# Texas Ports 2008 – 2009 Capital Program



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Texas ports are continually expanding and investing in their facilities. These investments and expansions enable them to remain competitive with ports in other states. Each port provides a distinct service to its customers. By providing first-class facilities and services to their customers, Texas ports will continue to strengthen the economic stability of both Texas and port operations.

Over the next 20 years, all modes of freight transportation in Texas will see significantly increased use. By establishing a funding base for the Port Access Account Fund, Texas ports can remain competitive with those in other states, expand their customer bases, and continue to assist in alleviating pollution and congestion on Texas roads.

Competitor states in the Gulf of Mexico region are taking a much more proactive role in port Development than Texas:

- Louisiana's Port Priority Program provides \$25 million annually to its ports for infrastructure projects. An additional \$35 million was appropriated in FY 2007 to aid in recovering from Hurricane Katrina.
- Through the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development program, Florida provides approximately \$15 million per year in grants and \$25 million per year to support bonded issues that were used for construction projects at its deepwater ports. The state made an additional \$50 million available beginning in FY 2008.
- The State of Mississippi supplies low-interest loans and also funds selected port projects directly.
- The State of Alabama contributed \$80 million toward the construction of the Choctaw Point Container Terminal.

As required by Chapter 55 of the Texas 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. The profiles for each of the ports surveyed can be found in Appendix A. A copy of Chapter 55 of the Texas Transportation Code (Funding of Port Security, Projects, and Studies) is included as Appendix B.

Ten ports provided capital plans for the FY 2008/FY 2009 period. The estimated total cost of the 67 identified projects is \$567,588,700. Funding for these projects from the Port Access Account Fund would necessitate legislative approval of approximately \$176,733,850. This amount is the total of all project costs minus funding arranged from other sources and scheduled port contributions. A summary table of the planned projects for each port is provided beginning on page 4 of this report. The planned projects range from facility upgrades to security enhancements. All are important to our ports, the economy, and the stability of the Texas transportation infrastructure.

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# TEXAS PORTS

Texas has more than 970 wharves, piers, and docks for handling freight located on 271 miles of deep draft channels and 750 miles of shallow draft channels. The federal government, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, provided \$95 million in FY 2007 for operation and maintenance activities for these channels.

Ports provide a valuable service to the community. They expand economic opportunity by providing waterborne entry and exit points for domestic and international trade. By employing over one million Texans, the ports contribute over \$30 billion annually to our economy and

generate approximately \$5 billion in local and state tax revenues. In 2005, Texas ports handled 11,549 deep-sea vessel calls (18.9% of the national total). In terms of tonnage, they handled 19.5% of the nation's total maritime cargo.

The development of waterways and ports in Texas has historically been accomplished by public partnerships with the federal government, private investments, and local taxpayer-funded actions. State and federal taxes paid by port operations greatly exceed federal or local

response to this decrease in funding, many states have developed funding programs to ensure port facilities are developed to meet waterborne trade growth projections.

The Texas Legislature created a funding program (Port Access Account Fund) for port

security, projects, and studies in 2001 within Chapter 55 of the Transportation Code. This legislation also describes the projects and studies that can receive funding. The list of port projects for FY 2008-2009, developed by the Texas Transportation Institute for the TxDOT Port Authority Advisory Committee, is shown on the following pages. At this time, the Port Access Account Fund is not capitalized and is unavailable for funding any projects identified in the Texas Ports 2008-2009 Capital Program.

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# PORT AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

According to Chapter 55 of the Texas Transportation Code, the Texas Transportation Commission is required to appoint a seven-member Port Authority Advisory Committee. This committee is governed by Title 43, Section 1.84, of the Texas Administrative Code. It has been established to advise the commission and TxDOT on port issues. In addition, the committee is mandated to establish a forum for exchanging information among the commission, TxDOT, and the various members that represent the Texas port system.



