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# Draft Integrated Feasibility Report–Environmental Impact Statement

# APPENDIX E PUBLIC COORDINATION

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# ATTACHMENT 1 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project Public Scoping Meeting Summary Report

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On May 17 and 19, 2016, public scoping meetings were held to provide the public with information about the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and concurrent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Feasibility Study, the proposed Project, how the public can participate in the process, and gather information regarding public questions, concerns, and issues regarding the proposed Project. Further information regarding the public scoping meetings is detailed below.

#### 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Feasibility Study for the proposed Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP) are intended to identify and evaluate a combination of modifications to improve the efficiency and safety of the Houston Ship Channel.

The USACE is leading this study in collaboration with the non-Federal sponsor, the Port of Houston Authority. The Corps leads the development of the EIS and their own Feasibility Study. The EIS preparation and Feasibility Study will be conducted concurrently to result in a single integrated Feasibility Study and EIS document.

In March 2016, a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project, Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties, Texas was published in the Federal Register.

The study will focus on the feasibility of improving navigation on the 52-mile-long Houston Ship Channel. In general, the entire ship channel will be evaluated; however, this study does not include deepening of the channel beyond 45 feet.

Currently, the channel's authorized dimensions vary:

- From the Main Turning Basin to Sims Bayou, the channel is 36 feet deep and 300 feet wide.
- Between Sims Bayou and Boggy Bayou, the channel is 40 feet deep and 300 feet wide.
- From Boggy Bayou to Bolivar Roads the channel is 45 feet deep and 530 feet wide.

The study focus will include deepening and widening opportunities from Boggy Bayou to the Main Turning Basin; improvements to side channels, the Bayport Ship Channel and the Barbours Cut Channel; and enhancements to the Galveston Bay Reach safety and efficiency.

For this study effort, the ship channel has been divided into six segments:

- The Main Turning Basin to the I-610 Bridge
- The I-610 Bridge to Sims Bayou
- Sims Bayou near the Washburn Tunnel to Boggy Bayou
- The Bayport Channel
- The Barbours Cut Channel
- The Bay Reach

The study has several objectives:

- Investigate improving deep-draft navigation efficiency to accommodate current and future, larger vessels
- Evaluate ways to reduce vessel traffic delays
- Increase channel safety
- Establish environmentally suitable placement areas for dredged materials

To meet these objectives, the study may consider any of the following structural methods:

- Deepening and widening of the existing channel
- Passing lanes to improve two-way traffic in hot spots
- New turning basins
- Jetty structures for shoaling reduction
- Bend easings or turning improvements
- Reevaluation of channel modifications approved and conducted under other study authorities
- Harbor and anchorage of refuge for vessels to reduce vessel traffic
- Dredge material placement for the 50-year period of analysis
- Beneficial use of dredged material where feasible

#### 2.0 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING PROCESS SUMMARY

The overall public scoping meeting process consisted of the following elements:

- Publishing a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project, Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties, Texas in the Federal Register
- Distributing a public notice announcing the upcoming public scoping meeting and its location to newspapers
- Distributing public notices by mail to federal, state, and other government agencies and officials, and other interested parties
- Maintaining a website that describes the proposed project and lists public notices and opportunities for the public to participate in the preparation of the DEIS and concurrent Feasibility Study
- Holding an interagency workshop with state and federal agencies to discuss problems and opportunities related to the project
- Holding two public scoping meetings to provide the public with information about the
  preparation of a Draft DEIS and concurrent USACE Feasibility Study, the proposed
  Project, how the public may participate in the process, and gather information regarding
  public questions, concerns, and issues regarding the proposed project
- Reviewing and considering all comments received during the comment period, and those received after the comment period to the extent practicable
- Publishing the public scoping meeting summary on the project website (www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/Houston-Ship-Channel-Expansion/).

#### 3.0 PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS

Notifications were made available to the public through published notices and on the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project website.

#### 3.1 **NOTICE OF INTENT**

The Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP), Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas was prepared by the USACE and published in the Federal Register, Volume 81, No. 60, on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. The Federal Register notice is included in **Appendix A**.

#### 3.2 **ADVERTISING**

Legal notices were published in English in the *Houston Chronicle*, and Spanish notices were published in *La Voz* announcing the date, time, location, purpose of the public scoping meeting, and the opportunity for hearing impaired or language translation services if requested. Affidavits of publication and copies of the legal notices are included in **Appendix B**.

Newspaper	Date of Publication
Houston Chronicle	April 22, 2016
La Voz	May 1, 2016
Houston Chronicle	May 6, 2016
La Voz	May 8, 2016

#### 3.3 **NEWSLETTER**

The first edition of the EIS and Feasibility Study project newsletter (**Appendix H**) was distributed at the public scoping meetings on May 17 and 19, 2016. The newsletter included a description of the proposed project, project background information, the purpose and need for the proposed project, information about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and concurrent Feasibility Study process, directions on how to submit written comments, and encouraged the recipients to offer their comments.

#### 3.4 **WEBSITE**

The USACE maintains a Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project website (www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/Houston-Ship-Channel-Expansion/) that contains project information, public notices, an informational video, and study status. The website provides members of the public the opportunity submit comments during comment periods.

#### 3.5 OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION

The USACE issued a news release on April 19, 2016. This was made available on the USACE Galveston District website and it was distributed by the Galveston District Public Affairs Office. The news release included a description of the project, as well as information about the public scoping meetings including date, time, location, and the opportunity for hearing impaired or language translation services if requested. The news release is included in **Appendix D**.

#### 4.0 INTERAGENCY MEETING

The interagency workshop took place on May 3, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the USACE Galveston District Headquarters, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas. The purpose of the workshop was to gain early agency stakeholder input as recommended by ER 1105-2-100 on the problems and opportunities related to improving deep draft navigation in the planned reaches of the Houston Ship Channel.

Letters inviting stakeholder agencies to participate as cooperating agencies were distributed on April 19, 2016. Copies of the letters are included in **Appendix E**.

#### 5.0 GOVERNMENT AND TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS

A total of 175 formal letters to local, state, and federal elected officials were distributed on April 26, 2016. Copies of the letters are included in **Appendix F**.

Six tribal consultation letters were distributed on April 19, 2016, and Texas tribes were invited to participate in the interagency meeting. Copies of the letters are included in **Appendix F**.

#### 6.0 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The public scoping meetings took place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at Houston Community College Northeast Campus, 555 Community College Drive, Houston, TX 77013, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, May 19, 2016, at Sylvan Beach Pavilion, 1 Sylvan Beach Dr., La Porte, TX 77571, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The public scoping meetings were held in an open house style. Upon arrival, attendees were asked to complete an attendee card and were provided with the first edition of the project newsletter and a written comment form. A total of 11 people completed attendee cards. Copies of the completed attendee cards can be found in **Appendix G**, and collateral and display materials can be found in **Appendix H and Appendix I**.

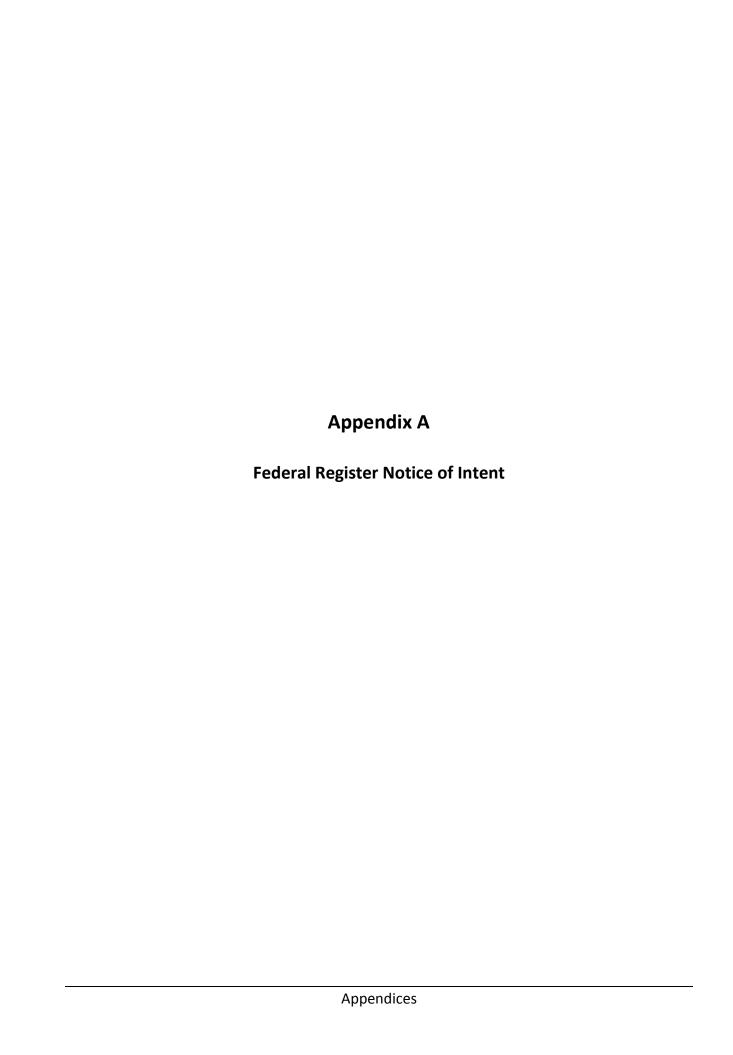
Attendees were invited to view a narrated informational presentation and informational display stations around the room and discuss the proposed project with project representatives from USACE, the Port of Houston Authority, and AECOM. Display stations provided project background information and information about the NEPA and concurrent Feasibility Study process. The project information video presentation was approximately nine minutes in length and was played on a loop during the open house. A narration script is included in **Appendix H**. Project representatives were available to answer questions and have one-on-one dialogue with scoping meeting attendees. Copies of display materials can be found in **Appendix I**, and photographs of the scoping meeting can be found in **Appendix J**.

During the open house, the public was invited to engage project team members in discussion about problems and opportunities and ask questions. Attendees were invited to submit their comments in writing at the scoping meeting or at any time during the comment period via mail, e-mail, or the project website.

#### 6.1 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING COMMENTS RECEIVED

Two written comments were received at the scoping meetings. Several verbal comments were received in verbal discussions by members of the project team. Written comments received at the scoping meeting and throughout the commenting period will be incorporated into the DEIS, as appropriate. Copies of written comments received are included in **Appendix K**. A summary of additional, verbal feedback received during the scoping meeting is attached in **Appendix K**.

USACE accepts and considers all comments throughout the NEPA process; however, those submitted after May 26, 2016, may not be represented in the DEIS.





and Response Office Request for SAPRO's Assistance" and DD Form 2985-1 "Military Feedback Form"; OMB Control Number 0704-XXXX.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to facilitate a timely response and appropriate resolution to inquiries from DoD sexual assault victims/survivors, support personnel and others. Collection of this information promotes victim recovery.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 15. Number of Respondents: 30. Responses per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 30. Average Burden per Response: 30

Frequency: On occasion.

This information collection is used to support victims and survivors of sexual assault in their recovery and to maintain a database of inquiries that documents the nature and status of inquiries in order to provide adequate follow-up services and inform sexual assault prevention and response program and policy improvements.

Dated: March 24, 2016.

#### Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft **Environmental Impact Statement for** the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot **Expansion Channel Improvement** Project (HSC ECIP), Harris and **Chambers Counties, Texas** 

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD. **ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP), Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas.

