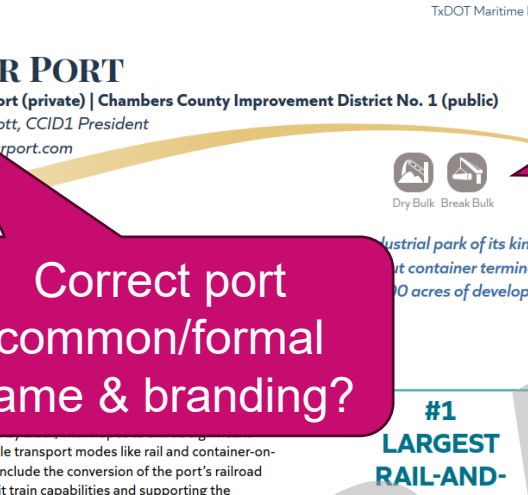
Other



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CEDAR PORT
TGS Cedar Port (private) | Chambers County Improvement District No. 1 (public)
William E. Scott, CCID1 President
www.tgscedarport.com



Correct port typologies shown?

Cedar Port Industrial Park is the largest in the U.S. Located adjacent to the Houston Ship Channel, Cedar Port services over 100,000 acres of development.

Correct port common/formal name & branding?

#1 LARGEST RAIL-AND-BARGE SERVED INDUSTRIAL PARK IN THE U.S.

PORT FACILITIES DOCKS & WHARVES

- Two barge dock terminals with access to the Houston Ship Channel
- Public barge facility at the Chambers County Improvement District No. 1 Public Dock
- Pipeline corridor and connections in close proximity to barge docks

STORAGE & LAND

- Land available for lease, sale, and development
- Existing warehouses:
 - DC-1 (1.2 million sf)
 - DC-2 (496,000-900,000 sf)
 - DC-3 (150,000-664,000 sf)
 - DC-4 (1.2-1.5 million sf)

SHIP CHANNELS

Ship Channel Name: Cedar Bayou
Current Depth: 8-10 ft (varies)
Authorized Depth: 11 ft

INTERMODALITY

ROAD

- Highway access to I-10, SH 225, SH 146, and SH 99; TxDOT-rated heavy-haul corridor

RAIL

- TSG switching railroad with connections to Union Pacific and BNSF

BARGE

- 24-mile sailing distance to GIWW (M-10, M-69)
- 3-hour barge trip to Barbours Cut and Bayport Terminals

AIR

- Commercial service to IAH and HOU airports

PIPELINE

- Close proximity to pipeline corridors providing crude, ethane, and refined products

What you want us to highlight?

All projects included?

Project Type	Total Project Cost
Ship Channel Improvement	\$x million
Maritime Infrastructure	\$x million
Inland Connectivity	\$x million
Maritime Infrastructure	\$x million
Maritime Infrastructure	\$x million

CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Commodities


EXPORTS

- Fertilizers & Chemicals
- Agriculture & Food
- Petroleum


IMPORTS

- Manufactured Goods
- Crude Materials
- Fertilizers & Chemicals

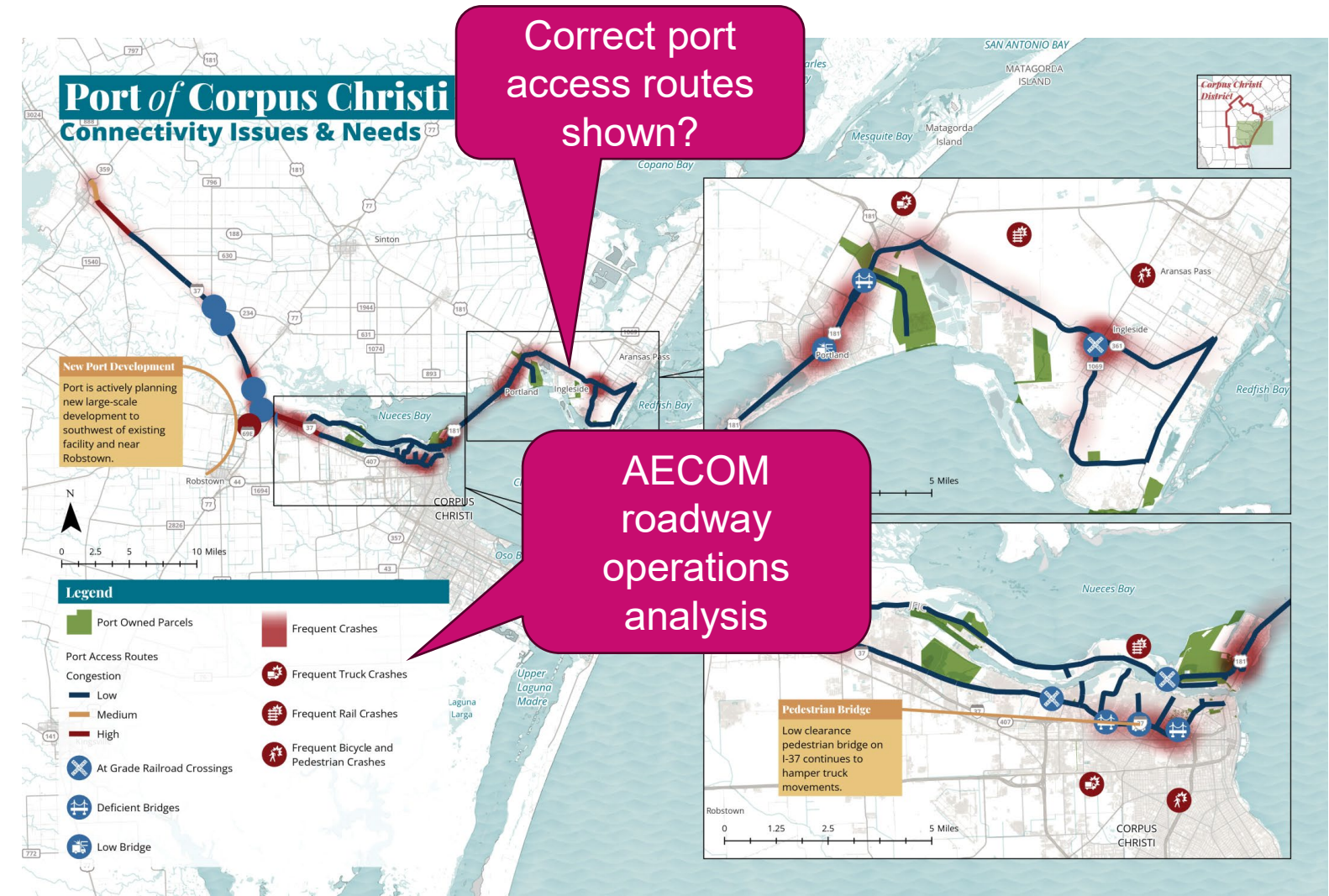
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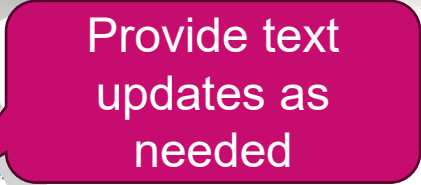