## FY 2008 PORT PROJECT SUMMARY

	Total	Funds to be		Port Access
Port and Project Description	Estimated	Supplied by	Port	Account
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Cost	Others <sup>1</sup>	Funding <sup>2</sup>	Funding <sup>3</sup>
PORT OF BEAUMONT				
Rail expansion	\$16,000,000	\$12,462,500	\$1,768,750	\$1,768,750
Orange County roadway	\$3,125,000	\$2,762,500	\$181,250	\$181,250
New general cargo wharf	\$22,000,000	\$21,500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
10-Acre cargo storage lot	\$1,600,000	\$1,500,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Purchase mobile harbor cargo crane	\$4,500,000	\$4,450,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Lot 10 rehabilitation	\$500,000	\$450,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Lot 5 rehabilitation	\$750,000	\$725,000	\$12,500	\$12,500
New military headquarters building	\$5,400,000	\$5,350,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$53,875,000	\$49,200,000	\$2,337,500	\$2,337,500
PORT OF BROWNSVILLE	<i><b>400</b>,010,000</i>	¢.0,200,000	+_,,	<b>,,,,,,,</b> ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Construct security canopies over gate	\$150,000		\$75,000	\$75,000
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Construct new maintenance facility	\$300,000		\$150,000	\$150,000
Deepening and widening feasibility study	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Development of master plan	\$250,000	Ψ200,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Repair and rehabilitate port roads	\$3,800,000	\$3,000,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Improvements to docks and warehouses	\$915,000	φ0,000,000	\$457,500	\$457,500
TOTAL	\$5,915,000	\$3,250,000	\$1,332,500	
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PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI	¢40.007.000	¢40.704.000	¢000.000	****
Joe Fulton International corridor improvement	\$49,967,000	\$48,721,000	\$623,000	\$623,000
La Quinta Trade gateway Phase II	\$11,700,000	\$9,360,000	\$1,170,000	\$1,170,000
Reuse planning of Ingleside Naval station	\$7,750,000	\$6,750,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Oil Dock Upgrades	\$3,000,000	<b>*</b> • • • • • • • • •	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL	\$72,417,000	\$64,831,000	\$3,793,000	\$3,793,000
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
TOTAL	\$35,400,000		\$17,700,000	\$17,700,000
PORT OF GALVESTON				
Secure easements and construct new	\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$500,000
entrance				
Harbor deepening	\$8,500,000		\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000
Construct new warehouse at Pier 34	\$2,700,000		\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
Construct roads and rehabilitate rail	\$5,000,000		\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
crossings				
Dredge a turning basin to widen harbor	\$2,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$19,200,000		\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000
PORT OF HOUSTON	, ,		, ,	,
Bayport cruise terminal parking expansion	\$5,286,000		\$2,643,000	\$2,643,000
Bayport terminal wharf and dredging	\$61,275,000		\$30,637,500	\$30,637,500
Bayport terminal construction Phase 1,	\$48,230,000		\$24,115,000	\$24,115,000
Stage 3	÷.0,200,000		<i> </i>	<i>+_</i> .,,,
TOTAL	\$114,791,000		\$57,395,500	\$57,395,500
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 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Anticipated non-matching funds, and may include federal, state, or private funding sources
<sup>2</sup> Assuming 50% matching contribution from Port Access Account
<sup>3</sup> Maximum allowable contribution

Port and Project Description	Total Estimated Cost	Funds to be Supplied by Others <sup>1</sup>	Port Funding <sup>2</sup>	Port Access Account Funding <sup>3</sup>
PORT MANSFIELD				
Complete any portion of FY 2007 projects remaining				
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 PALACIOS				
Commercial Center property	\$1,500,000		\$750,000	\$750,000
Infrastructure repairs (paving & road repairs)	\$100,000		\$50,000	\$50,000
Port property development – Turning Basin 4	\$6,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Dock repairs to bulkhead and pier	\$100,000		\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$7,700,000		\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000
PORT ARTHUR				
Berth dredging	\$1,200,000		\$600,000	\$600,000
Transit shed expansion	\$8,500,000		\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000
TOTAL	\$9,700,000		\$4,850,000	\$4,850,000
PORT OF VICTORIA				
Expand rail staging area	\$400,000		\$200,000	\$200,000
Removal of finger piers to allow for	\$250,000		\$125,000	<b>\$125,000</b>
expansion				
Dock #1 extension	\$1,500,000		\$750,000	\$750,000
Erosion control	\$2,300,000		\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000
Infrastructure development	\$1,200,000		\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL	\$5,650,000			\$2,825,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$326,198,000	\$117,281,000	\$104,458,500	\$104,458,500