This study will identify and evaluate a combination of modifications to the HSC to improve the efficiency and safety of the HSC system. A 905(b) report recommending a cost shared feasibility-level study was approved on September 22, 2015.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for scoping meeting dates.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the draft EIS should be addressed to Ms. Tammy Gilmore, CEMVN-PDN-CEP, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267; telephone: (504) 862-1002; fax: (504) 862-1583; or by email: tammy.h.gilmore@usace.army.mil.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- 1. Authority. Public Law 91-611; Title II—Flood Control Act of 1970, Section 216 dated December 31, 1970. The study is being performed in response to the standing authority of Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, as amended.
- 2. Proposed Action. In general, the entire HSC will be evaluated for up to date current and projected vessel size and traffic. The study focus will include deepening and widening opportunities of the upper reach of the HSC referred to as Boggy Bayou to the Main Turning Basin; improvements to side channels, Bayport Ship Channel and Barbour's Cut Channel; and Galveston Bay Reach safety and efficiency enhancements. Details of the study include the following 5 separable elements:

HSC—Boggy Bayou to I-610 Bridge: This analysis would evaluate deepening and widening the 8-mile portion of the HSC from Boggy Bayou to the Interstate 610 Bridge (mile 40 to mile 48) to a depth beyond the existing 40 feet (Boggy Bayou to Sims Bayou) and a width greater than the existing 300 feet (in 50foot increments) and possibly improvements to turning basin and mooring areas.

HSC—I-610 Bridge to Main Turning Basin: This analysis would evaluate the deepening and widening of the 4-mile portion of the HSC from the Interstate I-610 Bridge to the Main Turning Basin (mile 48 to mile 52) to a depth beyond the existing 36 feet (in 2-foot increments), a new turning basin near Brays Bayou, and revisit dimensions of existing turning basins and mooring

Bayport Ship Channel: The 4.1 mile long Bayport Ship Channel is currently authorized to a depth of 40 feet. The Port of Houston Authority (PHA) has the authority under 33 U.S.C. Section 408 to deepen the channel to 45 feet and widen the bay portions of the channel 100 feet and widen the constricted portion of the channel within the land cut 50 feet. This analysis would evaluate whether to include the PHA's channel deepening for Federal authorization. The analysis would also evaluate widening to a width greater than 350 feet (25-foot increments). Other opportunities in this area are to evaluate the need for open water turning basin, and adding jetty/

structures for minimizing shoaling and flare improvements.

Barbours Cut Channel: The 1.1 mile long Barbour's Cut Channel is currently authorized to a depth of 40 feet. The PHA has the authority, under 33 U.S.C. Section 408, to deepen the channel to 45 feet. This analysis would evaluate whether to include the PHA's channel deepening for Federal authorization. The analysis would also evaluate widening to a width greater than 300 feet (25-foot increments). Other opportunities in this area are to evaluate the need for open water turning basin and flare improvements.

Bay-reach safety and efficiency enhancements: This analysis would evaluate whether to construct an anchorage basin in or near Galveston Bay, the need of selectively widening the existing 530 feet wide HSC to develop passing lanes or improved vessel meeting opportunities; evaluate improvements to channel turns and bends; and evaluate the depth of the

existing barge lanes.

- 3. Public Involvement. Public involvement, an essential part of the NEPA process, is integral to assessing the environmental consequences of the proposed action and improving the quality of the environmental decision making. The public includes affected and interested Federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, concerned citizens, stakeholders, and other interested parties. Public participation in the EIS process will be strongly encouraged, both formally and informally, to enhance the probability of a more technically accurate, economically feasible, and socially acceptable EIS. Public involvement will include, but is not limited to: Information dissemination: identification of problems, needs and opportunities; idea generation; public education; problem solving; providing feedback on proposals; evaluation of alternatives; conflict resolution; public and scoping notices and meetings; public, stakeholder and advisory groups consultation and meetings; and making the EIS and supporting information readily available in conveniently located places, such as libraries and on the world wide web.
- 4. Scoping. Scoping, an early and open process for identifying the scope of significant issues related to the proposed action to be addressed in the EIS, will be used to: (a) Identify the affected public and agency concerns; (b) facilitate an efficient EIS preparation process; (c) define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail in the EIS; and (d) save time in the overall process by helping to ensure

that the draft EIS adequately addresses relevant issues. A Scoping Meeting Notice announcing the locations, dates and times for scoping meetings is anticipated to be posted on the PHA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Web sites and published in the local newspaper in April 2016.

5. Coordination. The USACE and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have formally committed to work together to conserve, protect, and restore fish and wildlife resources while ensuring environmental sustainability of our Nation's water resources under the January 22, 2003, Partnership Agreement for Water Resources and Fish and Wildlife. The USFWS will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report. Coordination will be maintained with the USFWS, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Texas Park and Wildlife Department (TPWD) regarding threatened and endangered species under their respective jurisdictional responsibilities. Coordination will be maintained with the NMFS regarding essential fish habitat. Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. **Environmental Protection Agency** concerning compliance with Executive Order 12898, "Federal Action to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations." Coordination will be maintained with the Advisory Counsel on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Office. Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to assure no interruption with navigation. Coordination will be maintained with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to assure limited interruption to highway traffic. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will be coordinated with to obtain Water Quality Certification. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) will be coordinated with on coastal management.

5. Availability of Draft EIS. The earliest that the draft EIS will be available for public review would be in 2017. The draft EIS or a notice of availability will be distributed to affected Federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties.

Dated: March 21, 2016.

#### Richard P. Pannell,

Colonel, U.S. Army, Commanding. [FR Doc. 2016-07061 Filed 3-28-16; 8:45 am]

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### Department of the Army, Corps of **Engineers**

#### Meeting of the Chief of Engineers **Environmental Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD. **ACTION:** Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Chief of Engineers, Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). This meeting is open to the public. For additional information about the EAB, please visit the committee's Web site at http://www. usace.armv.mil/Missions/ Environmental/EnvironmentalAdvisory Board.aspx.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on April 27, 2016. Public registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. ADDRESSES: The EAB meeting will be conducted at The Residence Inn Washington, DC Downtown, located at 1199 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 898-1100. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mindy M. Simmons, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-P, 441 G St. NW.; Washington, DC 20314; by telephone at 202-761-4127; and by email at *Mindy.M.Simmons*@ usace.army.mil. Alternatively, contact Ms. Anne Cann, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-GW, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703–428–7166; and by email at Anne.R.Cann@usace.army.mil. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The EAB will advise the Chief of Engineers on environmental policy, identification and resolution of environmental issues and missions, and addressing challenges, problems, and opportunities in an environmentally responsible manner. The EAB is interested in written and verbal comments from the public relevant to these purposes.

Proposed Agenda: At this meeting the agenda will include discussions and presentations on ongoing work plan efforts including: ecosystem restoration project prioritization criteria, ecosystem goods and services, and aging infrastructure and aquatic ecosystem integrity. The EAB will also discuss modifications to their work plan. The EAB will also hear presentations from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on its sustainability and resilience programs.

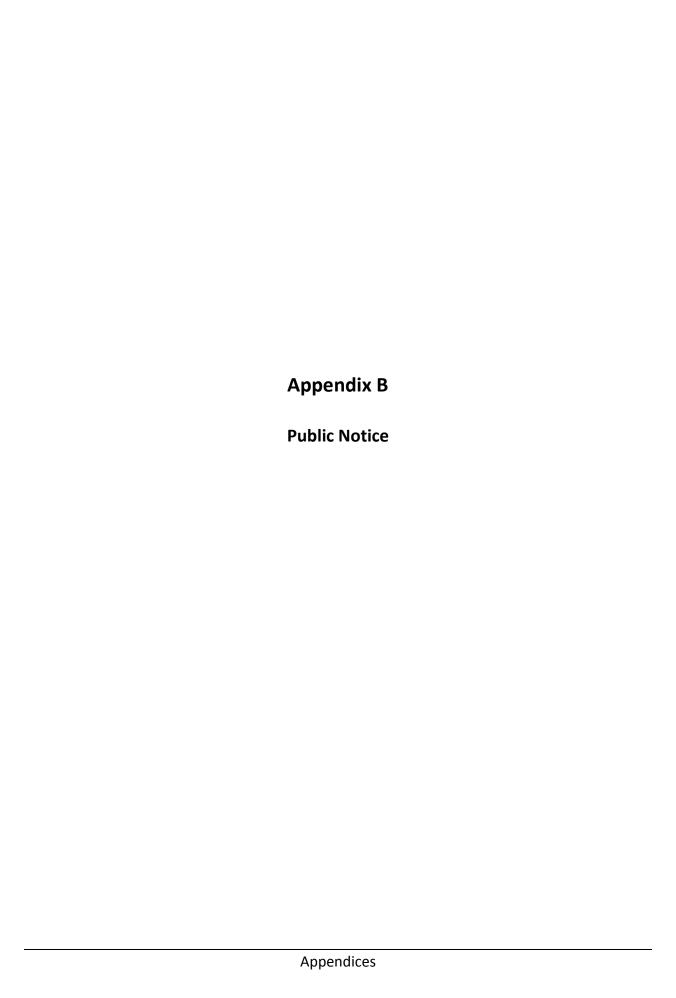
Availability of Materials for the Meeting. A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the April 27, 2016 meeting will be available at the meeting. The final version will be provided at the meeting. All materials will be posted to the Web site after the

meeting.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Seating is limited and is on a first-to-arrive basis. Attendees will be asked to provide their name, title, affiliation, and contact information to include email address and daytime telephone number at registration. Any interested person may attend the meeting, file written comments or statements with the committee, or make verbal comments from the floor during the public meeting, at the times, and in the manner, permitted by the committee, as set forth below.

Special Accommodations: The meeting venue is fully handicap accessible, with wheelchair access. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting or seeking additional information about public access procedures, should contact Ms. Simmons, the committee DFO, or Ms. Cann, the ADFO, at the email addresses or telephone numbers listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the EAB about its mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Ms. Simmons, the committee DFO, or Ms. Cann, the committee ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of





# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, GALVESTON CORPS OF ENGINEERS P.O. BOX 1229 GALVESTON, TEXAS 77553-1229

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS**

# Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP)

Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties, Texas

INITIATION OF STUDY AND STATUS. On March 29, 2016, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) published a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP) in Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties, Texas, which will study the feasibility of improvements to the HSC. This study will identify and evaluate a combination of modifications to the HSC to improve the navigation efficiency and safety of the HSC system. A 905(b) report recommending a cost shared feasibility- level study in accordance with the Planning Guidance Notebook (ER 1105-2-100) was approved on September 22, 2015.

FOCUS OF STUDY. The study will focus on examining the feasibility of improving navigation on the HSC. The study area encompasses the HSC and surrounding region. The HSC extends from Bolivar Roads at the mouth of Galveston Bay and up Buffalo Bayou, ending four miles east of downtown Houston at the Turning Basin Terminal. The proposed study area is located in Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties, Texas, which includes the extent of the HSC. In general, the entire HSC will be evaluated for up to date current and projected vessel size and traffic. The study focus will include deepening and widening opportunities of the upper reach of the HSC referred to as Boggy Bayou (downstream of the Sam Houston Toll Road) to the Main Turning Basin at the terminus of Buffalo Bayou, currently at depths of 36 and 45 feet; improvements to side channels, Bayport Ship Channel and Barbour's Cut Channel; and Galveston Bay Reach safety and efficiency enhancements. This study does not include deepening of the HSC beyond 45 feet. It is the USACE's intent to integrate the feasibility study (FS) and environmental impact statement (EIS) processes to result in a single FS/EIS report as a result of the study.

INITIAL SCOPING MEETINGS. Two public scoping meetings will be held on May 17 and 19, 2016, at the following locations.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Houston Community College Northeast Campus 555 Community College Drive Houston, TX 77013 Thursday, May 19, 2016 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sylvan Beach Pavilion 1 Sylvan Beach Dr. La Porte, TX 77571 All interested persons are invited to attend. The purpose of these scoping meetings is to inform the public about the proposed study, the EIS and Federal FS processes, and to solicit their input and views on the issues and concerns to be addressed in the proposed study and assessment of environmental impacts. The USACE encourages full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the study. In addition, participation by Federal, State, local agencies and other interested organizations is encouraged.

