

Channel to Port Mansfield, TX



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AUTHORIZATION: S. Doc. 11, 86th Cong., 1st Session

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation



Channel to Port Mansfield terminal facility

PROJECT PHASE: Operation and Maintenance

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Cornyn and Cruz (TX), and Representative Vela (TX-34)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Port of Port Mansfield; Willacy County Navigation District

BACKGROUND: The Channel to Port Mansfield navigation project consists of a 14-ft deep by 125-ft wide by 12.9 mile long shallow-draft channel, which extends from the Gulf of Mexico; through a jettied inlet; across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) at Mile Marker 630; to a turning basin at Port Mansfield. The project also includes 2 rock jetties; 0.43 & 0.44 miles in length. The project is located in the vicinity of Port Mansfield in Willacy County, Texas.

The United States Coast Guard, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Drug Enforcement Agency utilize this navigation channel in support of their Search & Rescue and enforcement missions.

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STATUS: No activities performed during FY 2013 or FY 2014.

ISSUES: No maintenance dredging has been performed since FY 2011, which has resulted in diminished channel availability. Without the required dredging in FY 2015, State and Federal search and rescue and enforcement missions will be adversely impacted. There will also be an increased potential for vessel groundings, which could result vessel damage, environmental disasters and loss of life.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

		<u>O&M</u>
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		0
President Budget FY 2015		0
Balance to Complete		N/A

SCHEDULE:

FY 2014 Scheduled Work: No activities performed during FY 2014.

FY 2015 Budget: No activities scheduled for FY 2015. Additional funding could be utilized for maintenance dredging of the Entrance Channel to project depth (\$3,000,000); maintenance dredging the Entrance Channel to the advanced maintenance depth (\$2,100,000) and initiate a Dredged Material Management Plan study to identify 20-years of disposal capacity (\$200,000).

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

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