Vessel Calls



1x Connectivity Issues and Needs Map





Project map
created by
AECOM

Photo / rendering provided by port

Confirm correct costs

Project Profile – Seaport Connectivity & Ship Channel



How should my team provide edits?

There is (almost) no wrong answer.

- By email
- Directly on the PDF
- Over the phone
- During 2nd round interview

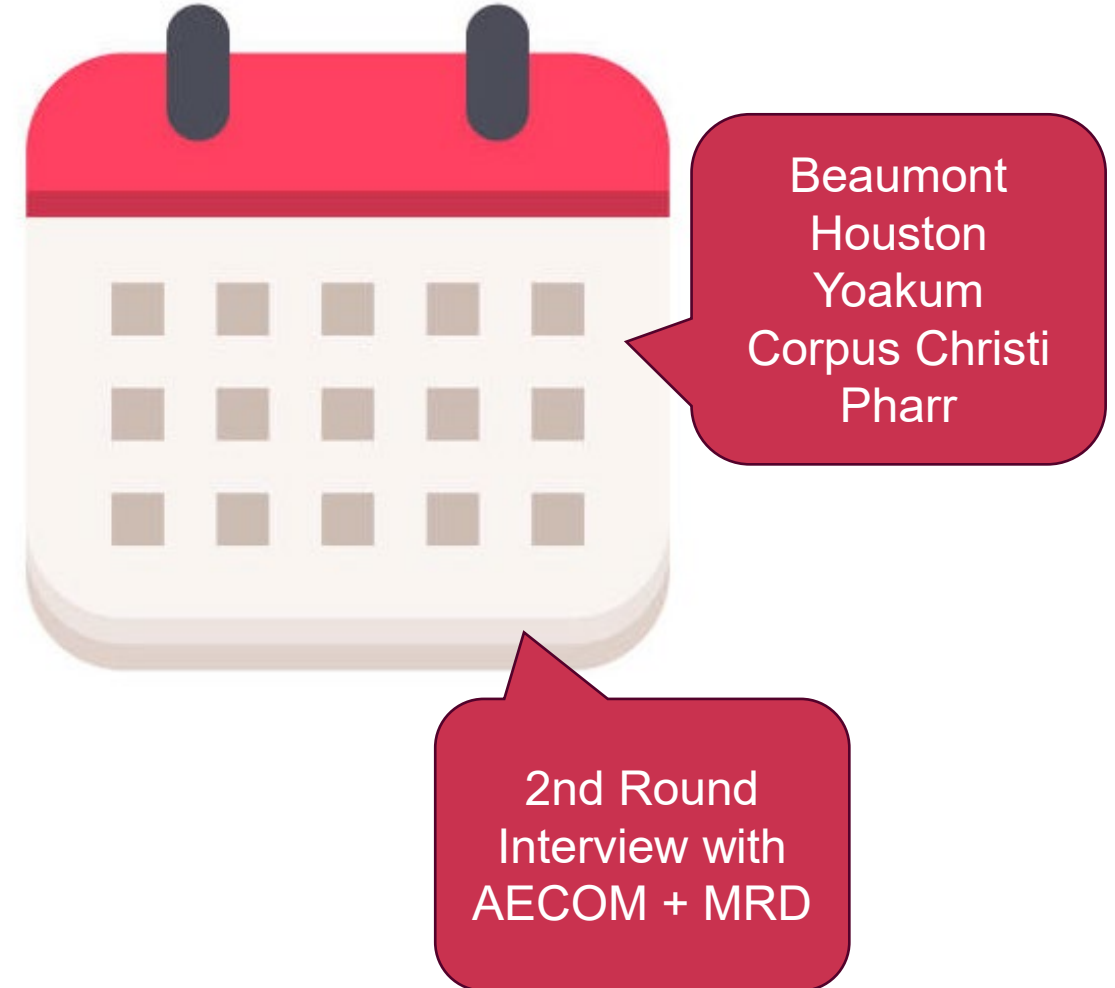


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Next Steps

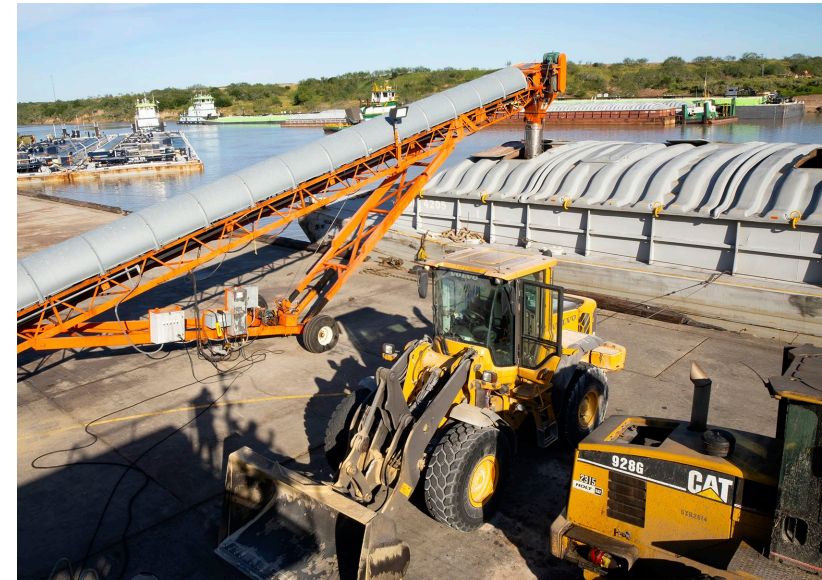
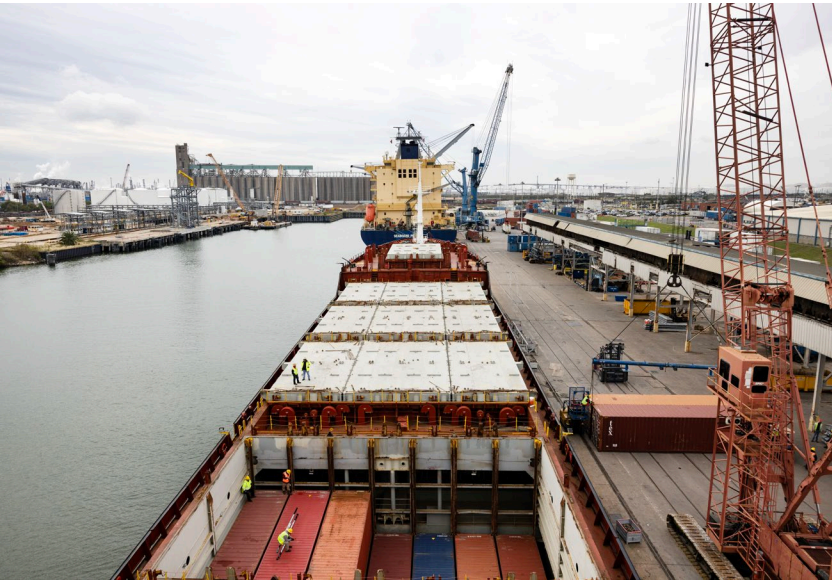
Two Upcoming Meeting Opportunities

- **District Meetings**
 - With each of the 5 coastal Districts
 - Summarize projects by district
 - Highlight regional connectivity issues
 - Ports are encouraged to attend
- **2nd Round Port Interviews**