Public involvement, an essential part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Federal Feasibility study processes, is integral to assessing the environmental consequences of the proposed action, and improving the quality of the environmental and feasibility study decision making. The USACE will use this meeting to receive citizens' ideas on the significant issues and impacts to be addressed in the analysis of environmental impacts, to help define the scope of the study. The USACE also specifically seeks the public's input on the problems, opportunities, and potential alternatives that navigation improvements can address. All public comments received will be considered in the draft FS/EIS pursuant to NEPA and USACE regulations. Comments will also be used to help determine the overall public interest of the proposed project.

The meeting format will be an open house, and no formal presentation will be made. Informational displays about proposed project will be available for public review, and USACE representatives will be present to answer questions and discuss the proposed project. Written comments will be accepted at the scoping meeting.

The public scoping meeting will be conducted in English, and meeting materials will be provided in English and Spanish. Spanish language interpreters will be available to assist with translation. Those in need of additional language interpreters should contact the USACE's Public Involvement consultant, Crouch Environmental Services (713) 868-1043, by Monday, May 9, 2016.

Written comments may be mailed to: Ms. Tammy Gilmore, CEMVN–PDN–CEP, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160–0267. Comments may also be submitted electronically to HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil. All comments must be received or postmarked by May 26, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the draft EIS should be addressed to Ms. Tammy Gilmore, CEMVN-PDN-CEP, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267; telephone: (504) 862-1002; fax: (504) 862-1583; or by email: HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil. More information about the project may be found online here:

http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/HoustonShipChannelExpansion.aspx

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#### BUSINESS

# Google's stumble means its parent misses forecast

Google is in trouble with European regulators, Wall Street is not thrilled with it

either.
The Silicon Valley com-pany, which reorganized itself into a holding com-pany called Alphabet last year, fell short of earnings and revenue forecasts Thursday when it reported first outstreently.

first-quarter results Revenue was up 17 per-cent to \$20.26 billion. Net cent to \$20.26 billion. Net income was up 20 percent to \$4.2 billion, with earn-ings excluding certain items coming in at \$7.50 a share, compared with ana-lyst expectations of \$7.96. As soon as the news was out, the stock fell about 5 percent.

Cost per click One culprit for the dis-

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CEO Larry Page is a controlling stock-holder in

Alphabet.

measure of Google's advertising business, fell 9 percent from 2015.

Nearly all of Alphabet's revenue and all its profits come from the core Google search and advertising business. Revenue from what the company calls "Other Bets" was 8166 million, more than double what it was in the first quarter of 2015. But losses for Other Bets rose to 880a million from 833 million.

Aside from the troubles in Europe — antifurus tauthorities there said this week that the company was unfairly using its Android mobile software to promote its products over

appointing report: Aggre-gate cost per click, a crucial promote its products over those of rivals — the past

year has been generally sweet for Google fans.

The company brought in Ruth Porat from Morgan in Ruth Porat from Morgan Stanley as chief financial officer, a sign it wanted to rein in spending. The re-sults for the second quar-ter of 2015 offered evidence that the core advertising business was succeeding on mobile, igniting one of the largest one-day jumps in capitalization for a Nas-daq stock even. dag stock ever.

#### 'Moonshot' distance

'Moonshot' distance
A reorganization in the
fall that separated the core
business from the ambitious "moonshots" was
met with approval by investors and analysts.
Euphoria cannot last
forever, though, and recently some headaches
have emerged. An inability to release new products
has plagued an acquisition, the thermostat company Nest. Bought for \$32. pany Nest, Bought for \$3.2

has struggled to expand its product line amid corporate infighting.

Cloud computing
Another question hanging over Google is its ventures in cloud computing. This is the growth market where Amazon is far ahead and Microsoft is mounting an aggressive challenge.
Google is far behind at No. 3. or perhaps even No.

No. 3, or perhaps even No. 4 after IBM, said John Ry-mer, an analyst at Forrester Research. Last fall, Google

Research, Last fall, Google-hired Diane Greene, an in-dustry veteran, to run all of its cloud businesses. CEO Larry Page can more easily brush off Wall Street pressure than most CEOs because he, fellow Google co-founder Sergey Brin and chairman Eric Brin and chairman Eric Schmidt are Alphabet's controlling shareholders, giving them the firepower to outvote everyone else.

TECHNOLOGY

# Microsoft shows a fall in sales, profit despite its efforts at a turnaround

By Brandon Bailey

SAN FRANCISCO -SAN FRANCISCO —
Microsoft reported a surprise drop in sales and
profit for the first three
months of the year, a sign
the tech giant is still trying
to find its way in the postPCera.
Wall Street was expecting the company to show

mail street was expect-ing the company to show positive results from a se-ries of changes that CEO Satya Nadella has been making. Instead, revenue for the January-March quarter fell 6 percent to \$20.5 billion, while profit

\$20.5 billion, while pront plunged 25 percent to \$3.76 billion.

Thursday's report came are ported their own strug-gles with seismic shifts in the way people use tech-nology.

nology. On Monday, IBM reported its 16th consecu-tive quarter of revenue decline, as commercial customers abandon the once-standard model of once-standard model of buying programs to install on their own computers, and instead use more soft-ware online. A day later, Intel said it's cutting 12,000 jobs as fewer people buy PCs that run on Intel pro-cessors, onling, instead cessors, opting instead for mobile devices such as

smartphones and tablets. But many analysts were firm estir expecting Microsoft to do percent.



Microsoft, like some other industry stalwarts, has had sesismic shifts in the way people use technology.

better. While sales of personal computers have been sliding for the past four years, Nadella has been

years, Nadella has been working to make Microsoft less dependent on revenue from its flagship Windows operating system, used mostly on PCs. Microsoft said revenue from Windows software licenses declined 2 percent during the quarter, after adjusting for currency fluctuations. That's better than the overall drop in PC. than the overall drop in PC shipments, which analysts at the Gartner research firm estimated at nearly 10

But revenue from busi-ness software and Internet-based services, known

net-based services, known as cloud computing, didn't grow as much as analysts expected.

In a few bright spots, the company said sales of its Surface tablet computers rose 56 percent to \$1.1 billion, while revenue from ads shown with results from its Bing search enging rew \$5 percent to \$1.5 billion. After spending billions of dollars to develop Bing as a rival for Google's highly lucrative search business, Microsoft said the service started showthe service started show

ing a profit last fall. Some of that growth can be credited to Windows 10, which comes with a rede-signed Web browser and Cortana, a Siri-like digi-tal assistant. Both are de-

tal assistant. Both are de-signed to encourage more use of Bing.
Microsoft says Win-dows 10 is now running on more than 270 million ma-chines, a healthy figure for software that was released only nine months ago. But some of that is the result of free ungrades offered to usfree upgrades offered to us-ers of older Windows versions, rather than as soft-

## Lower prices for fuel give a major lift to Southwest Airlines' quarterly profit

By David Koenig

DALLAS -DALLAS — South-west Airlines packed even more people on its planes, notched a record first-quarter profit of \$511 mil-lion, and said solid book-ings have continued into April

April.
The Dallas carrier topped Wall Street expectations, and Southwest shares rose on Thursday while every other major U.S. airline stock fell.

U.S. airline stock fell.

Southwest has been
adding flights and bigger
planes, contributing to investor concern about fast
growth leading to lower
prices. Indeed, Southwast saverage fare dipped
3 percent to Si\$3.75 seah
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Passenger traffic grew
faster than Southwest
added seats, however, and
80.5 percent of seats were
filled on the average flight,
a Southwest record for the
first quarter in what is typ-

first quarter in what is typ-ically a weak time of year

CEO Gary Kelly said

that the solid bookings and revenue trends continued in April. For the second

in April. For the second-quarter, he predicted mod-est growth in revenue for every mile passengers fly—American, Delta and United all saw that number shrink from last year. Southwest's \$51 mil-lion profit compared with \$453 million a year earlier. Excluding one-time gains and charges, the company said it earned 88 cents per share, which was said it earned 85 cents per share, which was 4 cents better than analysts had expected, according to polls by Zacks Invest-ment Research and Fact-Set.

ie rose 9 percent to \$4.83 billion. Kelly called it the best

start that Southwest has

start that Southwest has had to a year in more than two decades. Southwest spent \$852 million on fuel in the quar-ter and continued to get a break from lower oil pric-

es, However, its fuel savings of 3 percent were slimmer than at other airlines be-cause of hedging contracts, which act like insurance against an oil price spike. Southwest reported \$275 million in hedging losses, enough to boost its all-in cost of fuel from \$1.22 to

a runway at Love Field in Dallas. Southwest reported a record first-quart profit.

A Southwest Airlines jet takes off from

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\$1.78 a gallon.

Labor is now eas ily Southwest's biggest exily Southwest's biggest ex-pense, and that grew near-ly 9 percent in the quarter, to \$1.54 billion. Southwest is in drawn-out nego-tiations with unions that could lead to higher labor expenses.

expenses.
Southwest also announced that it will speed up the retirement of its old-

up the retirement of its old-est Boeing 737 models by one year, to 2017. That way the old 737-300s will be gone before Southwest begins receiv-ing the newest version of the plane, called the 737 Max, from Boeing.

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# Merecido premio para Kerr en la NBA

A pesar de la toda la emoción y pasión con las que indudablemente él vive el básquetbol, un jue go de la NBA, para Steve Kurr, debe ser sólo eso, un juego, aunque se trate de un partido de playoffs o de una gran final.

Kerr, elegido el martes como el mejor entrenador de la temporada 2015/2016 después de guiar a los Warriors de Golden State al mejor récord de la historia, ha pasado por dos situaciones límite en su vida personal que lo han marcado a fuego para moldear su carácter den-tro y fuera de la cancha.

Cuando tenía 18 años e iniciaba sus estudios en la Universidad de Arizona, y su exitosa carrera como jugador de los Wildcats en Tucson, su padre fue asesinado a balazos en la cabeza por un comando islámico. Era el presidente de la Universidad Americana de Beirut, donde

Kerr nació hace 50 años, Se recuperó de ese golpe, se graduó de la uni-versidad en 1988 y firmó su primer contrato como jugador profesional con los Suns de Phoenix.

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En su exitosa carrera. también jugó para Cleve land, Orlando, Chicago San Antonio y Portland. Integró los grandes equipos que hicieron historia para los Bulls, con Michael Jordan, y los Spurs. Con ellos ganó cinco títulos, pero además aprendió los secretos de parte de dos de los mejores maestros: Phil Jackson

y Gregg Popovich. Eso, sin dudas, moldeó su carrera como entrenador, que empezó con éxito al conquistar su sexto anillo, como DT novato, al

amino, como Di novato, ai frente de los Warriors en la temporada pasada. Durante esos playoffs, Kerr sufrió la ruptura de un disco en la espalda. Fue operado en julio y perdio líquido cefalorra quideo. Sufrió fuertes dolores de cabeza y su salud empeoro. Tuvo que volver a ser operado en septiembre y se ausentó en los

primeros 43 partidos. Golden State, que al cierre de esta edición aventajaba 3-1 a los Roc kets en la primera ronda de los playoffs, terminó la temporada regular con marca de 73-9 y superó el récord de 72-10 de los Bulls de 1995-1996, equipo que integró Kerr.

En su ausencia, Luke Walton logró una impresionante marca de 30-4. Kerr, noble como pocos, dijo que esas victorias no le pertenecen y pidió que pasen a la foja de su asistente. Sin dudas, es un gran campeón, del juego y de la vida.

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La pista de ciclismo para los Juegos de Río de Janeiro colapsó recientemente en un accidente en el que dos personas fallecieron y otra desapareció.

bano de Barra de Tijuca,

se ve espectacular. A las cámaras de televisión

les encantarán las tomas

aéreas sobre la playa de Copacabana o las vistas de

Pan de Azúcar y la Bahía de Guanabara desde el

Cristo Redentor. Pero todavía persisten

muchos problemas en los primeros juegos jamás hechos en América del Sur, que han sido los más caóticos en décadas.

