

Texas Ports 2009 – 2010 Capital Program



INTRODUCTION

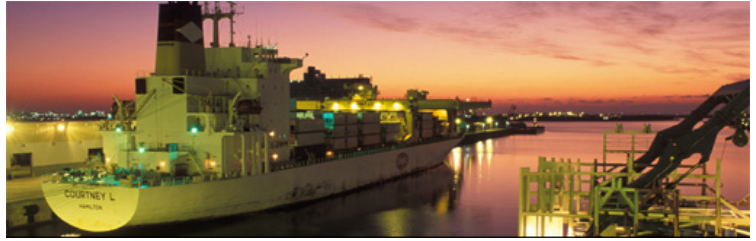
Waterborne trade is an important economic component of any coastal state. The movement of commodities into and out of ports is a significant economic opportunity, generating jobs and revenues. The competition for this trade is fierce. Many states have developed port-related funding programs to develop the facilities necessary to attract shippers to their state. The Texas Legislature recognized the importance of Texas ports to the state's economy and the need for Texas ports to remain competitive with ports in other states. In 2001 the Legislature passed a bill to create Chapter 55, Funding of Port Security, Projects and Studies, within the Transportation Code. This chapter has three main subjects, the Port Authority Advisory Committee, the Port Access Account Fund, and the Capital Program. The Texas Transportation Commission appoints the seven members of the Port Authority Advisory Committee. The committee develops the Capital Program annual report which details the various port projects and funding needs submitted by Texas public ports. The Port Access Account Fund provides the means for the state to cost share in the expansion and upgrading of Texas public port facilities.

As required by Chapter 55 of the Transportation Code, this report has been prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) Port Authority Advisory Committee to detail funding requests for port transportation and economic development projects submitted by eligible ports to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Texas Transportation Commission. While no funding has been appropriated to the Port Access Account Fund since it was created in 2001, this report identifies \$546,365,910 in capital projects. The projects for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009/FY 2010 period are summarized in the table beginning on page 4. These capital projects do not represent nor are they intended to represent a comprehensive listing of all the capital needs of Texas Ports. More detailed information regarding each port and their projects can be found within the port profiles located in Appendix A. A copy of Chapter 55 of the Transportation Code (Funding of Port Security, Projects, and Studies) is included in Appendix B.

Fourteen ports provided port profiles for the FY 2009/FY 2010 period. There were 71 projects submitted at a capital cost of \$546,365,910. State funding requirements for all of these projects at a maximum cost share level of 50 percent from the Port Access Account Fund would necessitate legislative appropriations of \$265,832,955. The committee included all eligible projects submitted by the ports in the report and did not prioritize any of the projects. The projects range from improving intermodal connections to security enhancements. All are important to the ports, the economy, and the stability of the Texas transportation infrastructure.

TEXAS PORTS

Maritime transportation and associated facilities have always been an important component of the State of Texas' transportation system. The state has 270 miles of deep draft channels along with 12 deep draft public ports. There are also 750 miles of shallow draft channels and over 14 shallow draft public ports. Counting public and private facilities, Texas has more than 970 wharves, piers and docks handling waterborne freight. In 2006, over 488 million tons of commodities moved through these channels. With the deepening of the Panama Canal and the expected increase in worldwide waterborne trade, over 766 million tons are expected to be moving on Texas waterways by 2030. To meet these expectations, significant improvements and expansions will be needed to Texas port facilities.



Ports provide a valuable service to the community. They expand economic opportunity by providing waterborne entry and exit points for domestic and international trade. Employing over one million Texans, the ports contribute over \$135 billion annually to the economy and generate approximately \$5 billion in local and state tax revenues. In 2006 Texas ports handled 12,123 deep-sea vessel calls (18.7 percent of the national total). In terms of tonnage, they handled 18.9 percent of the nation's total maritime cargo.



There has always been major competition for waterborne freight across the states and several have setup specific state funding programs for port development. South Carolina has a \$160 million budget, Alabama a \$100 million budget, Florida a \$50 million budget, Louisiana a \$20 million budget and Mississippi a \$5 million budget. Using this funding, there are various port expansion and upgrade projects under development in each of these states.



PORT AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

According to Chapter 55 of the Texas Transportation Code, the Port Authority Advisory Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Texas Transportation Commission. This committee is governed by Title 43, Section 1.84, of the Texas Administrative Code. The purpose of the committee is to provide a forum for the exchange of information between the commission, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and committee members representing the port industry in Texas and others who have an interest in ports. The committee's advice and recommendations will provide the commission and TxDOT with a broad perspective regarding ports and transportation related matters to be considered in formulating department policies concerning the Texas port system. The committee members for 2008 were as follows:



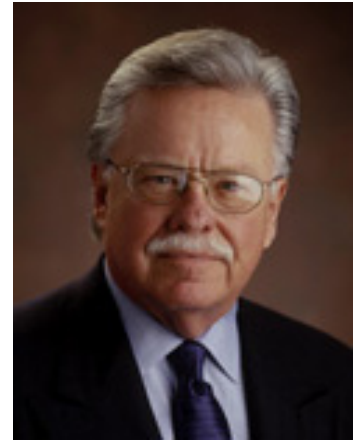
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Port of Houston



Vice-Chair,
David C. Fisher,
Port of Beaumont



Tony L. Rigdon,
Port of Palacios



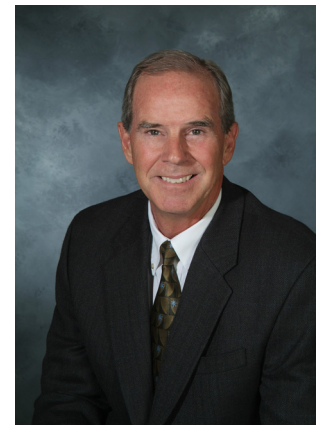
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Eduardo A. Campirano,
Port of Brownsville