 - Finalize port materials
 - Add, delete, revise project



Next steps for ports

- **Review your port materials by June 7, 2024**
- **Reply to emails** from Amiah Williams at Hollaway to schedule your 2nd round interview
- **Attend District calls**—your feedback is important
- **Please send us port photos!**



Questions?

Thank you for your continued support
of the 2026-27 Port Mission Plan.



Texas Truck Parking Action Plans

Port Authority Advisory Committee



Agenda



- 1 Overview of Truck Parking Action Plan
- 2 What we have heard to date
- 3 Potential projects, policies, and programs
- 4 Schedule and next steps



Overview of Truck Parking Action Plan



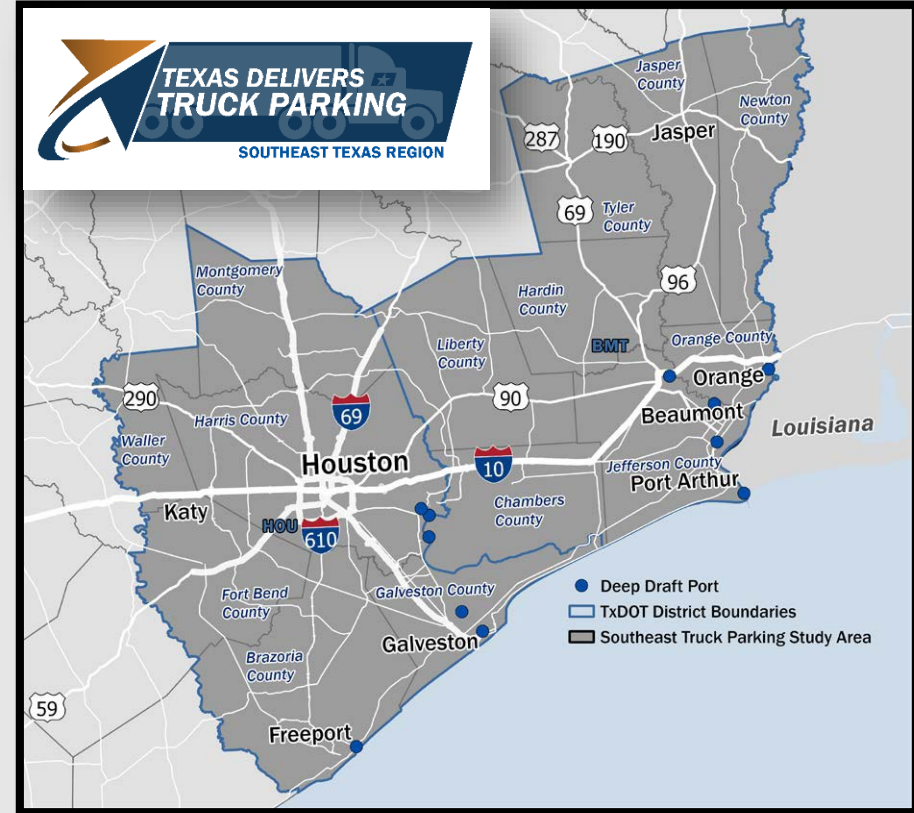
Southeast Texas Truck Parking Action Plan