La presidenta Dilma Rousseff está siendo some

tida a un juicio político y es probable que esté suspen-

dida cuando arranquen

los juegos el 5 de agosto,

consecuencia de la peor re-cesión que sufre Brasil en

décadas, un desempleo del 10% y un escándalo de so-

bornos de 3.000 millones

#### La lentitud de la obras, los problemas políticos y el virus del zika amenazan a Río 2016

Stephen Wade

Hace dos años, un miembro del Comité Olímpico Internacional, John Coates, dijo que los preparativos para los Juegos Olímpicos de Río de Janeiro eran "los peores"

de que tenía memoria.

Muchas cosas han
cambiado desde entonces
y cuando faltan 100 días para la justa, el 98% de las instalaciones que pre-ocupaban a Coates están terminadas. La cadena televisiva estadounidense NBC, por su lado, ya ha generado más de 1.000 millones de dólares en publicidad y fijará récords para la justa.

El Parque Olímpico, en el exclusivo barrio suburde dólares de la petrolera estatal Petrobras. El virus del zika, por

otro lado, amenaza a atletas y turistas. Las ventas de entradas no han sido demasiado altas y unos 1.600 deportistas que competirán en pruebas de vela, remo, canotaje y natación en aguas abiertas quedarán expuestos al virus, que es transmitido por mosquitos.

La muerte de dos per-sonas la semana pasada al desmoronarse una pista de ciclismo olímpico hizo que surjan dudas sobre la calidad de la construcción apresurada de las instalaciones para recuperar el tiempo perdido, ya que los trabajos comenzaron

Un informe del Minis-terio del Trabajo, por otro lado, indicó el lunes que 11 trabajadores han muerto en incidentes relacionados con los juegos desde enero

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#### **BREVES**

Rafael Nadal (abajo) será abanderado de España en los Juegos de Río. El comité olímpico español hizo el anuncio al conmemorar los 100 días que faltan para la ceremonia inaugural del 5 de agosto en el estadio Maracaná. Nadal, dueño de 14 títulos en torneos del Grand Slam, ganó la medalla de oro en los Juegos de 2008 en Beljing y también compitió en los de 2004 en Atenas El domingo venció a Kei Nishikori en la final de Barcelona e igualó la marca de 49 títulos sobre polvo de ladrillo.



Charles Krupa / AP



Astros, apabullados en Seattle: Robinson Canó (arriba) pegó un grand slam y remolcó sels carreras, Nathan Karns trabaló siete innings en blanco y los Marineros de Seattle derrotaron el martes por 11-1 a los Astros, El dominicano Canó alcanzó las 1.000 carreras remolcadas en su carrera con un sencillo de dos anotaciones en el guinto episodio y conectó un grand slam en el séptimo. Karns (2-1) admittó dos hits y ponchó a seis además de dar tres boletos. Dallas Keuchel (2-3) produjo seis innings con pelota de sels hits para cargar con

la derrota por Houston. El izquierdo permitió cinco carreras, ponchó a cinco y dlo dos pasaportes.

Carli Lloyd sufre lesión de ligamentos: El Houston Dash confirmó que su estrella Carli Lloyd sufrió una lesión de ligamentos en su rodilla derecha en la derrota 1-3 del sábado frente al Pride en Orlando en la NWSL y anunció que el tiempo de rehabilitación para volver a jugar será de tres a sels semanas. Lloyd, seleccionada por la FIFA como la melor futbolista del mundo en 2015, espera integrar la selección de EE.UU. en los Juegos de Rio.



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#### Benjamin Wermund

Hay algo muy claro para los padres que vayan a enviar a sus hijos a estu-diar en la universidad este otoño: tendrán que gastar más dinero.

Los estudios universitarios se han tornado más caros en Texas en comparación con hace una década. El costo de la matrícula y otras tarifas en los centros estatales de estudios superiores se ha más que duplicado desde 2003, cuando la Legislatura autorizó a las universidades para fijar sus precios. Como promedio, un estudiante universitario en Texas pagó en 2015 la cantidad de 8,256 dólares por con-cepto de matrícula y otras tarifas, lo que significa un aumento notable cuando e compara con los 3,361 dólares en 2003.

Sin embargo, lo que resulta más confuso es quién tiene la culpa de

esos elevados costos. Algunos legisladores culpan a los dirigentes universitarios que gastan mucho en cuestiones administrativas y muy poco en las aulas. Pero los dirigentes de las universidades alegan que el financiamiento estatal no se ha mantenido a la par con la inflación y no es suficiente para que las universidades de Texas sean más competitivas a nivel nacional.

Esta situación no es exclusiva de Texas. Di-rigentes universitarios y políticos de todo el país se culpan mutuamente por el incremento de los costos en las universidades.

Esta controversia se hizo evidente el martes cuando el vicegobernador Dan Patrick, republicano de Houston, criticó a los dirigentes universitarios por haber aumentado el costo de matrícula en un 147 por ciento desde 2003. En ese mismo tiempo, el ingreso promedio familiar en el estado sólo subió un 32 por ciento, según el vicegobernador.

El 62 por ciento de los estudiantes se gradúa de una licenciatura con una deuda escolar promedio

de 30,000 dólares. "Estamos alejando a la familia promedio de la educación superior en el estado de Texas" dijo Patrick durante una conferencia de prensa en Austin. "Esto tiene que

Patrick hizo sus declaraciones antes de una reunión con un panel senatorial de educación superior encargado de hallar formas para dismi-nuir el costo de estudiar en universidades. Líderes universitarios estatales defendieron recientemen-te los altos costos de la matrícula ante el panel.

#### Graduación de estudiantes

Patrick y el senador estatal Kel Seliger, quien preside la comisión, también criticaron a las universidades por no hacer que sus estudiantes se gradúen con suficiente

rapidez y cuestionaron si

esos centros de estudios

adecuadamente. Patrick dijo que los costos administrativos en las univer sidades han aumentado un 149 por ciento desde 2003, mientras que los costos en cosas vinculadas a las aulas sólo han subido un 65 por ciento

Patrick y Seliger pidieron al estado que exija a las universidades que cumplan con ciertas normas para poder incrementar los costos de la matrícula. Un método para lograr eso progresó en la última sesión legislativa, pero no se convirtió

Muchos de los que ha-blaron durante la audiencia de la semana pasada, incluidos dirigentes universitarios, expresaron su apoyo a esa medida.

De acuerdo con la junta de coordinación de educación superior de Texas, el financiamiento estatal para las universi-dades públicas disminuyó un 27 por ciento de 2003 a 2015, cuando se tiene en cuenta la inflación. Los ingresos derivados de la matrícula y de otras tarifas aumentaron un 91 por ciento en ese mismo período, también ajustado a la inflación.

La posibilidad de que los dirigentes universitarios establezcan sus propios costos de matrícula les ha permitido compensar los recortes estatales de fondos, incluidos los de 2011, que fueron notables, según funcionarios de universidades.

"La desregulación de los costos de la matrícula ha sido algo que nos ha ayudado a permanecer competitivos, en especial en tiempos de recortes", dijo Robert Duncan, rec tor del sistema universitario de Texas Tech.

Asignación de fondos Sin embargo, Patrick recalcó que los costos de la matrícula han aumentado en momentos en que el estado ha incrementado el financiamiento para la

educación superior. El vicegobernador y varios legisladores se refirieron a un aumento del 9 por ciento en gastos de educación superior, el cual fue aprobado en la sesión legislativa de 2015.

Dirigentes universitarios expresaron su satisfacción con los fondos adicionales, pero dijeron que no son suficientes

para cubrir los crecientes costos de operaciones. Las universidades de Texas también tuvieron que lidiar con costosas exenciones de matrícula aprobadas por la Le gislatura, como la Ley Hazlewood, que cubre los costos universitarios de veteranos y sus hijos. Dicha ley, que fue ampliada en 2009, le costó en 2014 a las universidades públi-cas de Texas 169 millones

de dólares en ingresos. "La Legislatura tiene que ser responsable. Cuando hablamos de un aumento del 9 por ciento y todos nos congratula-mos, eso sólo representa un aumento del uno por ciento debido al creci miento (de los costos de operaciones universita-



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responsables", dijo el senador estatal Kirk Watson, demócrata de Austin. "Cuando llega el momento de echarse la culpa, tenemos que ser nosotros. Somos los que debemos ser culpados si no analizamos el panora-ma general y no hacemos las cosas bien"

#### A nivel nacional

Para hacer que las universidades de Texas sean competitivas a escala nacional, una meta para la mavoría de los involucrados en el tema de la educación superior es pedir más fondos, independientemente de si éstos provienen de los precios de matrícula o de asignaciones estatales, se gún dijo al panel el rector del sistema de la Universidad de Texas, William

McRaven. Cada año, unos 19,000 graduados de escuelas preparatorias se marchan de Texas para estudiar en universidades de otros estados, donde es posible que paguen costos de matrícula más altos porque no viven en esos estados,

indicó McRaven. California tiene nueve universidades en la Aso-ciación de Universidades de Estados Unidos, un grupo de 62 centros de educación superior al que muchos consideran la re-gla de oro de la educación universitaria. Sin embar-go, Texas sólo tiene tres.

#### Bajos recursos

Los estudiantes y sus padres en Texas no son s únicos que tienen que lidiar con un incremento en los costos de matrícula.

A nivel nacional, el financiamiento estatal para universidades púbicas disminuvó un 12 por ciento entre 2003 y 2012, mientras que el costo promedio de la matrícula en esas instituciones aumentó en un 55 por ciento, según la Oficina de Responsabilidad Gubernamental de Estados Unidos.

Pero Texas aún está en un puesto intermedio en términos de costos de matrícula. El comisionado de educación superior del estado dijo al panel senatorial que los estudios universitarios son más baratos en Texas que en

otros 30 estados. No obstante, el 60 por ciento de los estudiantes que se gradúan de escueque se graduan de escue-las preparatorias públicas en Texas proceden de familias de bajos ingresos, según dijo el comisionado Raymund Paredes. "Tenemos que garanti-

"Tenemos que garanti-zar que la educación superior permanezca asequi-ble", dijo Paredes al panel. "En estos momentos, aún lo es, pero tenemos que