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Port Mansfield/Willacy
County Navigation
District

FY 2009 PORT PROJECT SUMMARY

Port and Project Description	Total Estimated Cost	Funds to be Supplied by Others ¹	Port Funding ²	Port Access Account Funding ³
PORT OF BEAUMONT				
Rail expansion	\$16,000,000	\$12,300,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000
Orange County roadway	\$6,125,000	\$2,400,000	\$1,862,500	\$1,862,500
20-Acre cargo storage lot	\$3,200,000		\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
Lot 10 rehabilitation	\$750,000		\$375,000	\$375,000
Lot 5 rehabilitation	\$950,000		\$475,000	\$475,000
TOTAL	\$27,025,000	\$14,700,000	\$6,162,500	\$6,162,500
PORT OF BROWNSVILLE				
Construct security canopies over gate entrances	\$566,000		\$283,000	\$283,000
Construct new maintenance facility	\$300,000		\$150,000	\$150,000
Deepening and widening feasibility study	\$500,000		\$250,000	\$250,000
Development of master plan	\$445,000		\$222,500	\$222,500
Repair and rehabilitate port roads	\$4,200,000		\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
Improvements to docks and warehouses	\$915,000		\$457,500	\$457,500
Improvements to port security – Round 7	\$3,610,950		\$1,805,480	\$1,805,470
Improvements to port security – Round 8	\$3,116,205		\$1,558,105	\$1,558,100
TOTAL	\$13,653,155		\$6,826,585	\$6,826,570
PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI				
La Quinta Trade gateway Phase II	\$15,000,000		\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Oil dock upgrades	\$3,000,000		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL	\$18,000,000		\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
PORT FREEPORT				
Relocate bulk loader	\$4,000,000		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Paving, site work for berth 7 and parcel 25	\$15,000,000		\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
New access gate for new berths	\$1,400,000		\$700,000	\$700,000
Berth 5 and 7 projects	\$15,000,000		\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Engineering for rail facility	\$3,000,000		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL	\$38,400,000		\$19,200,000	\$19,200,000
PORT OF GALVESTON				
Secure easements and construct new entrance	\$1,500,000		\$750,000	\$750,000
Construct building for imported vehicle storage	\$7,650,000		\$3,825,000	\$3,825,000
Construct new warehouse at Pier 34	\$2,700,000		\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
Construct roads and rehabilitate rail crossings	\$5,000,000		\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Dredge a turning basin to widen harbor	\$2,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Install vessel fendering system at Pier39/40	\$350,000		\$175,000	\$175,000
Demolish warehouse	\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$20,200,000		\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000
PORT OF HARLINGEN				
Repave roads	\$525,000		\$262,500	\$262,500
Dredge slips	\$500,000		\$250,000	\$250,000
Update dock #1	\$1,300,000		\$650,000	\$650,000
TOTAL	\$2,325,000		\$1,162,500	\$1,162,500

¹ Anticipated non-matching funds, and may include federal, state, or private funding sources

² Assuming 50% matching contribution from Port Access Account

³ Maximum allowable contribution

Port and Project Description	Total Estimated Cost	Funds to be Supplied by Others ¹	Port Funding ²	Port Access Account Funding ³
PORT OF HOUSTON				
Bayport port road	\$3,149,750		\$1,574,880	\$1,574,870
Bayport container yard expansion	\$51,400,000		\$25,700,000	\$25,700,000
Bayport terminal truck gate construction	\$62,500,000		\$31,250,000	\$31,250,000
Deer Park to Pasadena railroad track	\$6,200,000		\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000
TOTAL	\$123,249,750		\$61,624,880	\$61,624,870
PORT OF PALACIOS				
Commercial Center property	\$500,000		\$250,000	\$250,000
Infrastructure repairs (paving & road repairs)	\$100,000		\$50,000	\$50,000
Port property development – Turning Basin 4	\$7,000,000		\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Dock repairs to bulkhead and pier	\$250,000		\$125,000	\$125,000
TOTAL	\$7,850,000		\$3,925,000	\$3,925,000
PORT OF PORT ARTHUR				
Berth dredging	\$1,468,000		\$734,000	\$734,000
New port road	\$11,500,000		\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000
TOTAL	\$12,968,000		\$6,484,000	\$6,484,000
PORT OF PORT ISABEL				
Reliever road to State HWY 48	\$2,300,000		\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000
TOTAL	\$2,300,000		\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000
PORT OF PORT LAVACA – POINT COMFORT				
New dry bulk dock and unloading facility	\$25,000,000		\$12,500,500	\$12,500,000
TOTAL	\$25,000,000		\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000
PORT OF PORT MANSFIELD				
Rebuild 300 ft of bulkhead	\$800,000		\$400,000	\$400,000
Rebuild Warehouse and 150 ft of bulkhead	\$750,000		\$375,000	\$375,000
TOTAL	\$1,550,000		\$775,000	\$775,000
PORT OF VICTORIA				
Expand rail staging area	\$3,200,000		\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
Removal of finger piers to allow for expansion	\$432,000		\$216,000	\$216,000
Dock #1 extension	\$2,800,000		\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Erosion control	\$2,300,000		\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000
Infrastructure development	\$1,750,000		\$875,000	\$875,000
TOTAL	\$10,482,000		\$5,241,000	\$5,241,000
TOTAL ALL FY 2009 PROJECTS	\$303,002,910	\$14,700,000	\$144,151,455	\$144,151,455

¹ Anticipated non-matching funds, and may include federal, state, or private funding sources