- **TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division**
 - Recommendation from the *2020 Statewide Truck Parking Study (TPS)*.
 - TxDOT-led and supported local action plans.
 - Study Area: TxDOT Houston and Beaumont Districts, H-GAC, Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, and ports.
 - Stakeholder engagement.
 - Outcomes: conceptual action plans, preliminary cost estimates, short, mid, and long-term phasing concepts.



Summer 2024 – Final Action Plan



Why do truck drivers need to park?



Federal Hours of Service (HOS) regulations include strict provisions on driving limits and rest breaks, enforced by in-cab electronic logging devices.



Local community regulations/ordinances restrict parking locations and duration.

Types of Truck Parking



10-hour Rest

Challenge:

- Drivers on roads for days and weeks for cross-country trips.



30-Minute Break

Challenge:

- Off-duty drivers cannot move the truck for any reason.



Time Off

Challenge:

- Off-duty independent drivers need a place to park their truck.



2+ Hour Staging

Challenge:

- Drivers pick up and deliver freight at manufacturing plants, warehouses, and distribution centers.



Emergency

Challenge:

- Incidents that close or congest the roadway result in drivers needing a place to park.



Intermodal (Ports)

Challenge:

- Truck staging/parking needs near ports.



Stakeholder Engagement

What We've Heard



What We Have Heard to Date



- There is a need to incentivize private development.
- Must think creatively about land use.



- Ports are supportive of truck parking near facilities and near interstates.
- Ports are actively planning for truck parking projects.



- In the Southeast, hurricanes and flooding are significant hazards to consider.
- Truck staging for hurricane evacuation/emergencies should avoid storm surge.

Potential projects, policies, and programs





TxDOT - Led

- New parking capacity
- Technology (TPAS, ConnectSmart, data)
- Truck parking guidance
- Education campaign
- Integrate truck parking into project development process

TxDOT - Supported

- New parking capacity
- Innovative funding partnerships
- Industry-provided truck parking



I-10 Corridor Coalition Truck Parking Availability System (TPAS)

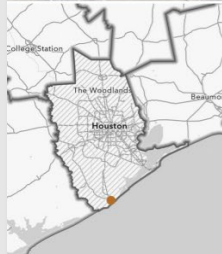


NM DMS sign on I-10 west of Las Cruces (Source: NMDOT)

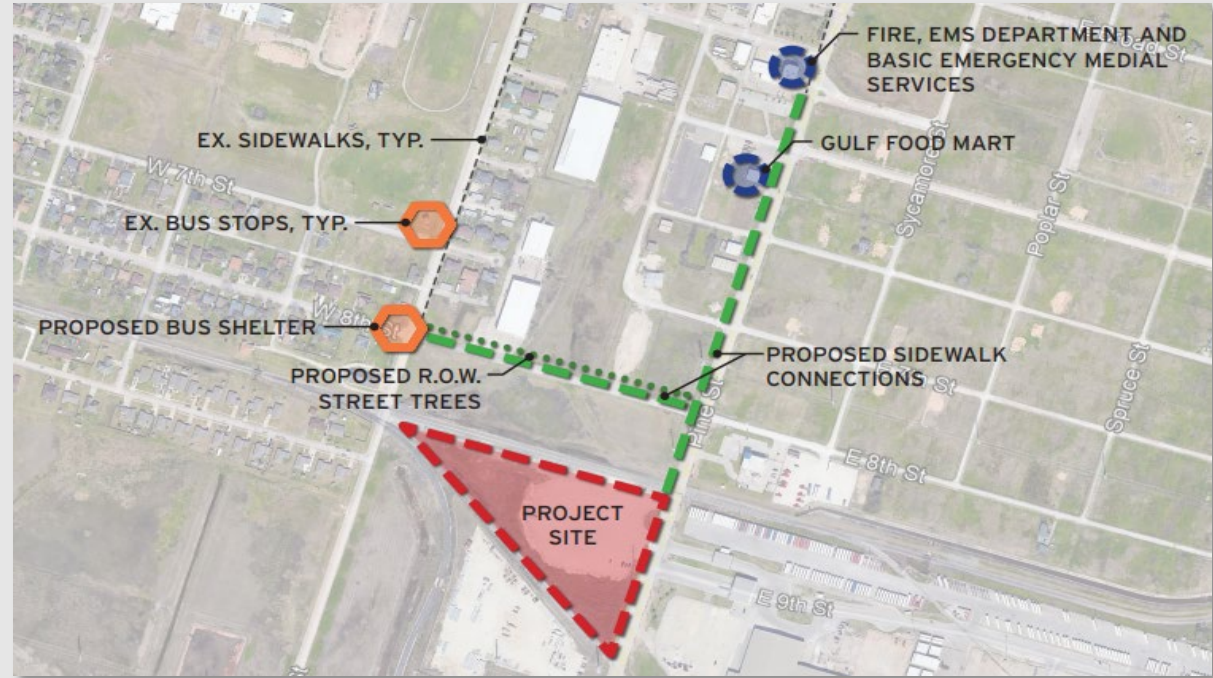
Port Freeport Site



- Innovative partnership between TxDOT and Port Freeport to fund and build truck parking infrastructure. TxDOT led the design and grant submittal. Port Freeport will operate and maintain the facility.
- Provides staging area truck parking spaces with an office building for Port Freeport operations staff.
- Provides EV charging stations for trucks and passenger vehicles and aligns with TxDOT's NEVI Plan.
- Houston District has submitted the project for a RAISE and MPDG Rural grant.
- Project to be included in the 2026-2027 Port Mission Plan.