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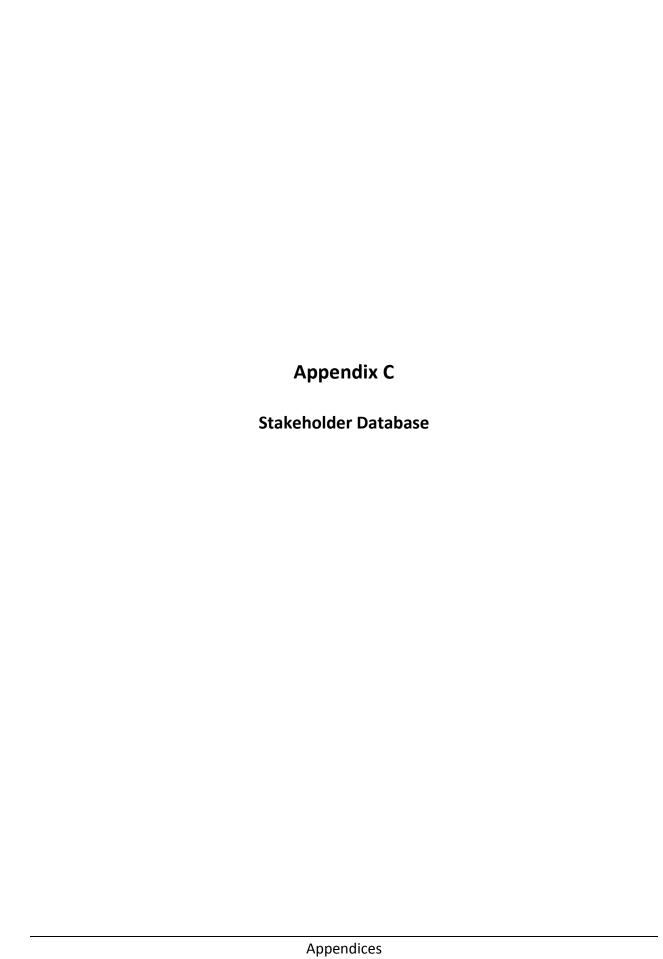
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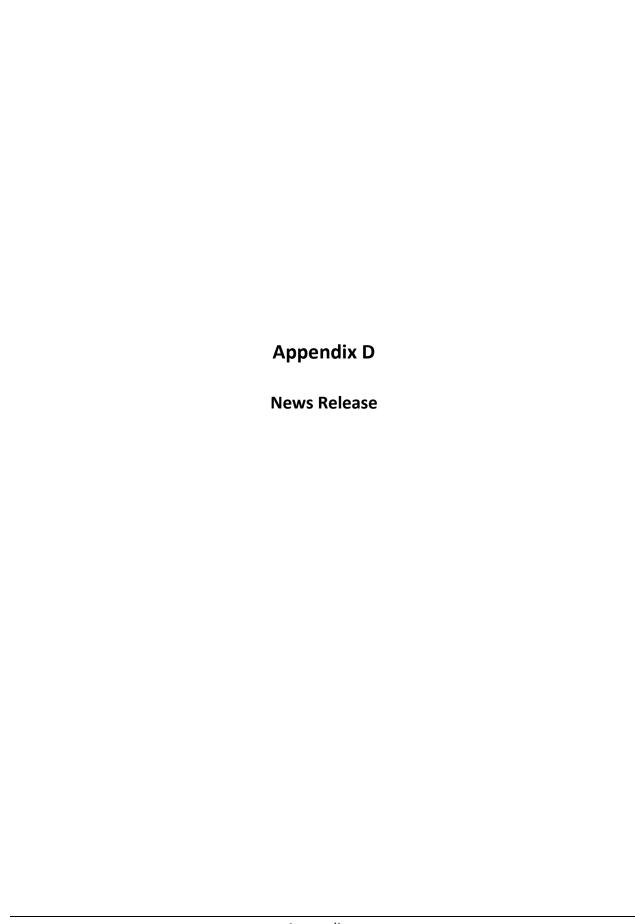
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Elected Official - county	Mr.	Gene	Locke	Commissioner	Harris County		1001 Preston, 9th Fl.	Houston	Harris	TX	77002
Elected Official - county	Mr.	Jack	Morman	Commissioner	Harris County		1001 Preston, Rm. 924	Houston	Harris	TX	77002
Elected Official - county	Mr.	R. Jack	Cagle	Commissioner	Harris County		1001 Preston, Suite 950	Houston	Harris	TX	77002
Elected Official - county	Mr.	Steve	Radack	Commissioner	Harris County		1001 Preston, 9th Floor	Houston	Harris	TX	77002
Elected Official - county	Mr.	Stan	Stanart	County Clerk	Harris County		P.O. Box 1525	Houston	Harris	TX	77251
Elected Official - county	Mr.	Ed	Emmett	County Judge	Harris County		1001 Preston, Suite 911	Houston	Harris	TX	77002
							3003 South Loop West, Suite				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Al	Green	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 9	460	Houston	Harris	TX	77054
							256 North Sam Houston				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Gene	Green	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 29	Parkway East, Suite 29	Houston	Harris	TX	77060
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Gene	Green	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 29	11811 I-10 East., Suite 430	Houston	Harris	TX	77029
							10000 Memorial Drive Suite				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	John	Culberson	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 7	620	Houston	Harris	TX	77024
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Kevin	Brady	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 8	200 River Pointe, Suite 304	Conroe	Harris	TX	77304
							1773 Westborough Drive,				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Michael	McCaul	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 10	Suite 223	Katy	Harris	TX	77449
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Michael	McCaul	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 10	990 Village Square, Suite B	Tomball	Harris	TX	77375
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Pete	Olson	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 22	1650 Highway 6, Suite 150	Sugar Land	Harris	TX	77478
							6302 W. Broadway St, Ste				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Pete	Olson	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 22	220	Pearland	Brazoria	TX	77581
							22333 Grand Corner Dr, Suite				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Pete	Olson	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 22	151	Katy	Harris	TX	77494
							510 Cannon House Office				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Randy	Weber	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 14	Building	Washington, DC			20515
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Randy	Weber	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 14	505 Orleans Street, Suite 103	Beaumont	Jefferson	TX	77701
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Randy	Weber	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 14	122 West Way, Suite 301	Lake Jackson	Brazoria	TX	77566

Stakeholder Category	Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization	District	Mailing Address: Street	City	County	State	Zip
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Randy	Weber	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 14	174 Calder Road, Suite 150	League City	Galveston	TX	77573
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Brian	Babin	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 36	420 Green Avenue	Orange	Orange	TX	77630
							1801 Kingwood Drive, Suite				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Ted	Poe	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 2	240	Kingwood	Harris	TX	77339
							710 N. Post Oak Road, Suite				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Ted	Poe	Congressman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 2	510	Houston	Harris	TX	77024
							6719 West Montgomery,				
Elected Official - federal	Ms.	Sheila	Jackson Lee	Congresswoman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 18	Suite 204	Houston	Harris	TX	77091
Elected Official - federal	Ms.	Sheila	Jackson Lee	Congresswoman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 18	4300 Lyons Ave.	Houston	Harris	TX	77020
Elected Official - federal	Ms.	Sheila	Jackson Lee	Congresswoman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 18	420 West 19th Street	Houston	Harris	TX	77008
							1919 Smith Street, Suite				
Elected Official - federal	Ms.	Sheila	Jackson Lee	Congresswoman	US House of Representatives	Congressional District 18	1180	Houston	Harris	TX	77002
							5300 Memorial Drive Suite				
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	John	Cornyn	Senator	US Senate		980	Houston	All		77007
Elected Official - federal	Mr.	Ted	Cruz	Senator	US Senate		808 Travis Street, Suite 1420	Houston	All		77002
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Greg	Abbott	Governor of Texas	Office of the Governor		P.O. Box 12428	Austin	Travis	TX	78711
Elected Official - state	Ms.	Ana	Hernandez	Representative	Texas House of Representatives	State House District 143	1233 Mercury Drive	Houston	Harris	TX	77029
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Wayne	Faircloth	Representative	Texas House of Representatives	State House District 23	2121 Market Street	Galveston	Galveston	TX	77550
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Greg	Bonnen	Representative	Texas House of Representatives	State House District 24	174 Calder Rd. Ste. 116	League City	Galveston	TX	77573
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Harold V.	Dutton	Representative	Texas House of Representatives	State House District 142	8799 N. Loop East, Suite 305	Houston	Harris	TX	77029
							17225 El Camino Real Blvd.,				
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Dennis	Paul	Representative	Texas House of Representatives	State House District 129	Suite 415	Houston	Harris	TX	77058
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Gilbert	Peña	Representative	Texas House of Representatives	State House District 144	101 S. Richey, Suite F	Pasadena	Harris	TX	77506
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Wayne	Smith	Representative	Texas House of Representatives	State House District 128	909 Decker Drive, Suite 104	Baytown	Harris	TX	77520
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Elected Official - state	Mr.	Brandon	Creighton	Senator	Texas State Senate	State Senate District 4	P.O. Box 12068	Austin	Jefferson	TX	78711
Elected Official - state	Mr.	John	Whitmire	Senator	Texas State Senate	State Senate District 15	803 Yale Street	Houston	Harris	TX	77007
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Larry	Taylor	Senator	Texas State Senate	State Senate District 11	174 Calder Road, Suite 151	League City	Galveston	TX	77573
									Galveston/		
Elected Official - state	Mr.	Larry	Taylor	Senator	Texas State Senate	State Senate District 11	6117 Broadway, Suite 122	Pearland	Brazoria	TX	77581
Elected Official - state	Ms.	Sylvia	Garcia	Senator	Texas State Senate	State Senate District 6	5425 Polk Street, Suite 125	Houston	Harris	TX	77023





# US Army Corps of Engineers BUILDING STRONG.

District to hold Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project public scoping meeting

Posted 4/19/2016

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GALVESTON, Texas (April 19, 2016) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District will host two public scoping meetings May 17 and 19, 2016, to inform the public about the proposed study to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP) in Harris and Galveston counties, Texas, which will study the feasibility of improvements to the HSC.

The open-house meetings are scheduled as follows:

5:30-8 p.m.

Houston Community College-Northeast Campus

555 Community College Drive

Houston, TX 77013

5:30-8p.m.

Sylvan Beach Pavilion

1 Sylvan Beach Drive

La Porte, TX 77571

"The purpose of the study is to examine the feasibility of improving navigation on the channel," said Project Manager Andrea Catanzaro, USACE Galveston District. "This study will identify and evaluate a combination of modifications to the HSC to improve the efficiency and safety of the HSC system."

According to Catanzaro, staff will work to gather public feedback about significant issues and impacts that need to be addressed in the analysis of environmental impacts and to help define the scope of the study. All public comments received will be considered in the draft FS/EIS pursuant to NEPA and USACE regulations. Comments will also be used to help determine the overall public interest of the proposed project.

"Public involvement is an essential part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Federal Feasibility study processes and we encourage any dialoged that discusses concerns or issues surrounding the study," said Catanzaro. "We also work with federal, state, local agencies and other interested organizations to incorporate their opinions when assessing the environmental consequences of the proposed action."

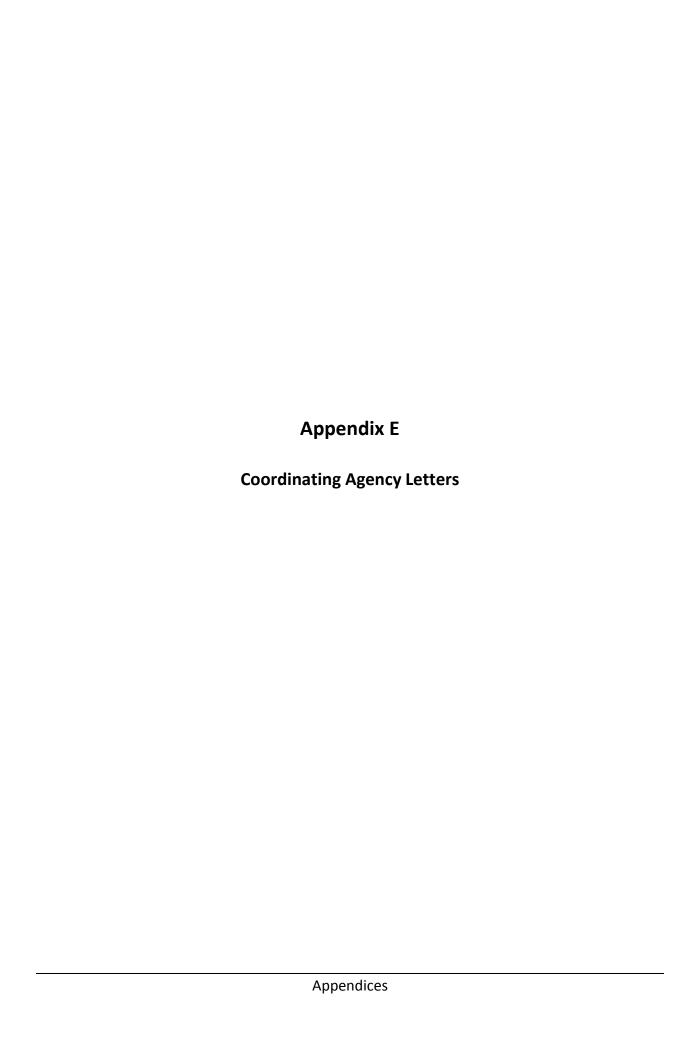
The public scoping meetings will be conducted in English, and meeting materials will be provided in English and Spanish. Spanish language interpreters will be available to assist with translation.