² Assuming State contribution is maximized

³ Maximum allowable contribution

FY 2010 PORT PROJECT SUMMARY

Port and Project Description	Total Estimated Cost	Funds to be Supplied by Others ⁷	Port Funding ⁸	Port Access Account Funding ⁹
PORT OF BEAUMONT				
Orange County Rail Infrastructure Project	\$14,000,000		\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Truck staging facility	\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$500,000
Cargo handling staging lot	\$3,000,000		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL	\$18,000,000		\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
PORT OF BROWNSVILLE				
Deepening and widening feasibility study	\$7,200,000		\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
TOTAL	\$7,200,000		\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI				
La Quinta Trade Gateway-Phase II	\$20,000,000		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Channel improvements La Quinta Terminal	\$67,800,000		\$33,900,000	\$33,900,000
Harbor Bridge replacement project	\$10,000,000		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Oil dock upgrades	\$3,000,000		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL	\$100,800,000		\$50,400,000	\$50,400,000
PORT OF HOUSTON				
Bayport terminal dredging	\$13,100,000		\$6,550,000	\$6,550,000
Jacintoport terminal rail improvement	\$1,750,000		\$875,000	\$875,000
Barbours Cut environmental improvements	\$11,495,000		\$5,747,500	\$5,747,500
Turning basin northside access improvements	\$4,300,000		\$2,150,000	\$2,150,000
TOTAL	\$30,645,000		\$15,322,500	\$15,322,500
PORT OF PALACIOS				
Road repairs	\$50,000		\$25,000	\$25,000
Bulk head and pier repairs	\$75,000		\$37,500	\$37,500
Commercial Center and Turtle Bay properties	\$500,000		\$250,000	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$625,000		\$312,500	\$312,500
PORT OF PORT ARTHUR				
Berth dredging	\$1,468,000		\$734,000	\$734,000
Berth construction	\$51,300,000		\$25,650,000	\$25,650,000
Mechanized conveyer system	\$1,775,000		\$887,500	\$887,500
TOTAL	\$54,543,000		\$27,271,500	\$27,271,500
PORT OF PORT MANSFIELD				
Rebuild 300 ft. of bulkhead	\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$500,000
PORT OF VICTORIA				
Rail extension to dock	\$2,400,000		\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Container dock construction	\$12,750,000		\$6,375,000	\$6,375,000
RO/RO facility construction	\$15,400,000		\$7,700,000	\$7,700,000
TOTAL	\$30,550,000		\$15,275,000	\$15,275,000
TOTAL ALL FY 2010 PROJECTS	\$243,363,000		\$121,681,500	\$121,681,500

⁷ Anticipated non-matching funds, and may include federal, state, or private funding sources

⁸ Assuming State contribution is maximized

⁹ Maximum allowable contribution

APPENDIX A – PORT PROFILE INFORMATION



PORT PROFILE – PORT OF BEAUMONT



Contact Information:

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Beaumont, TX 77704
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www.portofbeaumont.com

Legal Name: Port of Beaumont Navigation
District of Jefferson County, Texas

Governing Body: Port of Beaumont is a navigation district and political subdivision of the State of Texas. The port is governed by six commissioners, elected on staggered six-year terms by voters in the district.

Service Area: Midwest and Western United States, Texas, Mexico and Canada

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹
3,582,926

2006 Port Area Tonnage:²
79,485,704 tons

Principal Trading Partners: Brazil, Canada, Iraq, Russia, China, Chile, Peru, Norway and Nigeria

Principal Activities and Products: Principal activities include import and export breakbulk and bulk cargo, with emphasis on forest products, agricultural commodities, aggregate, ash products, project and military cargo. Beaumont is a strategic military port, and also has layberths for Maritime Administration ships.

- **Imports:** Forest products, aggregate, military cargo, steel, project cargo

- **Exports:** Bulk grain, potash, forest products, military cargo, project cargo

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$13,045,212	\$16,495,483	\$13,057,636	\$13,572,389
Operating Expenses	\$13,741,609	\$13,776,707	\$11,096,765	\$11,290,238

¹ As reported by port authority (2007) for port authority only facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2006) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF BEAUMONT

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Rail Expansion Program</i>		
55.002(1)	Expand rail facilities within the port's property.	\$16,000,000
<i>Orange County Roadway</i>		
55.002(1)	Expand roadway to allow heavy truck access to the port's Orange County facilities, including overpass over rail line.	\$6,125,000

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Lot 10 Upgrade</i>		
55.002(3)	Surfacing improvements on Lot 10.	\$750,000
<i>Storage Facility Improvement</i>		
55.002(3)	20-acre cargo storage lot on port's Orange County property.	\$3,200,000
<i>Lot 5 Project</i>		
55.002(3)	Rehabilitation and improvements on Lot 5.	\$950,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Orange County Rail Infrastructure Development</i>		
55.002(1)	Establish rail connectivity and rail infrastructure at port's OC Terminal.	\$14,000,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Truck Staging Facility</i>		
55.002(3)	Hard surfacing and fencing to develop truck staging area.	\$1,000,000
<i>Cargo Handling Staging Lot</i>		
55.002(3)	29-acre cargo staging lot on port's Jefferson County property.	\$3,000,000

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF BROWNSVILLE



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www.portofbrownsville.com

Legal Name: Brownsville Navigation District

Governing Body: The Brownsville Navigation District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five elected officials. These commissioners serve four-year terms on a staggered basis.