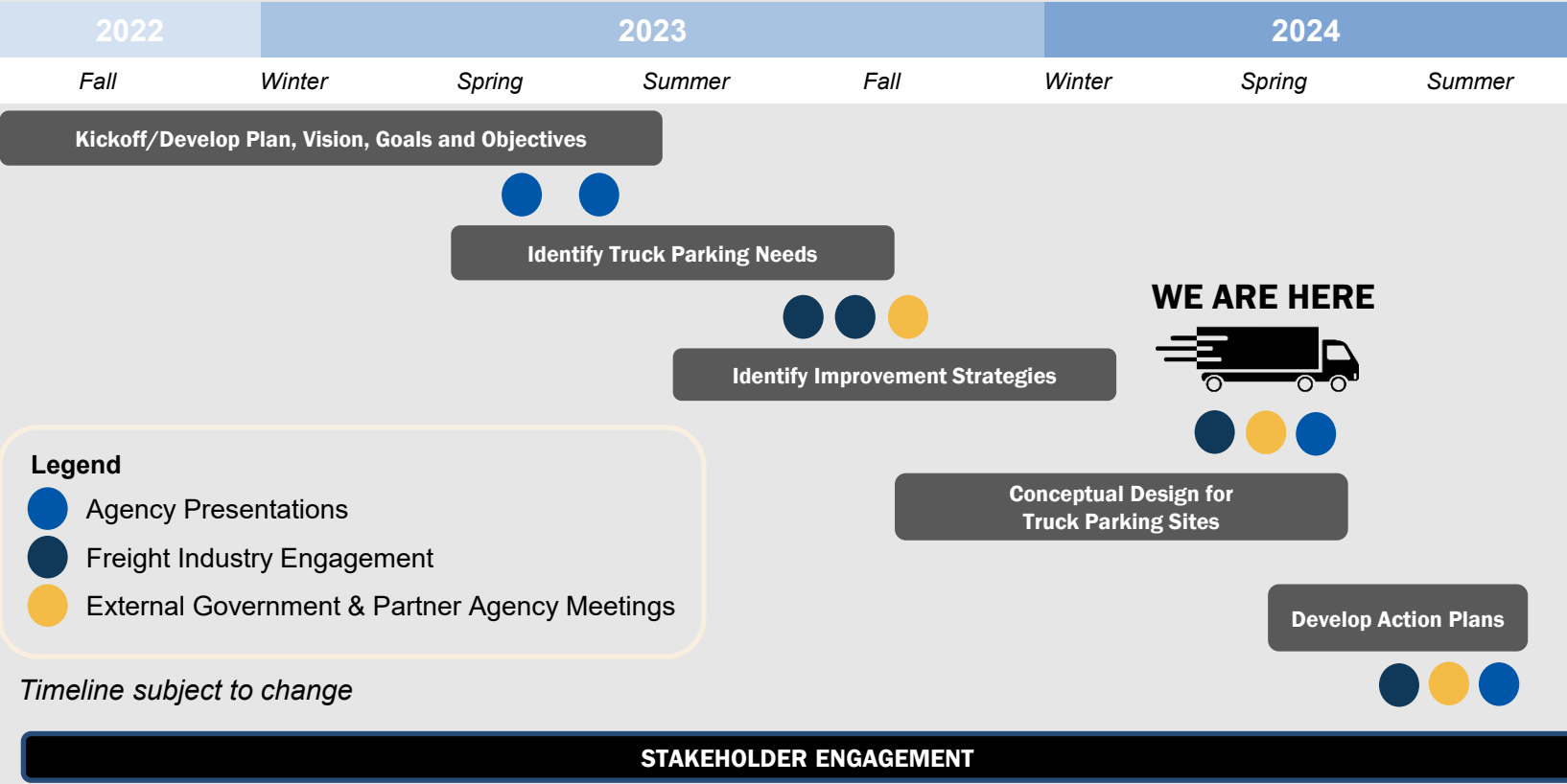
- Provides ADA-compliant sidewalks to community resources.
- Increases affordable mode choices, such as transit.
- Improves public health through the addition of trees and active transportation facilities.



Schedule & Next Steps



Project Milestones and Schedule



Thank you!



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Any questions?

Thank you for participating. Your input helps TxDOT deliver truck parking to the southeast Texas region!

Automatic Identification System Platform - Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

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May 2024



AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM APPLICATION - GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY



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Post Doctorate Student



Homayoon Arbabkhah
Doctoral Student



 **Maryam Hamidi**
Associate Professor



Goal and Challenges

- Developing a publicly available platform that dynamically obtain and process AIS data to visualize and analyze vessel movements and identify trajectories.
- AIS data contains static and dynamic information
- volume of generated data is difficult to process and time consuming
- contains noise and false data

MMSI	Timestamp (UTC)	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	SOG (Kt)	COG (°)	True Head- ing (°)
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412XXX410	1539585503	121.9519	30.4146	4.6	59.1	68
412XXX410	1539585533	121.9526	30.4150	4.6	58.0	71
412XXX410	1539585533	121.9530	30.4152	4.6	59.0	72



Extracting the Data

- Data is filtered based on Area of Interest (AoI).
- Data-cleaning process by removing any incomplete or null values.

