



FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: RHC Doc. 16, 71st Cong., 2nd Sess., 1930; as amended, Sec. 201, PL 99-662, 1986.

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation



PROJECT PHASE: O&M

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX), and Representative Paul (TX-14)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: TXDOT

BACKGROUND: The project is located near the City of Port Bolivar, Galveston County, Texas. Channel to Port Bolivar is an approximately 14-foot deep, 200-foot wide, and 950-foot long shallow-draft channel, extending from the entrance to Galveston Bay (Bolivar Roads) northward to the tip of Bolivar Peninsula. We maintain the channel to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT's) Galveston-to-Port Bolivar Ferry System.

This project was not funded in FY12.

Channel to Port Bolivar shoals annually to a critical depth less than 9.0 ft). Dredging this reach (approximately 950 ft) to project depth removes an incremental quantity of ~90,000 cu yd, with a 3-month level of service. However, dredging this reach to advance maintenance depth removes an incremental quantity of ~270,000 cu yd, with a 12-month level of service.

Channel to Port Bolivar is utilized by TXDOT's Ferry System for public transportation. Dredging to project depth ensures safe and reliable ferry usage. The ferry system serves as the only feasible access to/from Bolivar Peninsula from/to Galveston Island. It provides a hurricane evacuation route for the residents of Bolivar Island, an emergency services system for transporting Bolivar Island residents to Galveston hospital facilities, and a means for businesses and residents to traverse the area.

STATUS: FY11 activity included dredging the channel to Port Bolivar to project depth.

ISSUES: Inability to dredge to the necessary maintenance depth will produce shoaling to critical depths of 9 feet, diminishing level of service, creating navigation hazards, and causing draft restrictions, possible channel closures, loss of commerce, and increased maintenance costs. Finally, without performing a preliminary placement area assessment to assess current disposal methods, future disposal requirements cannot be identified.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):</u>	<u>O&M</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Total Project Cost	N/A
Allocation for FY 2010	\$183,000
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	215,000
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	409,000
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	1,285,000
Balance to Complete	N/A

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: The project is not in the President's FY 12 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: FY 13 activities include dredging the channel to Port Bolivar to project depth (\$409,000). Additional funding could allow for the dredging of the Channel to Port Bolivar to advanced maintenance (\$876,000).

COMPLETION: N/A

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Channel to Port Bolivar



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