Service Area: Mexico, Central and South America and United States

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹
5,349,277 tons

2006 Port Area Tonnage:²
5,308,706 tons

Principal Trading Partners: Mexico, Central/South America, China, Korea, Japan, Germany and Belgium

Principal Activities and Products: Steel and other metals, Petroleum Products, Ores and Minerals, Vegetable Oils, Grains

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Operating Revenues	\$8,956,866	\$10,881,118	\$11,038,826	\$12,617,958
Operating Expenses	\$9,505,294	\$9,826,645	\$9,904,853	\$10,287,122

¹ As reported by port authority (2007) for port authority facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2006) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF BROWNSVILLE

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Security Canopy Construction</i>		
55.002(4)	Construction of canopies over security areas at gate entrances.	\$566,000
<i>Deepening and Widening Feasibility Study</i>		
55.002(2)	Feasibility study with USACE-Galveston District for port deepening and widening.	\$500,000
<i>Port Master Plan Development – Phase I and II</i>		
55.002(a)(2)	Development of Master Plan.	\$445,000
<i>Repair and Rehabilitate Port Roads</i>		
55.002(7)	Port roads reconstruction/rehabilitation project with TxDOT.	\$4,200,000
<i>Construction of New Maintenance Facility</i>		
55.002(3)	Construction of new warehouse for maintenance facility offices, supplies and equipment.	\$300,000
<i>Improvements to Docks and Warehouses</i>		
55.002(3)	Rehabilitation and repair of warehouses and docks.	\$915,000
<i>Port Security Improvements</i>		
55.002(4)	Improvements to port security system – PS Grant – Round 7.	\$3,610,950
55.002(4)	Improvements to port security system – PS Grant – Round 8.	\$3,116,205

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Deepening and Widening Feasibility Study</i>		
55.002(a)(2)	Feasibility study with USACE-Galveston District for port deepening and widening.	\$7,200,000

PORT PROFILE – CEDAR BAYOU NAVIGATION DISTRICT



Contact Information:

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Chairman
7051 Portwest Dr., Ste. 130
Houston, Texas 77024
713-977-2891

Legal Name: Cedar Bayou Navigation District

Principal Trading Partners: None

Governing Body: The District is governed by an appointed Board of Directors. The Board consists of seven directors with staggered four year terms. The District covers approximately 8,420 acres in west Chambers County comprised primarily of business and industrial properties.

Service Area: Chambers County, Harris County

Principal Activities: The District is engaged in prosecuting a dredging project to improve the navigability and safety of Cedar Bayou, a historically navigable waterway forming the boundary between Chambers County and Harris County. The Cedar Bayou Channel connects with the Houston Ship Channel and is an important part in the framework of water-borne commerce in southeast Texas.

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2009 – 2010.

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI



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www.portofcorpuschristi.com

Legal Name: Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Governing Body: The Port of Corpus Christi Authority is a navigation district and political subdivision of the State of Texas. The Authority is governed by a Port Commission composed of seven commissioners: three appointed by the Corpus Christi City Council, three appointed by the Nueces County Commissioners Court and one appointed by the San Patricio County Commissioners Court.

Service Area: Texas, Central, Eastern and Western United States, Canada, Mexico

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹
28,810,639 tons

2006 Port Area Tonnage:²
77,557,478 tons

Principal Trading Partners: Venezuela, Nigeria, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Columbia, Algeria, Kuwait, United Kingdom, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand and Cuba

Principal Activities and Products: Dry bulk terminals, general cargo terminals, public and private oil docks, refrigerated warehouse, grain terminals, cotton warehouses, day cruises, multi-purpose cruise terminal/conference center

Imports: Crude oil, gas oil, fuel oil, feed stock, naphtha, condensate, reformat, toluene, frozen beef, fresh fruits, bauxite ore, barite ore, limestone aggregates and large wind turbine components

Exports: Fuel oil, gasoline, feed stock, diesel, alumina, petroleum coke, toluene, cumene gas oil, asphalt, coal

Strategic Deployment Seaport for Department of Defense: Port facilities used to receive, stage, and load ships with equipment and supplies in support of large-scale overseas military deployment operations. The port also provides long-term layberth facilities for three Navy-owned, surge sealift ships.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$28,371,297	\$32,731,892	\$36,036,411	\$44,929,457
Operating Expenses	\$23,568,049	\$32,642,253	\$36,273,101	\$42,356,148

¹ As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>La Quinta Trade Gateway – Phase II Infrastructure</i>		
55.002 (1)	Construction of road and bridge infrastructure for access to container terminal.	\$15,000,000

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Oil Dock Upgrades</i>		
55.002 (3)	Design and upgrades to accommodate larger ships.	\$3,000,000

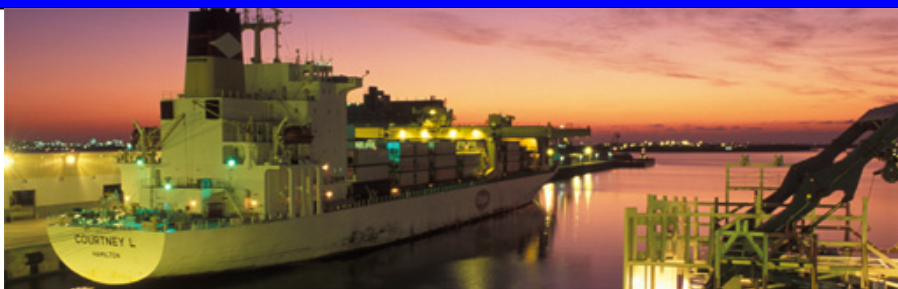
FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>La Quinta Trade Gateway – Phase II Infrastructure</i>		
55.002 (1)	Construction of road and bridge infrastructure for access to container terminal.	\$20,000,000
55.002 (1)	Environmental assessment and right of way acquisition for Harbor Bridge.	\$10,000,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Channel Improvement Project – La Quinta Terminal</i>		
55.002 (2)	Navigation improvements to extend the Corpus Christi Ship Channel to the La Quinta Channel, the ports container terminal.	\$67,800,000
<i>Upgrade Oil Docks</i>		
55.002(3)	Design and upgrades to accommodate larger ships.	\$3,000,000

PORT PROFILE – PORT FREEPORT



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Legal Name: Port Freeport

Governing Body: Port Freeport is governed by a board of six commissioners, who are elected by the citizens of the district. Each commissioner serves a six-year term.