Written comments may be mailed to Tammy Gilmore, CEMVN–PDN–CEP, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160–0267. Comments may also be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:tammy.h.gilmore@usace.army.mil">tammy.h.gilmore@usace.army.mil</a> or through

the study website located at

http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/HoustonShipChannelExpansion.aspx. Questions concerning the draft EIS can be directed to(504) 862–1002; fax: (504) 862–1583. All comments must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2016.

For news and information, visit www.swg.usace.army.mil. Find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/GalvestonDistrict or follow us on Twitter, www.twitter.com/USACEgalveston.





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Ms. Sarah P. Bernhardt, Ph.D. Galveston Bay Estuary Program Program Manager 17041 El Camino Real, Ste. 210 Houston, TX 77058

Dear Ms. Bernhardt:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (Corps) intends to prepare an Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (IFR-EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) Expansion Channel Improvement Project (ECIP) Feasibility Study. The Corps and the non-federal sponsor, the Port of Houston Authority, would like to invite your agency to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the development of the IFR-EIS. The IFR-EIS will identify and evaluate the feasibility of developing a plan for improving deep draft navigation along the HSC. The study will focus on opportunities to deepen and widen the upper reach of the HSC (Boggy Bayou to the Main Turning Basin), improvements to the HSC side channels Bayport Ship Channel (BSC) and Barbour's Cut Channel (BCC), and safety and efficiency enhancements in the Galveston Bay Reach of the HSC such as anchorages and meeting lanes.

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May 3, 2016 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM USACE Galveston District Headquarters 2000 Fort Point Road Galveston, Texas 77550 Conference Room 120

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Mr. Ray Newby Texas General Land Office P.O. Box 12873 Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Newby:

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Mr. Rusty Swafford Branch Supervisor National Marine Fisheries Service Habitat Conservation Division 4700 Avenue U Galveston, TX 77551

Dear Mr. Swafford:

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Mr. Kevin Cauble Manager, Emissions Assessment Section Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087, MC-164 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Mr. Cauble:

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Mr. Peter Schaefer Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Water Quality Division P.O. Box 13087, MC-150 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

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Mr. Mark Wolfe Texas Historical Commission Executive Director PO BOX 12276 Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

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Ms. Rebecca Hensley Regional Director, Ecosystem Resources Program Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 1502 FM 517 East Dickinson, TX 77539

Dear Ms. Hensley:

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Ms. Karla Guthrie, Ph.D. Team Lead, Bays and Estuaries Program Texas Water Development Board P.O. Box 13231 Austin, TX 78711-3231

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Rear Admiral David R. Callahan Eighth Coast Guard District Hale Boggs Federal Building 500 Poydras St., Suite 1324 New Orleans, LA 70130-3396

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Mr. Scott Alford
District Conservationist
US Department of Agriculture
National Resources Conservation Service
7705 West Bay Road
Baytown, TX 77523

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Ms. Maria Martinez Section Chief, Wetland Section U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202-2733

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Mr. Chuck Ardizzone
Project Leader
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office
17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211
Houston, Texas 77058

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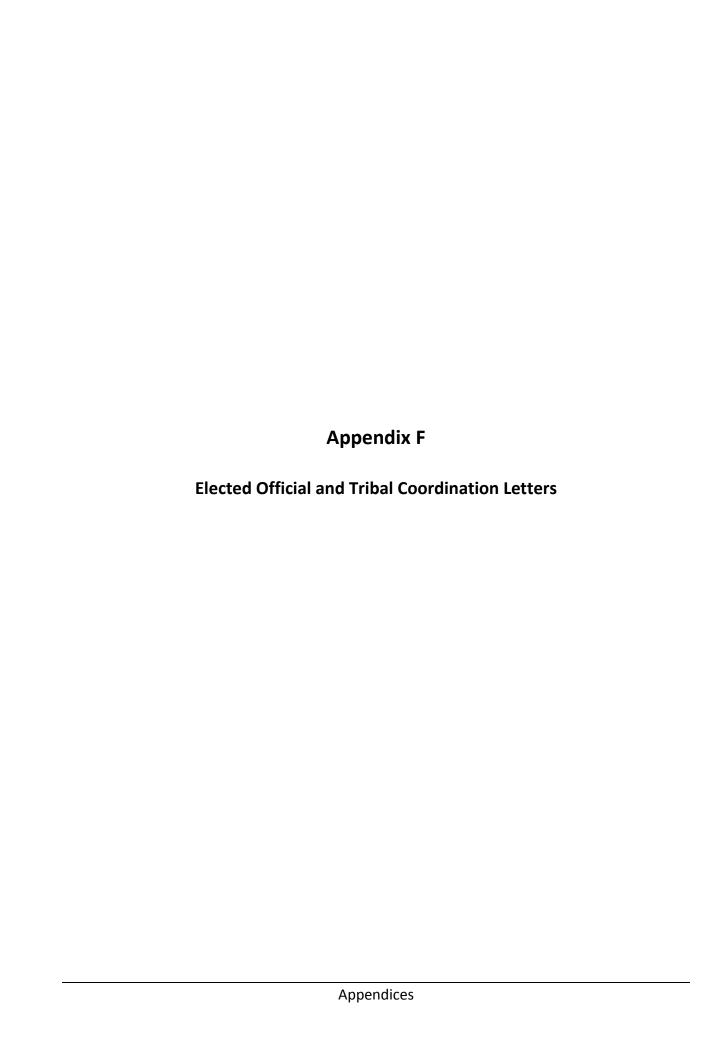
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26 April 2016

Mr. Mercedes Renteria III Council Member District 1 City of Baytown 2401 Market St. P.O. Box 424 Baytown, TX 77522

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26 April 2016

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Mr. Jerry Mouton, Jr. Mayor City of Deer Park 710 E. San Augustine St. Deer Park, TX 77536

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Mr. Juan Flores Position 4 City of Galena Park 2000 Clinton Dr. P.O. Box 46 Galena Park, TX 77547

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26 April 2016

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Sincerely,

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26 April 2016

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26 April 2016

Mr. Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Council Member City of Texas City P.O. Box 2608 Texas City, TX 77592

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Mr. David "Bubba" Abernathy Commissioner Chambers County P.O. Box 430 Anahuac, TX 77514

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Mr. Rusty Senac Commissioner Chambers County 7711 Highway 146 Baytown, TX 77523

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Sincerely,

Eric W. Verwers

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26 April 2016

Ms. Heather H. Hawthorne County Clerk Chambers County P.O. Box 728 Anahuac, TX 77514

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26 April 2016

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26 April 2016

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Mr. Ted Cruz Senator US Senate 808 Travis Street, Suite 1420 Houston, TX 77002

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Mr. Gilbert Peña Representative Texas House of Representatives 101 S. Richey, Suite F Pasadena, TX 77506

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26 April 2016

Mr. Wayne Smith Representative Texas House of Representatives 909 Decker Drive, Suite 104 Baytown, TX 77520

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APR 1 9 2016

Ms. Nina Battise Chairperson Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas 571 State Park Road 56 Livingston, Texas 77351

Dear Chairperson Battise:

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Mr. William Owens Tribal Administrator The Comanche Nation 584 NW Bingo Road Lawton, Oklahoma 73507

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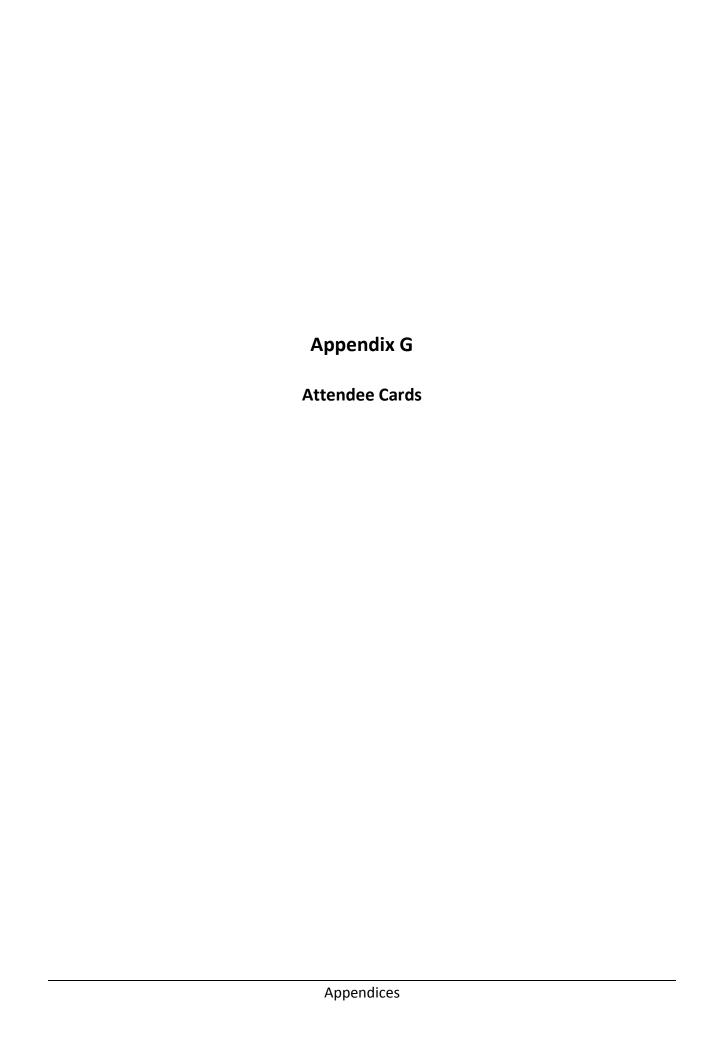
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## About the Study

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Feasibility Study for the proposed Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP) are intended to identify and evaluate a combination of modifications to improve the efficiency *and* safety of the Houston Ship Channel.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or the Corps, is leading this study in collaboration with the non-Federal sponsor, the Port of Houston Authority. The Corps leads the development of the EIS, and their own Feasibility Study. The EIS preparation and Feasibility Study will be conducted concurrently to result in a single integrated Feasibility Study and EIS document.

In March 2016 a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project, Harris, Chambers, and Galveston Counties, Texas was published in the Federal Register.

## **About the Houston Ship Channel**

The ongoing efficiency, safety and navigability of the Houston Ship Channel are vital to maintaining the health of the regional and state economy.

- ▶ The Houston Ship Channel is approximately 52 miles in length, and it serves a complex of diversified public and private facilities collectively known as the Port of Houston.
- ▶ The Port of Houston is a strategic gateway for cargo originating in or destined for the United States West or Midwest. Each year, more than 200 million tons of cargo moves through the Port of Houston, carried by more than 8,000 vessels and 200,000 barges.
- A Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) section 905b report was prepared recommending further studies for the improvement of the Houston Ship Channel in 2014.

## Fast Facts:

## The Port of Houston is:

- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> in U.S. in foreign waterborne tonnage (19 consecutive years)
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> in U.S. imports (23 consecutive years)
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> in U.S. in export tonnage (6 consecutive years)
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> in U.S. in total tonnage (23 consecutive years)
- ► The nation's leading breakbulk port, handling 41 percent of project cargo at all Gulf Coast ports.

## The Port of Houston is an integral part of the regional and state economy.

- ➤ Ship-channel related businesses contribute nearly 1.2 million jobs throughout Texas, generating nearly \$265 billion in economic impact statewide.
- ▶ \$5 billion in state and local tax revenue are generated by business activity related to the port each year.