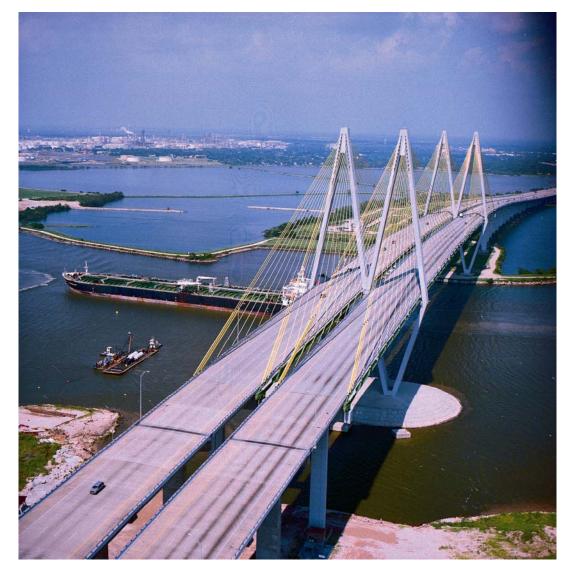
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<sup>2</sup> Assuming State contribution is maximized
<sup>3</sup> Maximum allowable contribution

# FY 2009 PORT PROJECT SUMMARY

Port and Project Description	Total Estimated Cost	Funds to be Supplied by Others <sup>1</sup>	Port Funding <sup>2</sup>	Port Access Account Funding <sup>3</sup>
PORT OF BROWNSVILLE				
Deepening and widening feasibility study	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Development of master plan	\$150,000	. ,	\$75,000	\$75,000
Port security improvements	\$3,610,950	\$2,480,000	\$565,475	\$565,475
TOTAL	\$4,560,950	\$2,880,000	\$840,475	\$840,475
PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI	• ,,	+ ))	+, -	·····
LaQuinta Trade Gateway-Phase II	\$17,200,000	\$13,760,000	\$1,720,000	\$1,720,000
Channel improvements LaQuinta Terminal	\$67,800,000	\$54,200,000	\$6,800,000	\$6,800,000
Reuse planning of Ingleside Naval station	\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Oil Dock Upgrades	\$2,000,000	\$000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$88,500,000	\$68,460,000	\$10,020,000	\$10,020,000
PORT OF HARLINGEN	+;;;	+,,	+;;	+;;
Construct sugar house	\$4,250,000		\$2,125,000	\$2,125,000
Upgrade dock for sand unloading	\$300,000		\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$4,550,000		\$2,275,000	\$2,275,000
PORT OF HOUSTON	¢ 1,000,000		<i><i><i>v</i>_,,_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</i></i>	+_, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Bayport Port Road – Phase 3	\$3,149,750		\$1,574,875	\$1,574,875
Deer Park to Pasadena Railroad Track	\$6,200,000	\$4,600,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
Bayport Terminal Station Building	\$29,025,000	φ-1,000,000	\$14,512,500	\$14,512,500
Bayport Terminal RTG Cranes	\$7,225,000		\$3,612,500	\$3,612,500
Bayport SE & SW Empty Yards	\$53,750,000		\$26,875,000	\$26,875,000
Security area for Visitors at Turning Basin	\$1,675,000		\$837,500	\$837,500
TOTAL	\$101,024,750	\$4,600,000	\$48,212,375	\$48,212,375
PORT MANSFIELD	¢.0.,02.,.00	<i> </i>	<i>•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••</i>	¢.0,2.12,010
Rebuild 300 ft. of bulkhead	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
PORT OF PALACIOS	ψ1,000,000	ψ300,000	ψ30,000	<b>400,000</b>
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 ARTHUR	ψ023,000		ψ <b>312,300</b>	<b>4312,300</b>
Berth dredging	\$1,200,000		\$600,000	\$600,000
		\$20,000,000		
Berth construction Mechanized conveyer system	\$30,000,000 \$980,000	\$20,000,000	\$5,000,000 \$490,000	\$5,000,000 \$490,000
TOTAL	\$32,180,000	\$20,000,000	\$6,090,000	\$6,090,000
PORT OF VICTORIA	ψ52,100,000	Ψ20,000,000	ψ0,030,000	ψ0,030,000
Rail extension to Dock	\$2,100,000		\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000
Container Dock construction	\$6,850,000		\$3,425,000	\$3,425,000
	\$8,950,000			
TOTAL	90,930,000		\$4,475,000	\$4,475,000
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TOTAL ALL FY 2009 PROJECTS	\$241,390,700	\$96,840,000	\$72,275,350	\$72,275,350
TOTAL ALL FY 2008 – 2009 PROJECTS	\$567,588,700	\$214,121,000	\$176,733,850	\$176,733,850