Service Area: Houston, Brazoria County, State of Texas, Midwest, Central and Southwest United States, Canada and Mexico

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹
5,000,000 tons

2006 Port Area Tonnage:¹
32,146,579 tons

Principal Trading Partners: Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Brazil, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Spain, Venezuela, India, China and Costa Rica

Principal Activities and Products: Imports include petroleum crude, fruit, textiles, wind generators, aggregate, paper goods and plastics. Top export commodities include autos, chemicals, clothing, foods, paper goods and plastics.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$6,570,514	\$8,881,117	\$10,341,697	\$11,081,554
Operating Expenses	\$6,718,109	\$7,603,771	\$8,663,109	\$8,962,906

¹ As reported by US Army Corps of Engineers

PORT PROFILE – PORT FREEPORT

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Multi-modal rail facility</i>		
55.002 (1)	Engineering for rail facility.	\$3,000,000

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

<i>Relocate Bulk Loader</i>		
55.002(3)	Modification of fixed bulk loader.	\$4,000,000
<i>Civil site/paving for berth 7 and Parcel 25</i>		
55.002(3)	Civil site work and paving for Berth 7 and Parcels 19, 25.	\$15,000,000
<i>Gates for berth 7 and Parcel 25</i>		
55.002(4)	New main access gate for new berths.	\$1,400,000
<i>Berth 5 and 7 Projects</i>		
55.002(3,7)	New docks for multi-use facilities.	\$15,000,000

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted for FY 2010.

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF GALVESTON



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Contact Information:

Legal Name: Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves

Governing Body: The Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves (Port of Galveston), a body politic and corporate, is comprised of seven trustees who are appointed by the Galveston City Council. One member of the Board of Trustees is an ex-officio representative of the City Council. The Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves fully manages, controls, maintains and operates Port improvements and facilities owned by the city of Galveston.

Service Area: Galveston, Galveston County, Harris County, Fort Bend County, Brazoria County, Chambers County, the State of Texas, and surrounding states and U.S. Mid-West

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹
6,191,430 short tons

2006 Port Area Tonnage:²
9,357,250 short tons

Principal Trading Partners: Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Venezuela, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Spain, Italy, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Bulgaria, Belgium,

United Kingdom, Germany, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq, Singapore, China, Japan, S. Korea, Australia, Cuba

Principal Activities and Products:

Cruise Ship Operations (1st in Texas, 1st in the Gulf of Mexico, 4th in the United States and 11th in the World*), Roll-On/Roll-Off Import and Export Operations, General Cargo and Project Cargo Import and Export Operations, Bulk Grain Export Operations, General Dry Bulk Import and Export Operations, Liquid Bulk Storage and Export Operation, Refrigerated Cargo Import Operations, Offshore Support Services, Vessel & Offshore Rig Repair Services, Container Operations
(*2006 Cruise Ship Port Rankings)

- **Imports:** Bananas, Pineapples, Melons, Citrus Fruits, Agricultural Equipment and Implements, Machinery and Machines, Vehicles, Fertilizer Products, Lumber Products, project Cargos, Wind Turbine Related Cargo, Military-Related Cargoes
- **Exports:** Bulk Grains, Machinery and Machines, Vehicles, Agricultural Equipment and Implements, Project Cargoes, Liner Board and Paper, Carbon Black, Light Fuels

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Cruise Passengers	434,855	532,241	616,939	523,303
Operating Revenues	\$14,474,565	\$17,360,287	\$21,958,844	\$21,121,541
Operating Expenses	\$13,321,542	\$14,302,000	\$17,419,445	\$16,676,026

¹ As reported by port authority (2007) for port authority facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2006) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF GALVESTON

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>41st Street Harborside Entrance</i>		
55.002(5)	Secure easements and construct entrance from Harborside Drive/State Highway 275 to Old Port Industrial at 41st Street.	\$1,500,000
<i>RUBB Building</i>		
55.002(3)	Construct a 225,000 sq. ft. building over a concrete paved parking lot for imported vehicle storage.	\$7,650,000
<i>Pier 34 Warehouse</i>		
55.002(3)	Construct 75,000 square foot cargo storage warehouse at or near Pier 34.	\$2,700,000
<i>Internal Traffic Circulation</i>		
55.002(3)	Construct roads and rehabilitate railroad crossings to ensure safety and to improve internal traffic circulation.	\$5,000,000
<i>Turning Basin</i>		
55.002(2)	Dredge a turning basin in the Galveston Channel to widen harbor by 200 feet to accommodate larger cruise ships.	\$2,000,000
<i>Vessel Fendering System</i>		
55.002(3)	Install a state of the art vessel fendering system at Pier39/40.	\$350,000
<i>Demolition of Outdated Warehouse</i>		
55.002(3)	Demolish Plant 9 Warehouse that was built in 1927 primarily for cotton storage.	\$1,000,000

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2010.

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF HARLINGEN



Contact Information:

P.O. Box 2646
4 miles E. on FM 106
Harlingen, TX 78551
(956) 423-0283
www.portofharlingen.com

Legal Name: Port of Harlingen Authority

Principal Trading Partners: None

Governing Body: The Port of Harlingen Authority is a navigation district and political subdivision of the State of Texas. The Authority is governed by a Port Commission composed of three elected commissioners.

Principal Activities and Products:

- **Imports:** Petroleum, cement, sand, fertilizer
- **Export:** Sugar

Service Area: South Texas and northern Mexico

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹
564,939 tons

2006 Port Area Tonnage:²
349,000 tons

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$548,867	\$559,313	\$596,724	\$654,324
Operating Expenses	\$496,285	\$498,421	\$551,973	\$617,942

¹ As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF HARLINGEN

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility		Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Construction Project</i>			
55.002(3)		Repave roads.	\$525,000
<i>Harbor Dredging</i>			
55.002(2)		Dredge slips.	\$500,000
<i>Upgrade Dock Facility</i>			
55.002(3)		Update dock #1.	\$1,300,000

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2010.