Applying Sample Rate

Fast processing



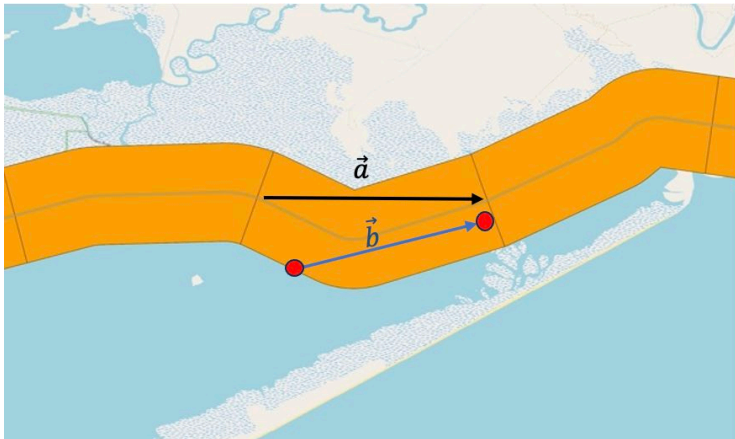
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t5	8/1/2018 7:24:37

Finding Segments

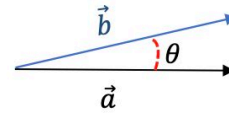


Vessel Direction

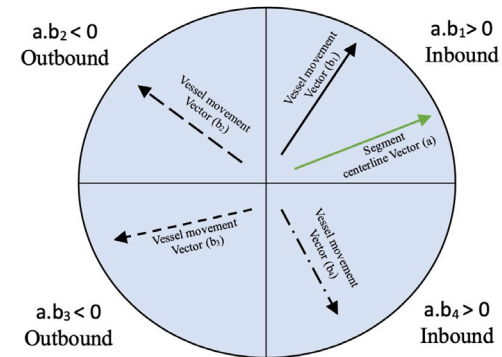
Inbound, Outbound, Stop



a: segment centerline vector
b: vessel movement vector



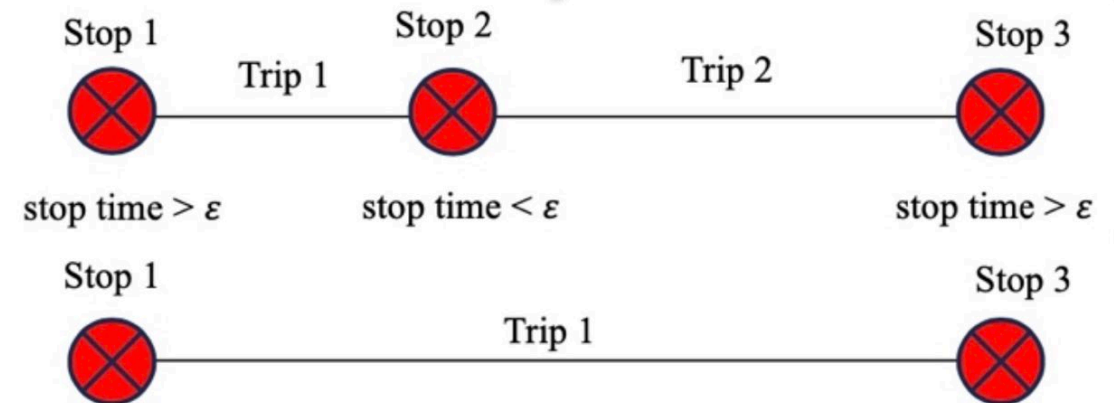
$$a \cdot b = |a| |b| \cos(\theta)$$



$$\begin{cases} 0 < \theta \leq 90 & \text{if} & a \cdot b > 0 \\ 270 < \theta \leq 360 & \text{if} & a \cdot b > 0 \\ 90 < \theta \leq 270 & \text{if} & a \cdot b < 0 \end{cases}$$

Trip Separation and ID

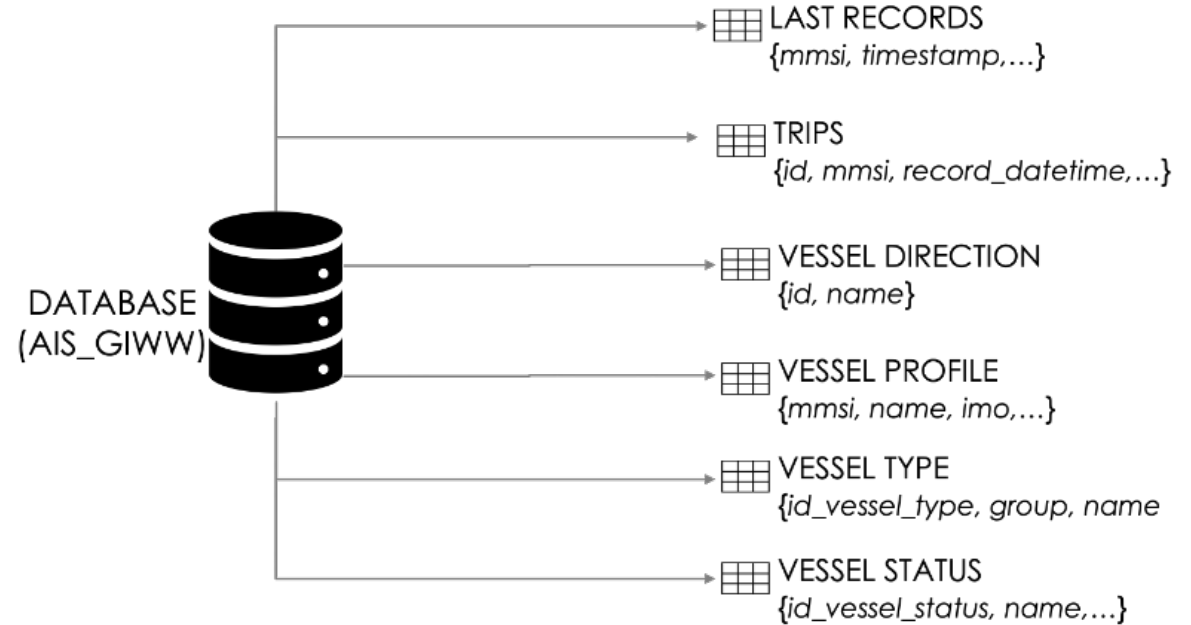
Chemical Tankers have several trips in one visit
Several visits in short period