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Anticipated non-matching funds, and may include federal, state, or private funding sources
<sup>2</sup> Assuming State contribution is maximized
<sup>3</sup> Maximum allowable contribution

## **APPENDIX A – PORT PROFILE INFORMATION**



## **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF BEAUMONT**





### **Contact Information:**

Port of Beaumont 1225 Main Street Beaumont, TX 77704 (409)835-5367 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

**2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:**<sup>1</sup> 2,959,784 tons

### 2005 Port Area Tonnage:<sup>2</sup>

78,887,000 tons

**Principal Trading Partners:** Brazil, Canada, Iraq, Russia, China

**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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	\$11,684,783	\$13,045,212	\$16,495,483	\$13,057,636
Operating Expenses	\$11,823,046	\$13,741,609	\$13,776,707	\$11,096,765

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority only facilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

## FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost		
Rail Expans	ion Program			
55.002(1)	Expand rail facilities within the port's property.	\$16,000,000		
Orange County Roadway				
55.002(1)	Expand roadway to allow heavy truck access to the port's Orange County facilities.	\$3,125,000		

### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost				
New Genera	New General Cargo Wharf					
55.002(7)	Construct new General Cargo wharf on port's Orange County property.	\$22,000,000				
Storage Fac	ility Improvement					
55.002(3)	10 – Acre cargo storage lot on port's Orange County property.	\$1,600,000				
Lot 10 Upgra	ade					
55.002(3)	Surfacing improvements on Lot 10.	\$500,000				
Lift Crane						
55.002(5)	Purchase of mobile harbor crane for port use.	\$4,500,000				
Lot 5 Project	Lot 5 Project					
55.002(3)	Rehabilitation and improvements on Lot 5.	\$750,000				
Military Headquarters Building						
55.002(4)	Construct new military headquarters building	\$5,400,000				

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2009.

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF BROWNSVILLE**





**Contact Information:** 

Eduardo A. Campirano Port Director Port of Brownsville 1000 Foust Road Brownsville, TX 78521 (956) 831-4592 Fax (956) 831-5006 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

2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:<sup>1</sup>

5,822,102 tons

2005 Port Area Tonnage:<sup>2</sup>

5,105,000 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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	\$8,903,079	\$9,365,420	\$8,956,866	\$10,881,118
Operating Expenses	\$8,701,508	\$9,384,485	\$9,505,294	\$9,826,645

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

# **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF BROWNSVILLE**

### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost				
Security Car	Security Canopy Construction					
55.002(4)	Construction of canopies over security areas at gate entrances.	\$150,000				
Deepening a	nd Widening Feasibility Study					
55.002(2)	Feasibility study with USACE-Galveston District for port deepening and widening.	\$500,000				
Port Master	Plan Development					
55.002(a)(2)	Development of Master Plan.	\$250,000				
Repair and F	Rehabilitate Port Roads					
55.002(7)	Port roads reconstruction/rehabilitation project with TxDOT.	\$3,800,000				
Construction	n of New Maintenance Facility					
55.002(3)	Construction of new warehouse for maintenance facility offices, supplies and equipment.	\$300,000				
Improvemen	ts to Docks and Warehouses					
55.002(3)	Rehabilitation and repair of warehouses and docks.	\$915,000				

### FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY\*

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost			
Phase 1 – Fl	M 511 Expansion				
55.002(1)	Widening and expansion of existing FM 511 route from US 77/83 to SH 48.	\$61,100,000			
Phase 2 – Fl	Phase 2 – FM 511 Truck Corridor				
55.002(1)	Construction of truck corridor along FM 511 to access new entrance at Port of Brownsville.	\$17,500,000			
Phase 2 – FM 511 Truck Corridor Port Entrance					
55.002(1)	Construction of new entrance at Port of Brownsville to FM 511 truck corridor.	\$2,100,000			
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\*These projects are 100% Federal/State funded and therefore not listed in the project summary table.

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost			
Deepening a	nd Widening Feasibility Study				
55.002(2)	Feasibility study with USACE-Galveston District for port deepening and widening.	\$800,000			
Port Master	Port Master Plan Development				
55.002(a)(2)	Development of Master Plan.	\$150,000			
Port Security Improvements					
55.002(4)	Improvements to port security system.	\$3,610,950			

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI**





#### **Contact Information:**

222 Power Street Corpus Christi, TX 78401 (361)882-5633 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 City of 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.