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF HOUSTON



Contact Information:

111 East Loop North
Houston, TX 77029
(713) 670-2400 (main number)
www.portofhouston.com

Legal Name: Port of Houston Authority

Governing Body: The Port of Houston Authority is governed by a board of seven commissioners appointed by the officials of local governments located along the Houston Ship Channel. The commissioners serve without pay and are appointed for two-year terms, which are staggered so that three or four commissioners are appointed or reappointed each year.

Service Area: Houston, Harris County, State of Texas, Midwest U.S., Central U.S., Southwest and Western US, Canada and Mexico; the port is one of the leading and fastest growing intermodal gateways to international trade in the United States

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹

40,341,760 tons

2006 Port Area Tonnage:²

222,146,750 tons

Principal Trading Partners: Mexico, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Brazil, China, Belgium, Algeria, Netherlands

Principal Activities and Products:

Petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals, crude fertilizers and minerals, cereals and cereal products, iron and steel articles, machinery, plastics, vehicles (except Railway) and containerized consumer goods

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$134,950,000	\$153,912,667	\$164,746,894	\$190,858,434
Operating Expenses	\$121,839,000	\$128,366,666	\$133,399,466	\$172,567,398

¹ As reported by port authority (2007) for port authority facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2006) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF HOUSTON

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Bayport Port Road</i>		
55.002(1)	Port Road Phase 3.	\$3,149,750
<i>Deer Park to Pasadena Railroad Track</i>		
55.002(1)	Lead railroad track from Deer Park to Pasadena.	\$6,200,000

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Bayport Terminal Entry and Exit Gate</i>		
55.002 (3)	Construction of Bayport truck entry and exit gate.	\$62,500,000
<i>Bayport Container Yard Expansion</i>		
55.002(3)	Construction of Berth 3 container yard, 48 acres.	\$51,400,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Turning Basin Northside Access Improvements</i>		
55.002(1&4)	Construction of additional ramproad lanes for access control.	\$4,300,000
<i>Jacintoport Terminal Rail Improvements</i>		
55.002(1)	Replace railroad crossing and turnout from Union Pacific mainline.	\$1,750,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Barbours Cut Terminal Environmental Improvements</i>		
55.002 (2&7)	New 138KV transmission line and substation for additional electrification and cold ironing.	\$11,495,000
<i>Bayport Terminal Dredging</i>		
55.002(2)	Dredging Bayport container Berth 4 & 5.	\$13,100,000

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PORT ISABEL



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Port Director
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Port Isabel, TX 78578
(956) 943-7826 Ext. 321
www.portofportisabel.com

Legal Name: Port Isabel San Benito Navigation District

Principal Trading Partners: Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize

Governing Body: The port is governed by an elected Board of Canal Commissioners. The Board consists of three commissioners with staggered four-year terms. The District comprises 1/3 of Cameron County with approximately 33,000 registered voters.

Principal Activities and Products: Off-shore oil work has significantly increased in the area. Every square foot of available land and every berth has been lease for deepwater exploration and production. A new \$32 million Spool Base Facility was announced this week. Commitments from Haliburton, Subsea7, P.I.L.O.T. will greatly increase activity and vessel calls.

Service Area: Rio Grande Valley of Texas

FY 2009 CAPITAL TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Reliever road to State HWY 48</i>		
55.002(1)	Truck traffic is scheduled to triple on the approach road to the Port. A reliever road connecting directly to State HWY 48 will bypass residential areas and public parks. The road right of way will be donated.	\$2,300,000

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted for FY 2010.

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PORT MANSFIELD

**Contact Information:**

400 W. Hidalgo, Suite 200
Raymondville, TX 78580
(956) 689 3332
www.portofmansfield.com

Legal Name: Willacy County Navigation District

Principal Trading Partners: None

Governing Body: Three-member Board of Commissioners elected during odd-numbered years.

Principal Activities and Products: Sport fishing, South Texas Spaceport

Service Area: Raymondville, Willacy County and south Texas

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$800,000	\$985,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,500,000
Operating Expenses	N/A	\$1,155,000	\$1,080,000	\$1,540,000

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PORT MANSFIELD

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>North Side Cargo Dock</i>		
55.002(3)	Complete any portion of 2007 Plan remaining. (Rebuild 300 ft. of bulkhead west of MI Drilling dock.)	\$800,000
<i>District Barn and Bulkhead</i>		
55.002(3)	Complete any portion of 2007 Plan remaining. (Rebuild old warehouse and 150 ft. of bulkhead in front of building.)	\$750,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>North Side Cargo Dock</i>		
55.002(3)	Complete any portion of 2007/2008 Plan remaining. (Rebuild 300 ft. of bulkhead west of MI Drilling dock.)	\$1,000,000

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PORT LAVACA – POINT COMFORT



Contact Information:

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Port Director
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Point Comfort, TX 77978
(361) 987-2813 (main number)
www.portofplpc.com

Legal Name: Calhoun Port Authority

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:¹
4,594,450 tons

Governing Body: The Calhoun Port Authority is a public port authority and political subdivision of the State of Texas. The Port Authority is governed by a Board composed of six elected board members.

2006 Port Area Tonnage:²
10,808,318 tons

Service Area: Mid-Texas Coastal Region and South Western United States

Principal Trading Partners: Mexico, South America, Caribbean and Far East (Taiwan)

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$2,595,466	\$3,918,396	\$2,752,333	\$2,752,333
Operating Expenses	\$1,853,187	\$2,263,863	\$2,313,884	\$2,313,884

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>New dry bulk dock and unloading facility</i>		
55.002(3,7)	New docks for multi-use facilities.	\$25,000,000

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2010.

