

FACT SHEET  
CONSTRUCTION GENERAL

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Channel to Victoria, Texas

AUTHORIZATION: Section 3(a)(15), WRDA 1988 (Guadalupe River to Victoria, Texas).

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:

CONSTRUCTION

Estimated Federal Cost	\$31,686,000
Other Federal Cost (U.S. Coast Guard)	62,000
(Department of Transportation)	422,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	6,530,000
Cash	\$3,521,000
Other	\$3,009,000
Total Estimated Cost	38,700,000
Allocation thru FY 2002	28,720,000
Allocation for FY 2003	0
Budget Amount for FY 2004	2,966,000
Balance to Complete after FY 2004	0
Amount That Could be Used in FY 2004	2,966,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The navigation project is located in south-central Texas within Calhoun and Victoria Counties and extends approximately 35 miles from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in San Antonio Bay to a turning basin located 7 miles south of Victoria, Texas. The project improvements enlarged the navigation channel to 12-feet by 125-feet commensurate with the GIWW.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: Complete repair of environmental mitigation features and continue archeological investigations.

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2004: Additional funds of \$2,966,000 could be used to complete resolution of the archeological site.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The project sponsors are the Westside Calhoun County and Victoria County Navigation Districts. Total project costs increased due to unanticipated repair of project mitigation features and additional archeological investigations. Prehistoric archeological site 41VT98 on the Channel to Victoria has produced artifacts dating from 1,000 to 12,000 years old, and a large Early Archaic cemetery dating from 5,000 to 7,000 years old. A process of coordination and public involvement is being pursued for this site in compliance with Federal law and regulations.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration supports the project.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Cornyn (TX) and Hutchison (TX); and Congressman Paul (TX-14).

DATE: February 4, 2003