**2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:**<sup>1</sup> 28,379,202 tons

#### 2005 Port Area Tonnage:<sup>2</sup>

77,647,000 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, reformate, 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.

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	\$26,879,813	\$28,371,297	\$32,731,892	\$36,036,411
Operating Expenses	\$22,047,186	\$23,568,049	\$32,642,253	\$36,273,101

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

## FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
Joe Fulton	International Trade Corridor	
55.002 (1)	Construction of 11.5 mile road and rail project to improve access to more than 2,000 acres of land for future development	\$49,967,000
La Quinta T	rade Gateway – Phase II Infrastructure	
55.002 (1)	Construction of road and bridge infrastructure for access to container terminal	\$11,700,000

## FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
Naval Statio	n Ingleside-Reuse Planning	
55.002 (7)	Reuse and design of facilities at Naval Station Ingleside acquired during BRAC 2005	\$7,750,000
Oil Dock 11	Upgrades	
55.002 (3)	Design and upgrades to accommodate larger ships	\$3,000,000

## FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
La Quinta Tra	de Gateway – Phase II Infrastructure	
55.002 (1)	Construction of road and bridge infrastructure for access to container terminal	\$17,200,000

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost	
Channel Imp	provement Project – La Quinta Terminal		
55.002 (2)	Navigation improvements to widen, deepen, and extend the Corpus Christi Ship Channel to the La Quinta Channel, the ports container terminal	\$67,800,000	
Naval Statio	n Ingleside-Reuse Planning		
55.002 (7)	Reuse and design of facilities at Naval Station Ingleside acquired during BRAC 2005	\$1,500,000	
Upgrade Oil Docks			
55.002(3)	Design and upgrades to accommodate larger ships	\$2,000,000	

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT FREEPORT**





**Contact Information:** 

Port Freeport 200 W. Second St. P.O. Box 615 Freeport, TX 77542-0615 (979)233-2667 www.portfreeport.com

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.

2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:<sup>1</sup>

1,538,931 tons

## 2005 Port Area Tonnage:<sup>2</sup>

33,602,000 tons

**Principal Trading Partners:** Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Brazil, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, 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.

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	\$6,184,898	\$6,570,514	\$8,881,117	\$10,341,697
Operating Expenses	\$6,846,716	\$6,718,109	\$7,603,771	\$8,663,109

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

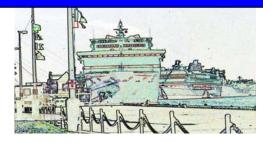
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	<b>Total Cost</b>
Relocate Bu	lk Loader	
55.002(3)	Modification of fixed bulk loader	\$4,000,000
Civil site/pa	ving for berth 7 and Parcel 25	
55.002(3)	Civil site work and paving for berth 7 and Parcel 25	\$15,000,000
Gates for be	orth 7 and Parcel 25	
55.002(4)	New main access gate for new berths	\$1,400,000
Berth 5 and	7 Projects	
55.002(3,7)	New docks for multi-use facilities	\$15,000,000

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2009.

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF GALVESTON**





**Contact Information:** 

Port of Galveston 123 Rosenberg Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Galveston, TX 77550 (409) 766-6100 www.portofgalveston.com

**Legal Name:** Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves

**Governing Body:** The Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves (Port of Galveston) is a municipally owned port operated by a public agency, whose seven trustees are appointed by the City Council of the City of Galveston. One member of the Board of Trustees is an ex-officio representative of the City Council.

**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

**2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:**<sup>1</sup> 6,217,668 tons

2005 Port Area Tonnage:<sup>2</sup>

8,008,000 tons

**Principal Trading Partners:** Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Columbia, Venezuela, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Spain, Italy, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Bulgaria, Belgium, England, Germany, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Singapore, China

#### **Principal Activities and Products:**

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

- **Imports:** Containers, Bananas. Agricultural Equipment, Machinery, Vehicles, Fertilizer Products, Lumber Products, Military-related cargoes
- **Exports:** Bulk grains, Containers, Machinery, Vehicles, Liner Board and Paper, Carbon Black, Light Fuels