¹ As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PALACIOS

Port of Palacios *"Shrimp Capital of Texas"*



Contact Information:

Matagorda County Navigation District # 1
P. O. Box 551
1602 Main Street
Palacios, TX 77465
Phone: (361) 972-5556 Fax: (361) 972-3584
www.portofpalacios.com

Governing Body: Three-member Board of Commissioners – elected

Service Area: The Port of Palacios provides a safe harbor for commercial fishermen from the three counties around Matagorda Bay – Matagorda, Jackson and Calhoun counties, for other Texas ports and for other Gulf Coast ports.

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities¹:
12.04 million lbs of Shrimp

Principal Trading Partners: Commercial fishermen from ports in the other states around the Gulf of Mexico visit the Port of Palacios to sell their shrimp and other seafood, re-provision their boats with fuel and supplies, repair and refit their vessels.

Principal Activities and Products: The major industries are shrimping, fishing, tourism and a shipyard industry, which builds barges, tugs, and commercial and recreational boats of various sizes and configurations. Over 15 million pounds of headless shrimp are harvested annually from the bays and Gulf by Palacios fishermen. This catch has a landed value at the boat of over \$25 million. Processing, marketing and distribution costs add about \$120 million and the full consumer market value for this shrimp is about \$175 million annually. Over 350 commercial fishing boats operate from the three turning basins at the Port and are affiliated with the fish houses located at the Port. These boats and fish houses provide employment for about 3,050 people. The cost for recent new Gulf shrimp boats ranges from \$800,000 to \$1.2 million. The Port does not have any passenger traffic or any international import/export business operations at this time.

The Port of Palacios leases dock and property space to commercial seafood operators and distributors, shipyards and barge manufacturing facilities. The Port also serves the recreational boating industry with two marinas providing a total capacity of 56 wet slips and seven dry storage spaces. MCND #1 properties also include the Texas State Marine Education Center and Brookings-Hays Yacht Harbor Subdivision.

¹ As reported by port authority (2007) for port authority facilities

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Revenues				
Port:	\$1,169,093	\$1,181,637	\$1,343,290	\$1,921,226
Operators:	\$26.0 million	\$23.1 million	\$25.3 million	\$30.1 million
Operating Expenses	\$630,869	\$744,494	\$778,445	\$722,198

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PALACIOS

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Infrastructure Improvements</i>		
55.002(3)	Commercial center property.	\$500,000
<i>Infrastructure Repairs</i>		
55.002(7)	Road paving and repair work.	\$100,000
<i>Port Property</i>		
55.002(6)	Turning Basin #4.	\$7,000,000
<i>Dock Repairs</i>		
55.002(3)	Bulk head and pier repairs.	\$250,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Infrastructure Repairs</i>		
55.002(7)	Road repairs.	\$50,000
<i>Dock Repairs</i>		
55.002(3)	Bulk head and pier repairs.	\$75,000
<i>Infrastructure Improvements</i>		
55.002(3)	Commercial center and Turtle Bay properties.	\$500,000

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PORT ARTHUR



Contact Information:

221 Houston Avenue
Port Arthur, TX 77640
(409)983-2011
www.portofportarthur.com

Legal Name: Port of Port Arthur Navigation
District of Jefferson County, Texas

Governing Body: The Port of Port Arthur is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. A Port Commission composed of five at-large elected commissioners governs the Port.

Service Area: Rail and truck service to all points within the United States, Canada and Mexico; barge service to cities along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Tennessee River Systems

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities¹:
770,981 tons

2006 Port Area Tonnage²:
28,402,510 tons

Principal Trading Partners: Mexico, Central and South America, United Kingdom, European Continent, Sweden, Norway and the Mediterranean Sea area

Principal Activities and Products:

- **Exports:** Forest products 74,227 short tons; petroleum coke 4,984 short tons; steel pipe 2,833 short tons; project cargo 329 short tons
- **Imports:** Steel slabs 415,900 short tons; forest products 267,634 short tons; project cargo 1,228 short tons; miscellaneous steel 3,846 short tons.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	\$8,449,110	\$8,607,726	\$8,419,907	\$9,575,433
Operating Expenses	\$8,673,537	\$7,746,141	\$8,686,956	\$9,344,104

¹ As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

² As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2006) including port authority and private facilities

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PORT ARTHUR

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Lakeshore Connection</i>		
55.002 (1)	Port road to connect 75 acre land acquisition and 15-acre land stabilization with rail holding yard.	\$11,500,000

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Berth Dredging</i>		
55.002(2)	Dredging of Berths 1 – 5 to 40' depth to ensure safe navigation of berths and waterway every six months.	\$1,468,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Berth Dredging</i>		
55.002(2)	Dredging of Berths 1 – 5 to 40' depth to insure safe navigation of berths and waterway every six months.	\$1,468,000
<i>Berth 6 Construction</i>		
55.002(7)	Construction of 1,800 linear feet of berth facilities, wharfs and 250,000-square foot transit shed.	\$51,300,000
<i>Mechanized Equipment</i>		
55.002(5)	Mechanized conveyer system, silos for dry bulk cargoes.	\$1,775,000

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF VICTORIA



Contact Information:

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Executive Director
1934 FM 1432
Victoria, TX 77905
(361) 570-8855
www.portofvictoria.com

Legal Name: Victoria County Navigation District.

Governing Body: Five-member Commission appointed by Victoria County Commissioners Court. Commissioners serve two year terms on a rotating basis.