Database Design

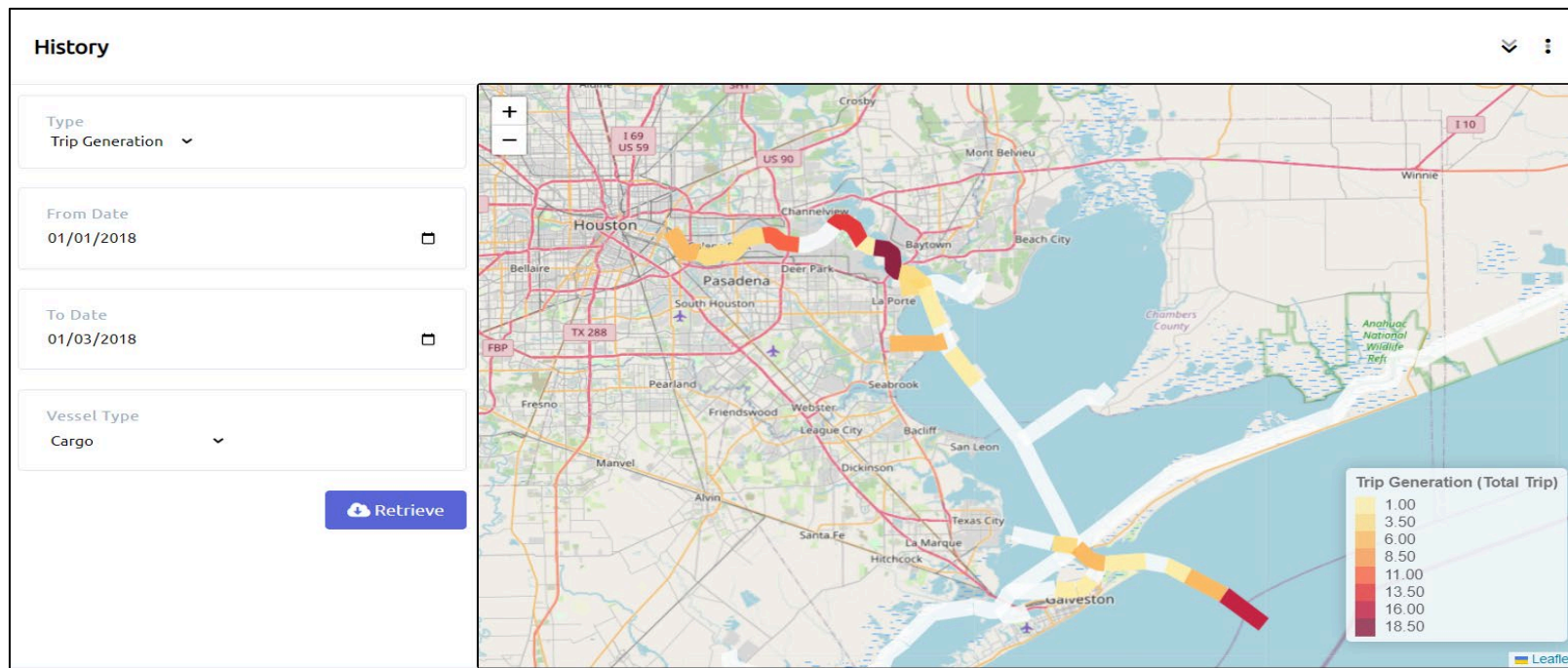
Compresses vessel data while retaining useful information, also adding features such as trip ID, trip origin/destination, traffic density, and traffic flow

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UI Development

- <https://aisapp.lamarhamidi.com/>



Contribution

- Publicly available platform for AIS analysis
- ETL pipeline is highly efficient, processing ten million records takes ten seconds
- VTS does not monitor the whole waterway
- Data base is needed for implementing ML predictive algorithms such as next location for avoiding vessel collision, demand prediction, and efficiency metrics

Thank you





Texas Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Master Plan

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The Dredge Material Disposal Issue



- USACE contracts over 30 million cubic yards of dredging annually
- Private entities and Ports have additional dredging needs
- Existing placement areas provide few environmental benefits and are nearing capacity
- Texas is losing coastal marshes, beaches, and other resources due to erosion and relative sea level rise
- Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (BU) can help to reverse habitat loss

Beneficial Use Challenges

- Successful BU projects require:
 - A source of sediment
 - A degrading resource and opportunity for enhancement
 - Schedule coordination
 - Logistics planning
 - Environmental permits
 - Funding
 - Land use authorization
 - Collaboration among entities