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Cruise Passengers	373,345	434,855	532,241	616,939
Operating Revenues	\$13,864,516	\$14,474,565	\$17,360,287	\$21,958,844
Operating Expenses	\$11,743,647	\$13,321,542	\$14,302,000	\$17,419,445

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

## FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
41 <sup>st</sup> Street Ha	rborside Entrance	
55.002(5)	Secure easements and construct entrance from Harborside Drive/State Highway 275 to Old Port Industrial at 41st Street	\$1,000,000
Harbor Deepe	ening	
55.002(2)	Take advantage of the on-going U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Galveston Channel deepening project.	\$8,500,000
Pier 34 Wareh	nouse	
55.002(3)	Construct 75,000 square foot cargo storage warehouse at or near Pier 34	\$2,700,000
Internal Traffi	c Circulation	
55.002(3)	Construct roads and rehabilitate railroad crossings to ensure safety and to improve internal traffic circulation	\$5,000,000
Turning Basii	า	
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

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2009.

## **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

**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.

**Service Area:** South Texas and northern Mexico

**2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:**<sup>1</sup> 426,963 tons

#### 2005 Port Area Tonnage:<sup>2</sup>

791,000 tons

## **Principal Trading Partners:**

#### **Principal Activities and Products:**

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	\$550,650	\$548,867	\$559,313	\$596,724
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$479,229	\$496,285	\$498,421	\$551,973

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
Constructio	n Project	
55.002(3)	Construct Sugar House Storage	\$4,025,000
Upgrade Do	ck Facility	
55.002(3)	Update dock for sand unloading	\$300,000

## **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; PHA is one of the leading and fastest growing inter-modal gateways to international trade in the United States

#### 2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:<sup>1</sup> 40,352,707 tons

## 2005 Port Area Tonnage:<sup>2</sup>

211,666,000 tons

**Principal Trading Partners:** Mexico, Venezuela, Iraq, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Brazil, China, Belgium, Chile, 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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	\$120,902,000	\$134,950,000	\$153,912,667	\$164,746,894
Operating Expenses	\$114,010,000	\$121,839,000	\$128,366,666	\$133,399,466

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

#### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
Bayport Cru	ise Terminal Parking	
55.002(7)	Bayport Cruise Terminal parking lot expansion, passenger bridge and canopy	\$5,286,000
Bayport Ter	minal Wharf & Dredging	
55.002(2)	Container Wharf 3 and Dredging	\$61,275,000
Bayport Ter	minal Construction Phase 1 Stage 3	
55.002(3)	Bayport Phase 1 Stage 3 terminal gate complex construction	\$48,230,000

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

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT ISABEL**





## **Contact Information:**

Robert C. Cornelison Port Director 250 Industrial Dr. Port Isabel, TX 78578 (956)943-7826 Ext. 321 www.portofportisabel.com

Legal Name: Port Isabel San Benito Navigation District

**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.

Service Area: Rio Grande Valley of Texas

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

**Principal Activities and Products:** The port property is the Laguna Madre area's industrial park. Marina's, Shrimp Trawler berths, Processing and Cold Storage facilities all exist on port property. Shipping operations include RO/RO service to Central America, Passenger Cruise Operations and capital vessel lay-berths. In addition, off-shore oil work has significantly increased in the area.

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2008 – 2009.

## **PORT PROFILE – 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: 3-member Board of Commissioners elected during odd-numbered years.

Service Area: Raymondville, Willacy County and south Texas

Principal Activities and Products: Sport fishing, South Texas Spaceport.

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	\$900,000	\$800,000	\$985,000	\$1,200,000
Operating Expenses	N/A	N/A	\$1,155,000	\$1,080,000

### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

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

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
North Side (	Cargo Dock	
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 LAVACA – POINT COMFORT**





## **Contact Information:**

Charles R. Hausmann Interim Port Director P.O. Box 397 Point Comfort, TX 77978 361-987-2813 (Main Number) www.portofplpc.com

Legal Name: Calhoun Port Authority.

**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.

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

**2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities:**<sup>1</sup> 4,017,230 tons

**2005 Port Area Tonnage:**<sup>2</sup> 11,607,000 tons

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	\$2,889,326	\$2,595,466	\$3,918,396	\$2,752,333
Operating Expenses	\$1,787,759	\$1,853,187	\$2,263,863	\$2,313,884

No Capital Plan Projects Submitted For FY 2008 – 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF PALACIOS**



#### **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:** 3 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.

## **2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities**<sup>1</sup>:

20.2 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 fishing and tourism. 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 7 dry storage spaces. MCND #1 properties also include the Texas State Marine Education Center and Brookings-Hays Yacht Harbor Subdivision.