Service Area: Entire 26,000-mile U.S. Inland Waterway System

2007 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:
3,432,000

2007 Port Area Tonnage:
5,652,000 tons

Principal Activities and Products: Sand and gravel, chemicals and petrochemicals, fertilizers, grain and grain products, project cargo

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Operating Revenues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Operating Expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

PORT PROFILE – PORT OF VICTORIA

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Rail Staging Area Enlargement</i>		
55.002(1)	Enlarge rail staging area.	\$3,200,000

FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Demolition and Removal of Finger Piers</i>		
55.002(3)	Demolition and removal of “finger piers” at Dock #1.	\$432,000
<i>Dock #1 Extension</i>		
55.002(7)	Extension of Dock #1.	\$2,800,000
<i>Erosion Control</i>		
55.002(2)	Erosion control in turning basin and shoreline erosion control.	\$2,300,000
<i>Construction Project</i>		
55.002(3)	Construction of tow boat refueling, potable water and bilge water recycling station.	\$1,750,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Rail Extension to Dock</i>		
55.002(1)	Extend rail line to dock.	\$2,400,000

FY 2010 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
<i>Container Dock Construction</i>		
55.002(3)	Construction of container dock.	\$12,750,000
<i>RO/RO Facility Construction</i>		
55.002(3)	Construction of multi purpose RO/RO facility.	\$15,400,000

APPENDIX B – TRANSPORTATION CODE



CHAPTER 55 – TRANSPORTATION CODE

TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 55. FUNDING OF PORT SECURITY, PROJECTS, AND STUDIES

§ 55.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- (1) "Commission" means the Texas Transportation Commission.
- (2) "Committee" means the Port Authority Advisory Committee.
- (3) "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation.
- (4) "Fund" means the port access account fund.
- (5) "Port security, transportation, or facility project" means a project that is necessary or convenient for the proper operation of a port and that will improve the security, movement, and intermodal transportation of cargo or passengers in commerce and trade.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, § 18.02, eff. June 21, 2003.

§ 55.002. PORT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING.

- (a) From money in the fund, the department shall fund:
 - (1) port security, transportation, or facility projects; and
 - (2) port studies.
- (b) The department may not fund a port security, transportation, or facility project unless an amount at least equal to the amount provided by the department is invested in the project by a port authority or navigation district.
- (c) Port security, transportation, or facility projects eligible for funding under this chapter include:
 - (1) construction or improvement of transportation facilities within the jurisdiction of a port;
 - (2) the dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins, or harbors;
 - (3) the construction or improvement of wharves, docks, structures, jetties, piers, storage facilities, cruise terminals, or any facilities necessary or useful in connection with port transportation or economic development;
 - (4) the construction or improvement of facilities necessary or useful in providing port security;
 - (5) the acquisition of container cranes or other mechanized equipment used in the movement of cargo or passengers in international commerce;
 - (6) the acquisition of land to be used for port purposes;
 - (7) the acquisition, improvement, enlargement, or extension of existing port facilities; and
 - (8) environmental protection projects that:
 - (A) are required as a condition of a state, federal, or local environmental permit or other form of approval;
 - (B) are necessary for the acquisition of spoil disposal sites and improvements to existing and future spoil sites; or
 - (C) result from the undertaking of eligible projects.
- (d) The department, in consultation with the committee, shall review the list of projects recommended by the committee to evaluate the economic benefit of each project. The commission, after receiving recommendations from the committee and from the department, shall approve projects or studies for funding based on its review.

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Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, § 18.03, eff. June 21, 2003.

§ 55.003. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The department may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the purposes of this chapter.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

§ 55.004. AUDIT. The department may subject a project that receives money under this chapter to a final audit.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, § 18.04, eff. June 21, 2003.

§ 55.005. PORT ACCESS ACCOUNT FUND.

- (a) The port access account fund is an account in the general revenue fund.
- (b) The following money shall be credited to the fund:
 - (1) money received from gifts, grants, and donations; and
 - (2) interest earned on deposits and investments of the fund.
- (c) Money in the fund may be appropriated only to the department to perform the department's powers and duties concerning port transportation and economic development under this chapter and to pay the department's expenses incurred under this chapter.
- (d) The financial transactions of the fund are subject to audit by the state auditor.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

§ 55.006. PORT AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The committee consists of seven members appointed by the commission.

The members shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) one member from the Port of Houston Authority;
 - (2) three members who represent ports on the upper Texas coast; and
 - (3) three members who represent ports on the lower Texas coast.
- (b) A committee member serves at the pleasure of the commission.
- (c) The committee must meet at least semiannually.
- (d) A member is not entitled to compensation for service on the committee but is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses the member incurs in performing committee duties.
- (e) Section 2110.002, Government Code, does not apply to the committee.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, § 18.05, eff. June 21, 2003.

§ 55.007. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE. The committee shall:

- (1) prepare a port mission plan;
- (2) review each project eligible to be funded under this chapter and make recommendations for approval or disapproval to the department;
- (3) maintain trade data information that will assist ports in this state and international trade;
- (4) annually prepare a list of projects that have been recommended by the committee, including:
 - (A) the recommended funding level for each project; and

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- (B) if staged implementation of the project is appropriate, the funding requirements for each stage; and
- (5) advise the commission and the department on matters relating to port authorities.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, § 18.06, eff. June 21, 2003.

§ 55.008. CAPITAL PROGRAM.

- (a) The committee shall prepare a two-year port capital program defining the goals and objectives of the committee concerning the development of port facilities and an intermodal transportation system. The port capital program must include projects or studies submitted to the committee by any port and recommendations for:
 - (1) the construction of transportation facilities connecting any port to another transportation mode; and
 - (2) the efficient, cost-effective development of transportation facilities or port facilities for the purpose of:
 - (A) enhancing international trade;
 - (B) enhancing security;
 - (C) promoting cargo flow;
 - (D) increasing cruise passenger movements;
 - (E) increasing port revenues; and
 - (F) providing economic benefits to the state.
- (b) The committee shall update the port capital program annually and shall submit the capital program not later than February 1 of each year to:
 - (1) the governor;
 - (2) the lieutenant governor;
 - (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and
 - (4) the commission.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, § 18.07, eff. June 21, 2003.

§ 55.009. RULES. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this chapter.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1325, § 18.08, eff. June 21, 2003.



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