



Bayport Ship Channel, TX

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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Sec. 819, PL 99-662.

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: O&M



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX), Representatives G. Green (TX-29)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Port of Houston Authority

BACKGROUND: The Flare of the Bayport Ship Channel serves as the entrance to the Bayport Terminal and its facilities. It has become a high shoal area that requires annual dredging to maintain project depth in this high volume container terminal for the Port of Houston. The Houston Pilots and Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service closely monitor this section and have imposed draft restrictions in prior years.

The terminal has the capacity to handle 2.3 million TEUs making it one of the largest container handling facilities in the country and adds approximately \$1.6 billion to the nation's economy through wages and tax revenues.

STATUS: FY11 activities included annual dredging of the Bayport Channel Flare and conducting a Bayport Channel Flare Bend Easing Assessment under Operations and Maintenance discretionary authority.

ISSUES: The FY 13 budget includes funds for annual dredging in the Bayport Channel Flare to project depth with advance maintenance. Additional funds are needed to dredge the Bayport Main Channel and Turning Basin to project depth with advance maintenance. Additional funds are also needed for Bend-Easing dredging pending completion of the Operations and Maintenance discretionary authority study in FY 12. The Flare of the Bayport Ship Channel serves as the entrance to the Bayport Terminal and its facilities. It has become a high shoal area that requires annual dredging to maintain project depth in this high volume container terminal for the Port of Houston. The Houston Pilots and Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service closely monitor this section and have imposed draft restrictions in prior years.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

	<u>O&M</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Total Project Cost	N/A
Allocation for FY 2010	\$4,674,000
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0
Allocation for FY 2012	3,702,000
President Budget FY 2013	1,398,000
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	13,633,000
Balance to Complete	N/A

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: FY 12 activities include annual dredging of the Bayport Channel Flare and continuation of the Bayport Channel Flare Bend Easing Assessment under Operations and Maintenance discretionary authority.

FY 2013 Budget: FY 13 activities include dredging of the Bayport Channel Flare to project depth (\$1,398,000). If additional funds are received, they can be used to dredge the Bayport Channel Flare to advance maintenance depth (\$1,018,000); dredge the Bayport Main Channel and Turning Basin to project depth (\$4,177,000) and additionally to advance maintenance depth (\$3,213,000). Bend-Easing at the Bayport Flare could also be performed with additional funding (\$3,827,000).

COMPLETION: N/A

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