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Revenues Port: Operators:	\$1,568,404 \$30.8 million	\$1,169,093 \$26.0 million	\$1,181,637 \$23.1 million	\$1,343,290 \$25.3 million
Operating Expenses	\$639,155	\$20.0 million \$630,869	\$23.1 million \$744,494	\$23.3 million \$778,445

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

#### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost		
Infrastructu	re Improvements			
55.002(3)	Commercial Center Property	\$1,500,000		
Infrastructu				
55.002(7)	Road Paving and Repair Work	\$100,000		
Port Property				
55.002(6)	Turning Basin #4	\$6,000,000		
Dock Repairs				
55.002(3)	Bulk Head and Pier Repairs	\$100,000		

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost		
Infrastructu	ıre Repairs			
55.002(7)	Road Repairs	\$50,000		
Dock Repa	irs			
55.002(3)	Bulk Head and Pier Repairs	\$75,000		
Infrastructure Improvements				
55.002(3)	Commercial Center and Turtle Bay Properties	\$500,000		

# **PORT PROFILE – 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.

**2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities**<sup>1</sup>: 929,910 tons

### **2005 Port Area Tonnage<sup>2</sup>:**

26,385,000 tons

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

#### **Principal Activities and Products:**

- **EXPORTS:** Forest Products 71,833 short tons; Petroleum Coke 23,684 short tons; Steel Pipe 3,616 short tons; Project Cargo 1,985 short tons
- **IMPORTS:** Steel slabs 501,480 short tons; Forest Products 317,342 short tons; Project Cargo 6,768 short tons; Petroleum Coke 3,202 short tons.

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	\$6,925,898	\$8,449,110	\$8,607,726	\$8,419,907
Operating Expenses	\$7,185,543	\$8,673,537	\$7,746,141	\$8,686,956

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

#### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
Berth Dredg	ing	
55.002(2)	Dredging of berths 1 – 5 to 40' depth to insure safe navigation of berths and waterway every 6 months	\$1,200,000
Transit Shee	d Expansion	
55.002(7)	Construction of a 250,000 square foot transit shed to accommodate diversification of breakbulk cargoes in international trade	\$8,500,000

Eligibility	Project Description	<b>Total Cost</b>		
Berth Dredg	ing			
55.002(2)	Dredging of berths 1 – 5 to 40' depth to insure safe navigation of berths and waterway every 6 months	\$1,200,000		
Berth Const				
55.002(7)	Construction of 3 new berth facilities	\$30,000,000		
Mechanized Equipment				
55.002(5)	Mechanized conveyer system for loading dry bulk pellets	\$980,000		

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF VICTORIA**



**Contact Information:** 

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

**Legal Name:** Victoria County Navigation District.

**Governing Body:** 5-member Commission appointed by Victoria County Commissioners Court.

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

**2006 Cargo Tonnage – Port Facilities**<sup>1</sup>: N/A

**2005 Port Area Tonnage**<sup>2</sup>: 3,224,000 tons

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating Revenues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Operating Expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported by port authority (2006) for port authority facilities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported by the Corps of Engineers (2005) including port authority and private facilities

## **PORT PROFILE – PORT OF VICTORIA**

#### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost
Rail Staging	Area Enlargement	
55.002(1)	Enlarge rail staging are	\$400,000

#### FY 2008 CAPITAL PLAN FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost		
Demolition and Removal of Finger Piers				
55.002(3)	Demolition and removal of "finger piers" to extend Port of Victoria dock #1	\$250,000		
Dock #1 Extension				
55.002(7)	Extension of POV Dock #1	\$1,500,000		
Erosion Control				
55.002(2)	Erosion control in Turning Basin and shoreline erosion control	\$2,300,000		
Construction Project				
55.002(3)	Construction of tow boat refueling, potable water, and bilge water recycling station	\$1,200,000		

#### FY 2009 CAPITAL PLAN TO IMPROVE INTERMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost		
Rail Extension to Dock				
55.002(1)	Extend rail line to Dock	\$2,100,000		

Eligibility	Project Description	Total Cost			
Container Dock Construction					
55.002(3)	Construction of container dock	\$6,850,000			

# **APPENDIX B – 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.

