



GIWW – High Island to Brazos River, Tx

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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: WRDA 2007

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: Construction



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

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: State of Texas

BACKGROUND: The project is a reach of the GIWW from High Island to Brazos River. This section contains significant wetland & environmental sensitive areas that must be protected. Navigational difficulties are caused by frequent shoaling at Rollover Pass, and traffic congestion at Sievers Cove and Texas City Wye. This portion of the channel needs to be realigned and new mooring facilities established. The signed Chiefs report for this project was transmitted to Congress in April 2004. An Environmental Assessment will have to be completed prior to initiation of construction to address any changed conditions since completion of the Chiefs report.

The recommended project includes a sediment basin at Rollover Pass, widening the channel area by 75 feet for a length of 1400 feet at Sievers Cove, widening the channel at the Texas City Wye, setting back existing mooring facilities by 80 feet at Pelican Island, establishing a mooring basin at Greens Lake, and protecting existing open channels from wave action at the West Bay washout.

The project has not been funded for the last several years. This project will greatly reduce the navigational difficulties caused by frequent shoaling at Rollover Pass and will improve the traffic congestion at Sievers Cove and Texas City Wye. The benefit to cost ratio as of October 2010 was 2.9 to 1 at 7 percent

STATUS: The project was not funded in FY2011.

ISSUES: The project is a new start for construction and is not in the FY2012 or FY2013 President's Budget. This project is part of the Nation's inland waterways and as such, construction will be funded with a 50/50 match from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. This section of the GIWW contains significant wetland & environmental sensitive areas. Navigational difficulties are caused by frequent shoaling at Rollover Pass, and traffic congestion at Sievers Cove and Texas City Wye.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

CONSTRUCTION

Federal Cost Estimate	\$8,545,000	
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	8,545,000	
Total Project Cost	\$17,090,000	
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$668,000	<u>1/</u>
ARRA Funding	0	
Allocation for FY 2011	-61,000	<u>2/</u>
Allocation for FY 2012	0	
President Budget FY 2013	0	
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	7,816,000	
Balance to Complete	\$7,816,000	

1/ - PED Funds

2/ - Funds in the amount of \$61,000 were transferred to the Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Account to repair damages at projects impacted by the 2011 Floods.

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Not in the President's FY12 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: Not in the President's FY2013 budget. If funding is received they would be used to complete an Environmental Assessment to address any changed project conditions (\$150,000) complete the Planning, Engineering & Design Phase and award a construction contract to widen the channel at TX City Wye and Sievers Cove, and to improve the mooring facilities at Pelican Island and at Greens Lake (\$7,666,000).

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the project completion date is September of 2013.

For more information regarding the GIWW- High Island to Brazos River, 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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