



Channel to Harlingen, TX

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FACT SHEET as of September 24, 2014

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AUTHORIZATION: House Doc. 402, 77th Cong., 1st Session

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: Operation and Maintenance



Barge traffic on Channel to Harlingen

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Cornyn and Cruz (TX), Representatives Vela (TX-34), and Hinojosa (TX-15)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Port of Harlingen Authority

BACKGROUND: The Channel to Harlingen shallow draft navigation project consists of a 12-ft deep by 125-ft wide by approximately 25.8 mile long channel, which extends from its junction with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW); through the Arroyo Colorado; to the turning basin at the facilities at Harlingen. The project also includes a barge-mooring basin near the channel's junction with the GIWW. The project is located in the vicinity of Rio Hondo and Harlingen in Cameron and Willacy Counties, Texas.

The Port of Harlingen moves bulk cargo and petroleum between Harlingen and other areas in South Texas and Mexico. In 2012, the Port of Harlingen moved approximately 1.0 million tons of commercial cargo; with sugar and chemicals being the most common commodities. While sugar is among the largest export, the port also imports petroleum, cement, sand and fertilizer. South Texas sugar cane is shipped by barge from the Port of Harlingen, via the GIWW, Mississippi River and Ohio River to the Domino sugar manufacturing facility in New York. Over 90% of all fertilizer products and 70% of all gasoline products for south Texas arrive by barge through the Port of Harlingen.

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STATUS: No activities performed during FY 2013. FY 2014 activities included awarding the Channel to Harlingen main channel and turning basin maintenance dredging contract. Dredging will commence in October 2014 (FY 2015).

ISSUES: The Channel to Harlingen Lower Reach is currently draft restricted to approximately 7-ft (channel is authorized to 12-ft). Maintenance dredging will commence in FY 2015 to relieve this draft restriction.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Federal Cost Estimate | N/A |
| Non-Federal Cost Estimate | N/A |
| Total Project Cost | N/A |
| Allocation thru FY 2011 | \$ N/A |
| Allocation for FY 2012 | 0 |
| Allocation for FY 2013 | 0 |
| Allocation for FY 2014 | \$4,221,000 |
| President Budget FY 2015 | 0 |
| Balance to Complete | N/A |

SCHEDULE:

FY 2014 Scheduled Work: FY 2014 activities will include award Channel to Harlingen Main Channel & Turning Basin maintenance dredging contract.

FY 2015 Budget: Not in the President's FY 2015 budget. Additional funding could be used for critical maintenance dredging within the Main Channel & Turning Basin (\$3,000,000); incremental maintenance dredging of the Main Channel & Turning Basin to project depth (\$1,500,000); maintenance dredging of the Main Channel & Turning Basin to the advanced maintenance depth (\$3,200,000) and dewatering activities for DAMP PA 7, 21, & 23 (\$850,000).

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the project/study completion date is N/A.

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