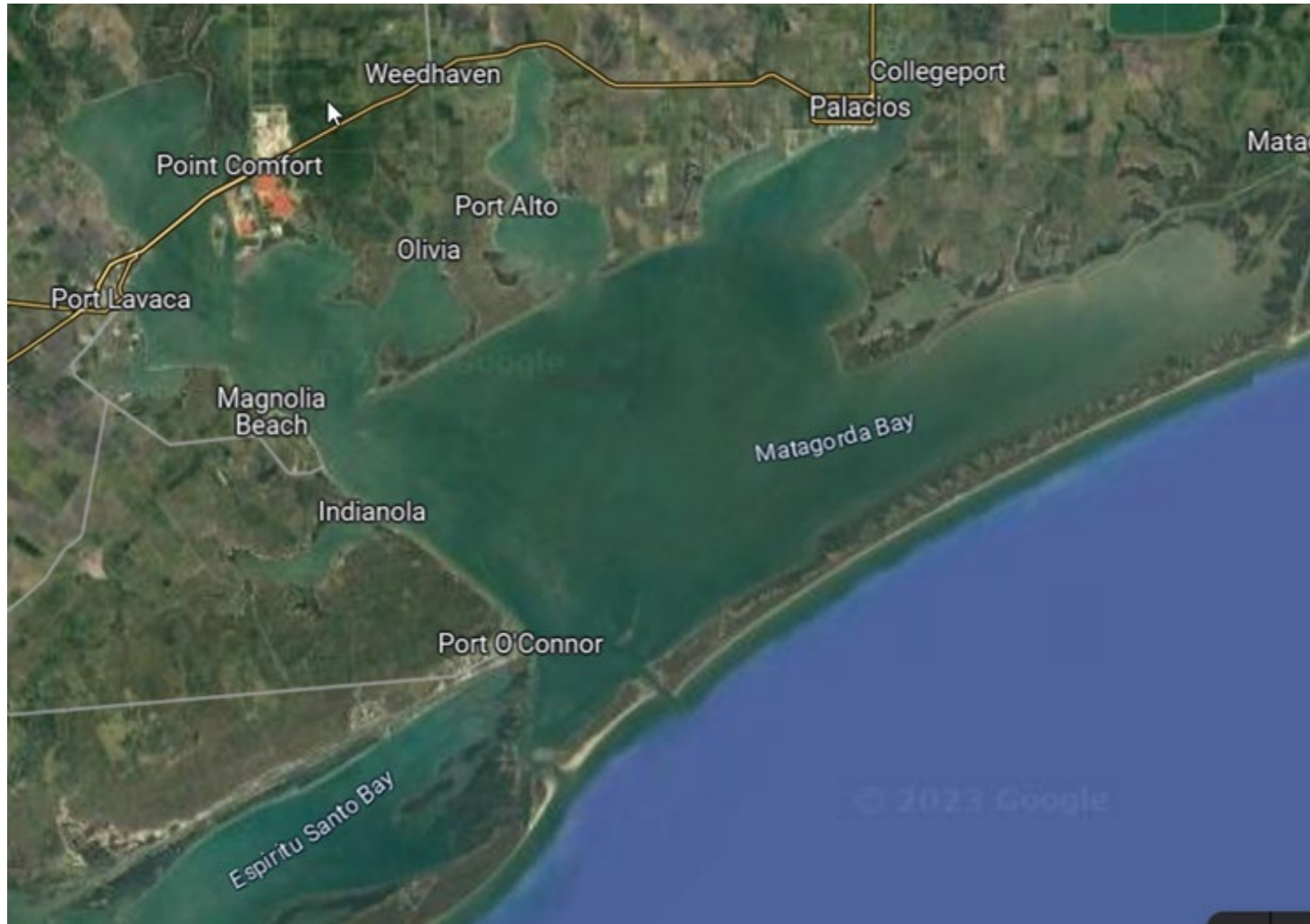




Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project



US Army Corps of Engineers
Omaha District



Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct the Matagorda Ship Channel project in Calhoun and Matagorda Counties, Texas. This project will improve the navigational efficiency and operational safety of the deep-draft navigation system for the study period of analysis.

Why is a SEIS needed

During the Pre-construction Engineering and Design (PED) phase, the USACE identified a discrepancy between its PED calculations concerning the quantity of material to be dredged from the Matagorda Ship Channel and the quantity of such material that was evaluated in the Feasibility Report. Due to the discrepancy, the USACE determined a SEIS would be prepared, and the ROD dated April 22, 2020, was withdrawn for further consideration of findings in the SEIS.

What is a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for all major federal actions likely to have a significant impact on the environment.

Environmental Impact Statements provide decision-makers with a clear understanding of the impacts to the environment that the proposed action will likely have. If, during execution of the project, there are significant changes or if significant new information or circumstances that are relevant to the environmental impacts of the action are found, a supplement to the draft or final EIS must be prepared. This is a Supplemental EIS, or SEIS.

Resources

A Citizen's Guide to NEPA:
<https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/get-involved/citizens-guide-to-nepa-2021.pdf>

Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project, Port Lavaca, Texas , Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement completed in August 2019:
<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Planning-Environmental-Branch/Documents-for-Public-Review/>

SEIS Timeline

| Notice of Intent for SEIS Published | Scoping comment period | Scoping public meeting | Draft SEIS released for public review | Final SEIS released |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 June 2023 | 2 June - 3 July 2023 | 7 June 2023 | Spring 2024 | Fall 2024 |

Submit scoping input:

At this meeting in writing

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Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project,
Port Lavaca, Texas
Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact
Statement, Review of Completed Projects,
Calhoun and Matagorda Counties

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Project Purpose

- Project will reduce transportation costs and increase the efficiency of maritime commerce, while providing for safe, reliable navigation of the Matagorda Ship Channel
- Without significant changes in width and depth, the current channel is not capable of accommodating the expected growth in use of the channel
- By expanding channel dimensions, cargo vessels could reduce or eliminate light loading, and larger cargo vessels unable to transit the existing channel could begin using the Port of Port Lavaca and adjacent facilities.