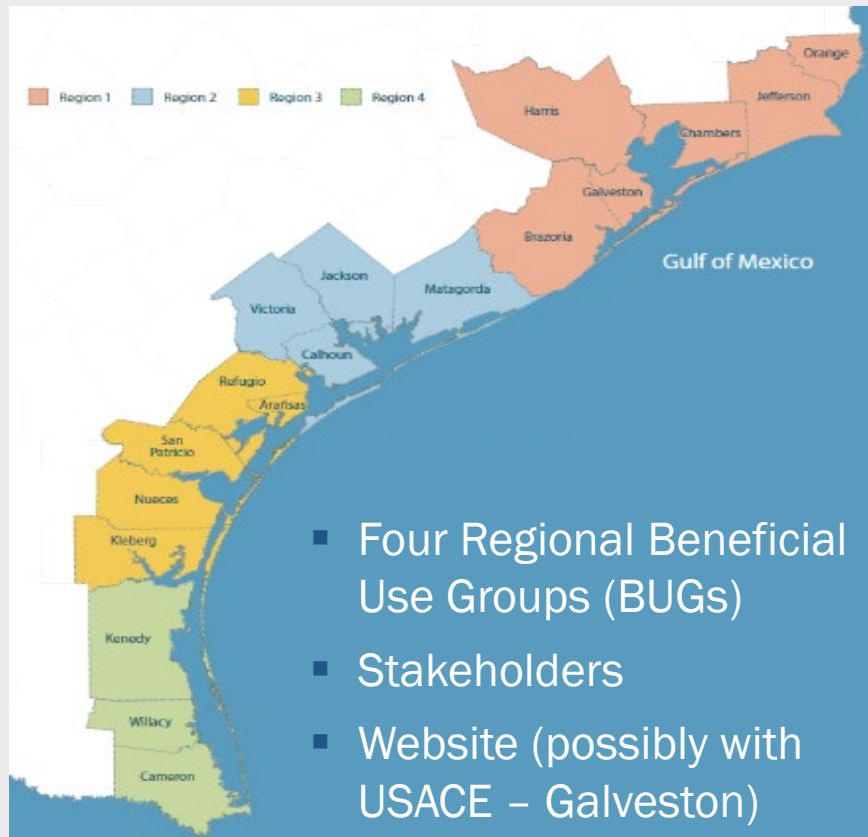


A Solution: The Texas BU Master Plan



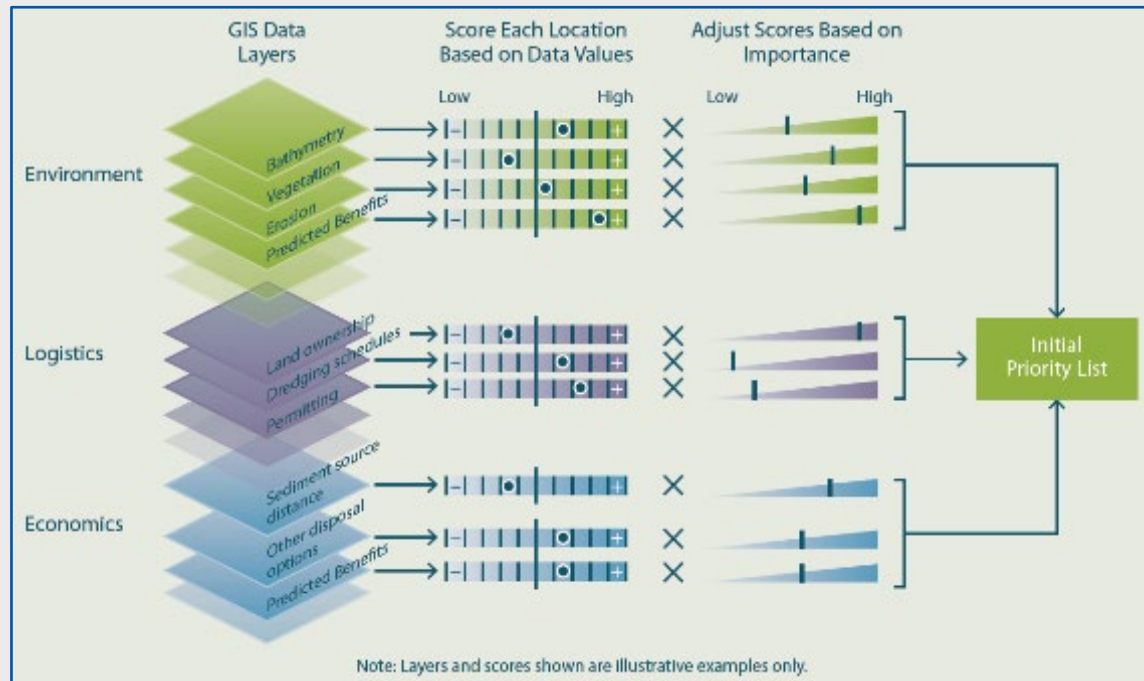
- Master Plan focused on BU
 - Coordinate efforts to identify opportunities and efficiencies
 - Build consensus to identify and prioritize sites
 - Produce plans and guidelines to reduce costs and accelerate projects
- Types of projects
 - USACE/TxDOT
 - Ports, private entities, etc.
- Plan will be non-regulatory and non-binding
- Funded by Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) through TCEQ

Coordination and Outreach



Decision Support Tool

- Custom GIS tool to combine BUG/stakeholder input with data to establish initial priority list



Conceptual Level Design and Cost Estimates

- 10% design and cost estimates for 20 to 28 sites
 - Containment concept
 - Sediment amount and type
 - Distance from sediment sources
 - Dredging schedules
 - Intended benefits
 - Economic benefits
 - Ecosystem services



Master Plan and Implementation Guides

- Master Plan
 - Document data, methods, and conclusions
 - Guide for programmatic implementation
- Implementation Guides
 - One per region
 - A practical resource for project proponents
 - Maps of BU sites, priorities, and considerations
 - Guidance on permitting and coordination
 - Discussion of funding sources

BU Master Plan Summary

- Designed to reflect the will of BUGs and stakeholders
 - All BU project types will be considered
 - Regional priorities will be established by regional BUGs and stakeholders
- Complements other efforts
 - Texas GLO Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan
 - BU sites from TxBUMP will be considered
 - USACE Galveston BUDM GIS Hub
 - Potential host of TxBUMP web site
 - USACE goal of 70% BU by 2030



Questions/Discussion?

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