## **The Houston Ship Channel**

For this study effort, the ship channel has been divided into six segments:

Turning Basin to I-610 Bridge

I-610 Bridge to Sims Bayou

Sims Bayou to Boggy Bayou

Barbours Cut Channel

Bayport Channel

Bay Reach

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## **Currently Authorized Channel Dimensions**



## What is the focus of the study?

The study will focus on the feasibility of improving navigation on the 52-mile-long Houston Ship Channel. In general, the entire ship channel will be evaluated; however, this study does not include deepening of the channel beyond 45 feet Mean Low Tide (MLT).

Currently, the channel's authorized dimensions vary:

- From the Main Turning Basin to Sims Bayou, the channel is 36 feet deep and 300 feet wide.
- ▶ Between Sims Bayou and Boggy Bayou, the channel is 40 feet deep and 300 feet wide.
- ▶ From Boggy Bayou to Bolivar Roads the channel is 45 feet deep and 530 feet wide.

The study focus will include deepening and widening opportunities from Boggy Bayou to the Main Turning Basin; improvements to side channels, the Bayport Ship Channel and the Barbours Cut Channel; and enhancements to the Galveston Bay Reach safety and efficiency.

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- 1. The Main Turning Basin to the I-610 Bridge,
- 2. The I-610 Bridge to Sims Bayou,
- 3. Sims Bayou near the Washburn Tunnel to Boggy Bayou,
- 4. The Bayport Channel,
- 5. The Barbours Cut Channel, and finally,
- 6. The Bay Reach.

### The study has several objectives:

- ▶ Investigate improving deep-draft navigation efficiency to accommodate current and future, larger vessels.
- ▶ Evaluate ways to reduce vessel traffic delays
- ▶ Increase channel safety; and
- ▶ Establish environmentally suitable placement areas for dredged materials

Please note, this study does not include deepening of the channel beyond 45 feet Mean Low Tide (MLT).

## To meet these objectives, the study may consider any of the following structural methods:

- Deepening and widening of the existing channel
- ▶ Passing lanes to improve two-way traffic in hot spots,
- ▶ New turning basins
- ▶ Jetty structures for shoaling reduction
- ▶ Bend easings or turning improvements
- Reevaluation of channel modifications approved and conducted under other study authorities
- ▶ Harbor and anchorage of refuge for vessels to reduce vessel traffic
- ▶ Dredge material placement for the 50-year period of analysis; and
- ▶ Beneficial use of dredged material where feasible

## **About the Study Process**

### What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

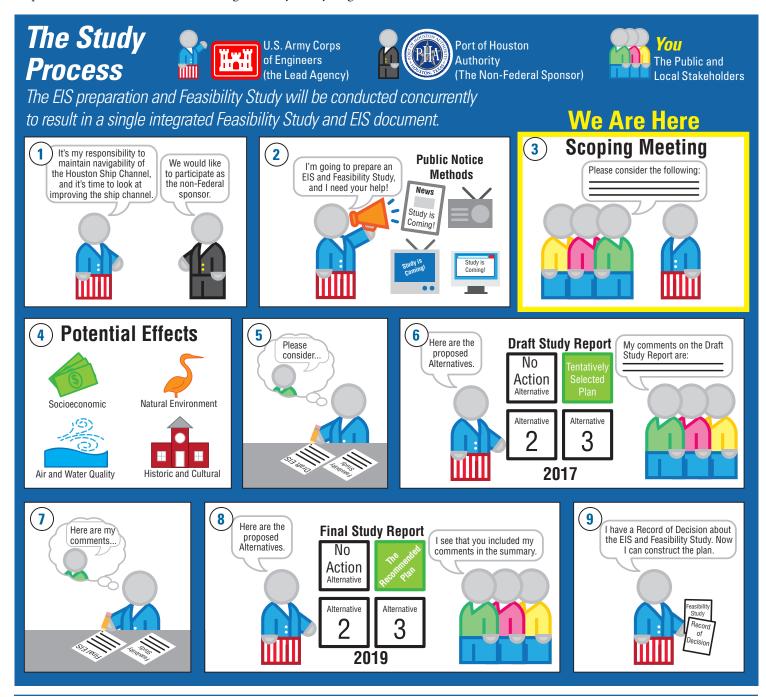
A Federal agency must prepare an EIS if it is proposing a major federal action that may significantly affect the quality of the natural and human environment to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. NEPA established our country's national environmental policies in 1969. The environmental review process seeks to facilitate better-informed decisions and involve citizens, and the Corps will seek to involve the many ship channel stakeholders throughout this study process.

## What is a Feasibility Study?

All major Federal water resource projects, including navigation, must follow a study process that evaluates proposed solutions to problems, such as inefficient navigation, by analyzing the engineering, economic, environmental, cost, real estate, and other impacts and aspects of alternative solutions. This study process, consisting of six major steps, is used to identify a plan of most value to the national economy, consistent with protecting the nation's environment and follows principles and guidelines in Federal water resource law and Corps regulations.

## Where are we in the study process?

We are early in the study process. We are currently at the "Scoping" stage of the study. Scoping is an open process to identify the scope of significant issues related to the study. After reviewing comments and constraints identified by the public and agency coordination, we will develop alternatives for future public review in the Draft EIS.



### What will happen next?

The study team will identify and evaluate a combination of modifications to the HSC to improve the efficiency and safety of the HSC system and complete a Draft Feasibility Report and EIS for public and agency review. It is anticipated that a Draft Feasibility Report and EIS will be made available for public review in early calendar year 2017. A public comment period with a public meeting will be held at this time. The study team will process the comments received, prepare responses to the comments, and revise the documents as appropriate. The Feasibility Report and EIS will then be refined and analyzed. At this stage, the agency has considered all impacts from the proposed plan and compared alternatives before making the final recommendation and documentation. The Final Feasibility Report and EIS will be published in the Federal Register in 2019 for final comment. The Final Feasibility Report will then be submitted to Corps Headquarters for signature. A draft Record of Decision (ROD) will be included as part of the Chief's Report package. The ROD will then be signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

### Study Milestones:

- ▶ Final submittal for scoping comments May 26, 2016
- ▶ Selection of focused alternatives **July 2016**
- ▶ Identify a Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) **April 2017**
- ▶ Draft IFR/EIS made available for public review May 2017
- ▶ Final IFR/EIS published in the Federal Register for final comment **July 2019**





## How do I participate in the study process?

You may participate in this process by providing comments for consideration by the study team. Public involvement is integral to assessing the environmental consequences of the proposed project and improving the quality of the environmental and feasibility study decision making. The Corps is using this meeting to receive citizens' ideas on the significant issues and impacts to be addressed in the analysis of environmental impacts, to help define the scope of the study. The Corps also specifically seeks the public's input on the problems, opportunities, and potential alternatives that navigation improvements can address.

The Corps encourages full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the study. In addition, participation by Federal, State, local agencies, and other interested organizations is encouraged.

At this time, we are holding public scoping meetings to:

- ▶ Ensure that all of the issues related to this proposed project are addressed,
- Invite public participation in the study process, and
- ▶ Solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS.

## Who do I contact for more information or to provide comments?

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More information available online at:

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HSC ECIP – Phase I (EIS/USACE Feasibility Study) Public Meeting Video Script

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Thank you for your interest in the Houston Ship Channel 45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project. This presentation is intended to give you information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study and the	On-Screen text: the Houston Ship Channel 45- Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project  General HSC images (vessels, barges, cranes,
Environmental Impact Statement that are being concurrently prepared in an integrated fashion to support this study. We will explain how you can participate in the	truck traffic with containers, Coast Guard vessels)
study process, and we look forward to receiving your feedback.	USACE public involvement images (from previous studies)
This study is intended to identify and evaluate a combination of modifications to improve the efficiency and safety of the Houston Ship Channel.	Images: General HSC images (vessels, barges, cranes, truck traffic with containers, Coast Guard vessels)
About the Houston Ship Channel	
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So, what is an Environmental Impact Statement? A	On-screen text: What is an EIS?
Federal agency must prepare an EIS if it is proposing a	
major federal action that may significantly affect the	On-screen text:
quality of the natural and human environment to comply	EIS: Environmental Impact Statement
with the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. NEPA	NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act
established our country's national environmental policies	
in 1969. The environmental review process seeks to	Images: coordination between agencies
facilitate better informed decisions and involve citizens,	(previous USACE coordination footage could
and the Corps will seek to involve the many ship channel	be used here); footage or images of planning
stakeholders throughout this study process.	meetings; general Houston Ship Channel
	footage.
So, what is a Feasibility Study? All major Federal water	On-screen text: What is a Feasibility Study?
resource projects, including navigation, must follow a	
study process that evaluates proposed solutions to	Images: The Corps 6-step process diagram.
problems, such as inefficient navigation, by analyzing the	
engineering, economic, environmental, cost, real estate,	
and other impacts and aspects of alternative solutions.	
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identify a plan of most value to the national economy,	
consistent with protecting the nation's environment and	
follows principles and guidelines in Federal water resource	
law and Corps regulations.	
What is the focus of the study?	On-screen text: What is the focus of the
The study will focus on the feasibility of improving	study?
navigation on the 52-mile-long Houston Ship Channel. In	
general, the entire ship channel will be evaluated;	Images: Vessel traffic, general HSC operations
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channel beyond 45 feet.	On-screen text:
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	channel beyond 45 feet Mean Low Tide
	(MLT).
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<ul> <li>From Bolivar Roads to Boggy Bayou the channel is</li> </ul>	channel widths and depths
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Where are we in the study process?	On-screen text: Where are we in the study
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How do I participate in the study process? You may participate in this process by providing comments for consideration by the study team. Public involvement is integral to assessing the environmental consequences of the proposed project and improving the quality of the environmental and feasibility study decision making. The Corps is using this meeting to receive citizens' ideas on the significant issues and impacts to be addressed in the analysis of environmental impacts, to help define the scope of the study. The USACE also specifically seeks the public's input on the problems, opportunities, and potential alternatives that navigation improvements can address.  The Corps encourages full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the	<ul> <li>Comment form shown on-screen</li> <li>Footage of individuals filling out comment forms</li> <li>Environmental ship channel images (birds in flight, fish, water rippling)</li> <li>Agency logos (USFWS, NOAA-NMFS, GLO, TCEQ, TPWD, THC, etc.)</li> </ul>
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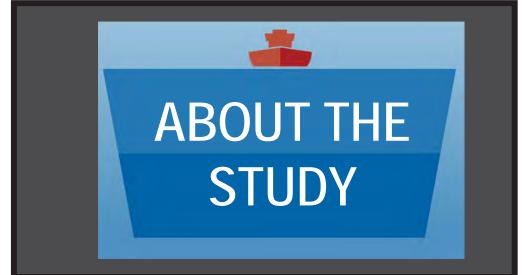
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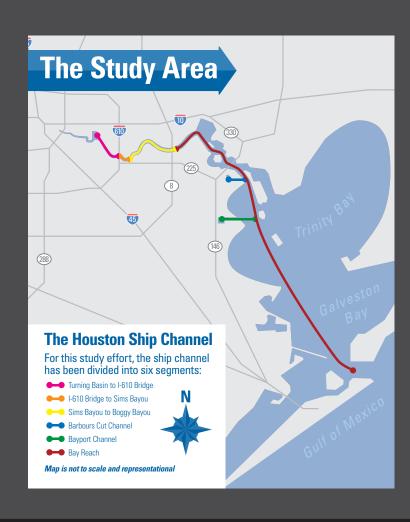
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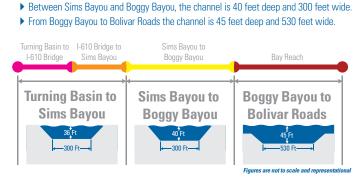


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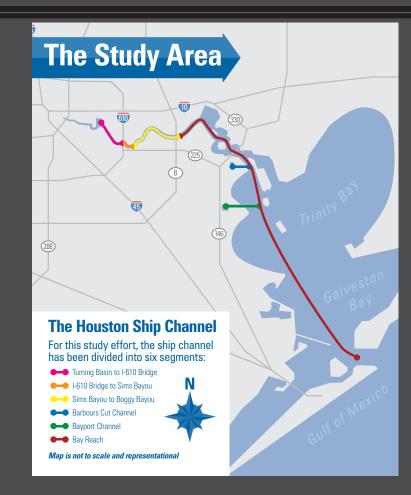
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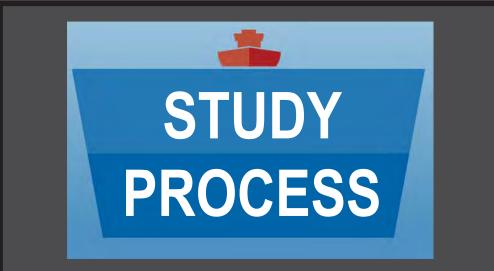
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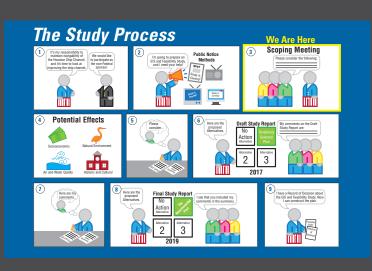
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## The Study Team





U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Port of Houston Authority (The Non-Federal Sponsor)



The Public and Local Stakeholders

## What Will Happen Next?

**Study Process Begins** 





The study team will identify an array of alternatives to focus on for modifying the HSC to improve the efficiency and safety of the HSC system and the scope of issues to study in the next phase.

