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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Section 216 of the 1970 Flood Control Act

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: Preconstruction Engineer and Design



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX); Representative Paul (TX-14) and Olson (TX-22)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Port Freeport

BACKGROUND: The Freeport Harbor project is located along the mid to upper Texas coast, and is formed by the improvement of the Brazos River, Texas, from the mouth about 6 miles upstream to Freeport, Texas. It provides for a 47 ft deep, 400 ft wide entrance channel; 45 ft deep, 400 ft wide main channel with three associated 45 ft deep turning basins; plus the 36 ft deep, 200 ft wide Brazos Harbor channel and associated 36 ft deep Brazos Harbor Turning Basin. The Locally Preferred Plan recommends the ongoing feasibility study deepens the existing channel to 55 ft and widens to 600 ft. The feasibility study will also determine the Federal interest in expanding the reach of the navigation channel to the Stauffer Channel and turning basin. A deeper channel will allow larger and deeper draft vessels to call on the Port making Port operations more efficient. The project's benefit to cost ratio is 1.8. The non-Federal sponsor is Port Freeport. Port Freeport received a permit to widen the Entrance Channel in April 2009. They pursued assumption of maintenance of the entrance channel widening under Section 204(f) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and received The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) ASA (CW) approval in September 2011 to initiate channel widening in the Entrance Channel only using 100% non-Federal funds.

STATUS: FY11 carryover Feasibility funds are being used to work toward completion of the Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Approval of the report is scheduled for the 1st quarter of 2013.

ISSUES: Funds are required to initiate the Preconstruction, Engineering and Design (PED) phase.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

	<u>PED</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	\$1,230,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	410,000
Total Project Cost	\$1,640,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$0
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	775,000
Balance to Complete	\$1,230,000

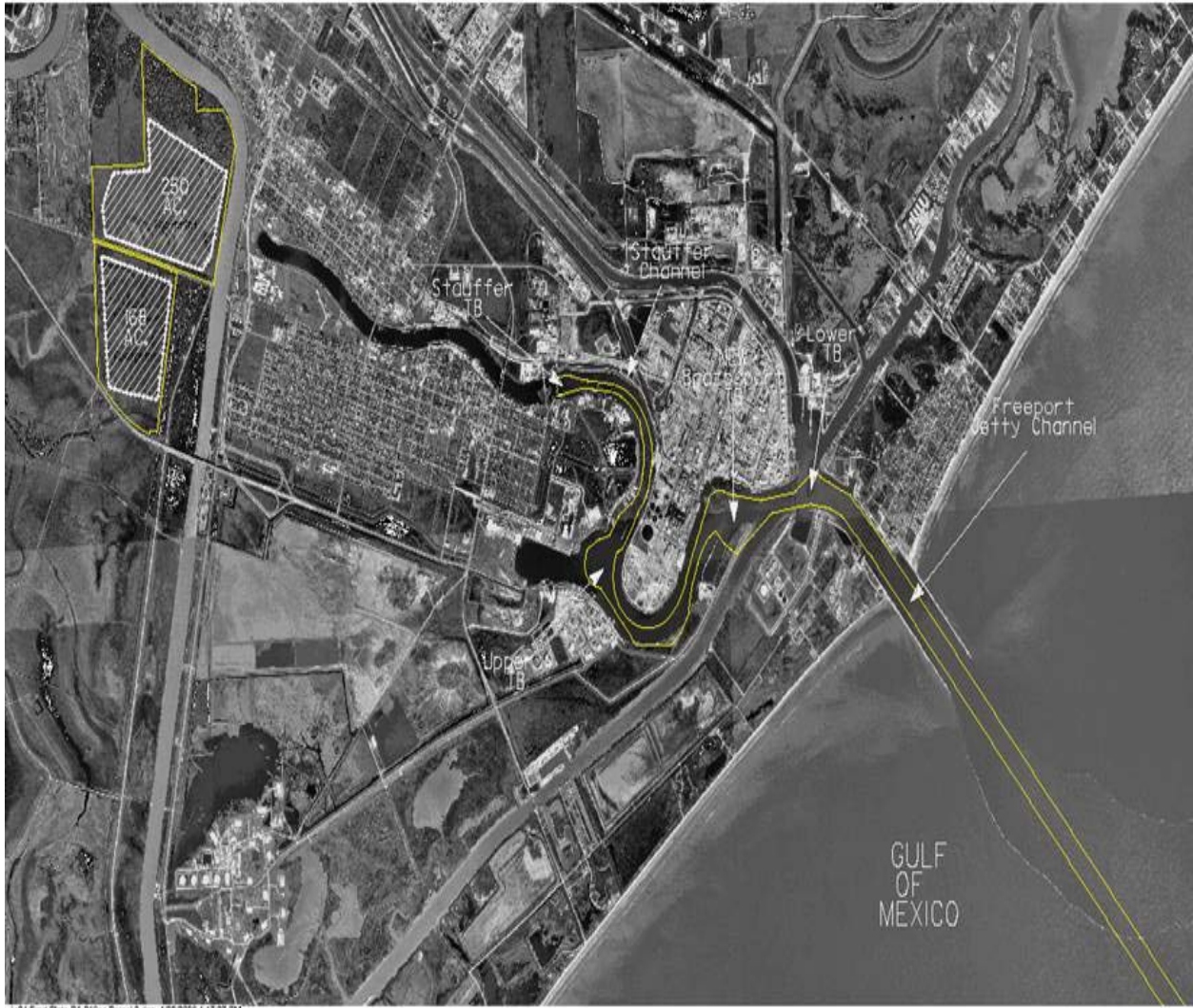
SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Not in the President's FY2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: The study is not in the President's FY2013 budget. If funding is received it would be used to execute a Design Agreement (\$100,000), conduct field data collection (cultural resource investigations, environment testing, soil borings & hydro surveys (\$400,000), and initiate the first set of plans and specifications (\$275,000).

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the project completion date is September 2015.

For more information regarding the Freeport Harbor project, TX project, contact Mr. Pete Perez, P.E. Deputy District Engineer, Chief Programs and Project Management Division at 409-766-3018 or Pete.G.Perez@usace.army.mil.



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