



# Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Main Channel & Barge Lanes, Tx

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FACT SHEET as of date February 21, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION:** WRDA 2007

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Navigation

**PROJECT PHASE:** Construction



Corpus Christi Ship Channel

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators Cornyn (TX) and Hutchinson (TX); and Representative Farenthold (TX-27).

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Port of Corpus Christi Authority

**BACKGROUND:** The existing project provides for a 45-foot deep draft channel that extends from deep water in the Gulf of Mexico through a jettied entrance channel and across Corpus Christi Bay, 34.1 miles inland, serving the ports at Corpus Christi, Ingleside, Harbor Island, and the La Quinta Channel. The authorized project consists of four separable elements: 1) extend the La Quinta channel one and one-half miles at 39 feet; 2) construct Ecosystem Restoration Features, the Ingleside Breakwater and Shoreline Revetment; 3) deepen the Corpus Christi Ship Channel to 52 feet and widen to 530 feet, and 4) add barge shelves on both sides of the main channel across Corpus Christi Bay. The average annual benefits for the project are \$42,005,267, all commercial navigation, based on 2001 price levels. A Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) is currently underway to update the benefits and costs to current values, to verify that the project as authorized is still viable, and to review the 902 limit for the authorized project. The project was not funded in the FY12 President's Budget.

**STATUS:** FY11 activities included preparation of LRR for Main Channel and Barge Lanes to verify those elements are still viable and to analyze the project costs against the 902 Limit. In addition, construction began on the Ecosystem Restoration and La Quinta Channel Extension Elements.

**ISSUES:** Due to increased cost of construction across the dredging industry since project authorization in 2007, the estimated cost to complete the project as authorized is greater than the 902 Limit. Congressional reauthorization of the project is required before construction of the Main Channel and Barge Lanes Elements of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel project can commence.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):**

**CONSTRUCTION**

Federal Cost Estimate	\$77,565,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	162,500,000 <sup>1/</sup>
Total Project Cost	\$240,065,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	0
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	\$755,000
Balance to Complete	\$77,565,000

<sup>1/</sup> - Includes Associated Costs in the amount of \$58,162,000

**SCHEDULE:**

**FY 2012 Scheduled Work:** This project was not funded in the FY12 President's Budget. Carry-over funds from FY11 will be used to continue construction of the La Quinta Channel Extension element and complete the Ecosystem Restoration element. In addition, the LRR necessary for project reauthorization will be completed.

**FY 2013 Budget:** The project is not in the FY13 President's Budget. If funds were to be provided, they would be used to prepare the first set of construction plans and specifications for the deepening of the Entrance Channel of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel element (\$755,000).

**COMPLETION:** With optimum funding, the project completion date is September 2018 for the Main Channel and Barge Lanes Elements of the Project.

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