We Are Here

& Analysis



At this stage, the agency will evaluate and compare the impacts of the focused Alternative Evaluation array of alternatives to identify a Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP). It is anticipated that an integrated Draft Feasibility Report/ EIS will be made available for public review approximately May 2017. A public comment period with a public meeting will be held at this time. The study team will process the comments received prepare responses to the comments, and revise the documents as appropriate before making the final recommendation and documentation.

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Phase 4:



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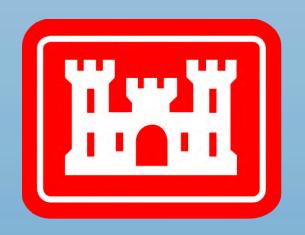
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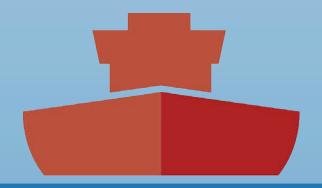


45-Foot Expansion Channel Improvement Project

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## US Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District



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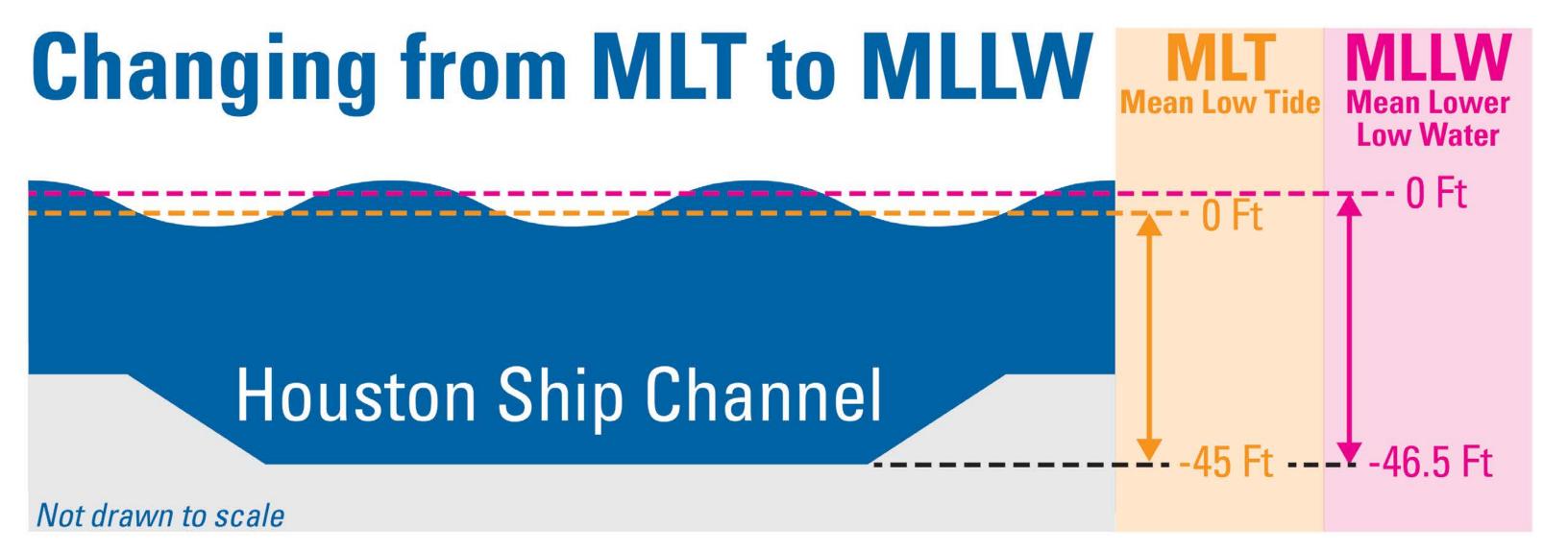
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### Changes in shipping conditions present the following problems:

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- Channel depth of less than 45 feet in the upper Houston Ship Channel prevents larger vessels from loading to full capacity.
- Delays created by one-way traffic requirements for larger vessels in portions of the upper channel and limited areas for vessels to anchor

#### With this study, we have the opportunity to:

- Improve the use and navigation of current and future larger vessels on the Houston Ship Channel
- Reduce delays
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- The "Zero Point" for Tidal Datum is changing locally as USACE and others seek to become consistent around the nation.
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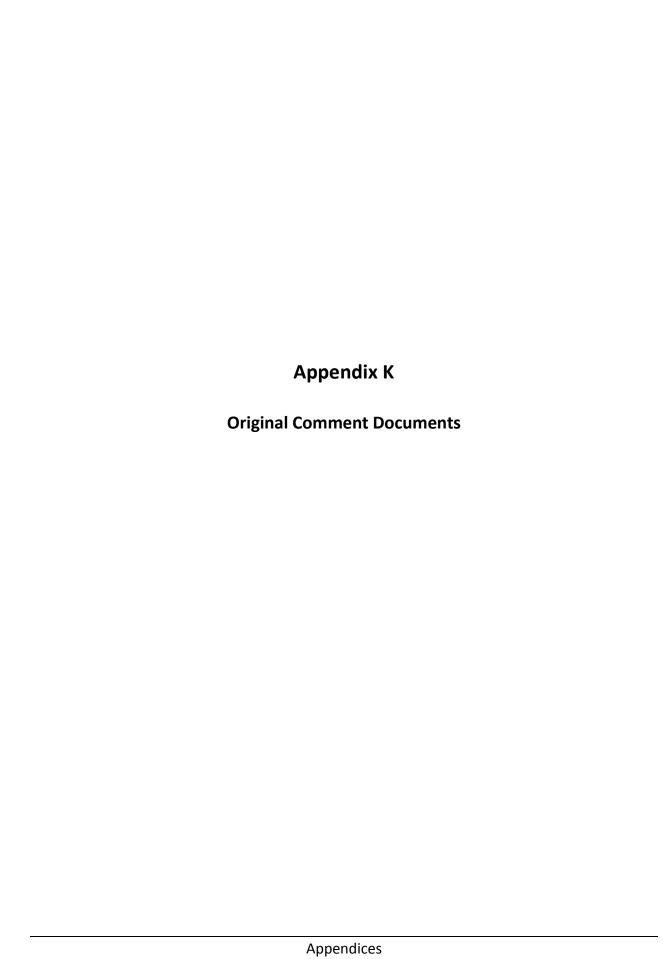














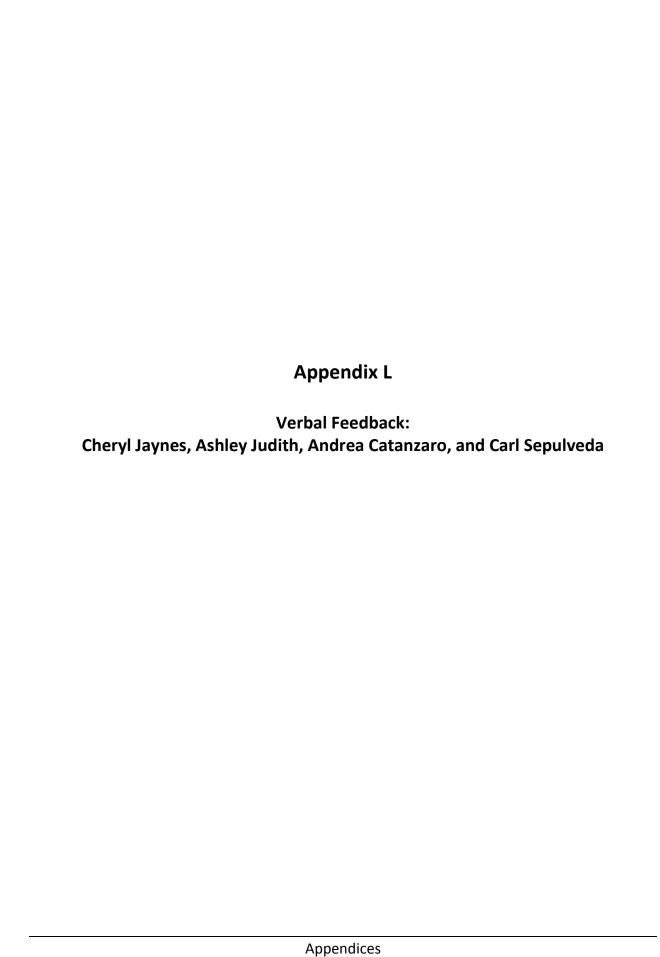
## Comment Form/ Formulario de Comentarios

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This comment form may be turned in at the public scoping meeting, mailed to the address on the back of this page, or emailed by May 26, 2016 to <a href="https://example.com/HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil">HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil</a>. Thank you for your participation in this study.

Este formulario de comentarios se puede entregar en la reunión pública de investigación, enviar a la dirección en la parte posterior de esta hoja, o enviar por correo electrónico para el 26 de Mayo de 2016 a <a href="https://example.com/HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil">HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil</a>. Gracias por su participación en este estudio.



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District (USACE) hosted two public scoping meetings on May 17 and 19, 2016 to inform the public about the proposed study to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP) in Harris and Galveston counties, Texas. The HSC ECIP will study the feasibility of various improvements to the HSC. The scoping commenting period extended through May 26, 2016.

During the open house, attendees were invited to submit their comments in writing at the scoping meeting or at any time during the comment period via mail, e-mail, or the project website. One written comment was received at the scoping meetings. Several verbal comments were received in verbal discussions by members of the project team. A summary of verbal comments received is listed below:

- There are many popular boating and yacht clubs within the Galveston Bay area that utilize the bay for their boating activities. Commenter requests the proposed channel improvements do not obstruct the existing boater's cuts in Galveston Bay.
- A great deal of informal barge fleeting occurs in the San Jacinto River. Commenter requests that the study evaluate and potentially address the need for additional, approved barge fleeting areas.
- Deepening and widening in the upper reaches of the HSC especially near Beltway 8 would be highly desirable to terminal users and future projects to be constructed by private users. Commenter requests guidance and assistance from USACE on how future projects adjacent to the project can collaborate with the study team to execute and complete projects concurrently or ahead of the study schedule.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

## COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON THE DRAFT INTEGRATED FEASIBLITY REPORT AND EIS