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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

AUTHORIZATION Resolution of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, 5 Jun 87

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED)



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX); Representatives Brady (TX-8), Poe (TX-2), and Boustany (LA-7)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Sabine-Neches Navigation District

BACKGROUND: The Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW) is a federally constructed deep-draft navigation project, which serves the Ports of Port Arthur, Beaumont, and Orange in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas and Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana. The existing waterway consists of a jettied entrance channel, 42 feet deep and 500-800 feet wide, from the Gulf of Mexico; a channel 40 feet deep and 400 feet wide to Beaumont via the Neches River; and a channel 30 feet deep and 200 feet wide to Orange via the Sabine River. The waterway carried 141 million tons of cargo and ranked third in the nation for tonnage volume in foreign trade according to data from the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2007. Sabine-Neches waterway is first in the U.S. with crude oil imports, and supplies 55% of the Nation's strategic petroleum reserves.

The feasibility study has recommended modifying the existing waterway by deepening the channel to 48 feet to avoid delays, increase safety, and improve efficiency. The estimated construction cost is \$1.2 billion with a 1.3 Benefit-to-Cost ratio. The study was completed and approved by the Chief of Engineers on July 22, 2011. The PED phase will begin when funding is provided.

STATUS: The draft feasibility report was completed and presented at the Civil Works Review Board in FY 10. The Chief's Report was final on July 22, 2011. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) ASA (CW) has reviewed and sent the Chief's Report to OMB for approval. The PED phase is waiting to be initiated.

ISSUES: Delay in initiating the PED phase and construction on the project would prevent the Nation and surrounding area from realizing the economic and navigation benefits from the improved channel.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

	<u>PED</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	\$2,630,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	\$876,000
Total Project Cost	\$3,506,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$0
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	200,000
Amount That Could Be Used For FY 2013	850,000
Balance to Complete	\$2,430,000

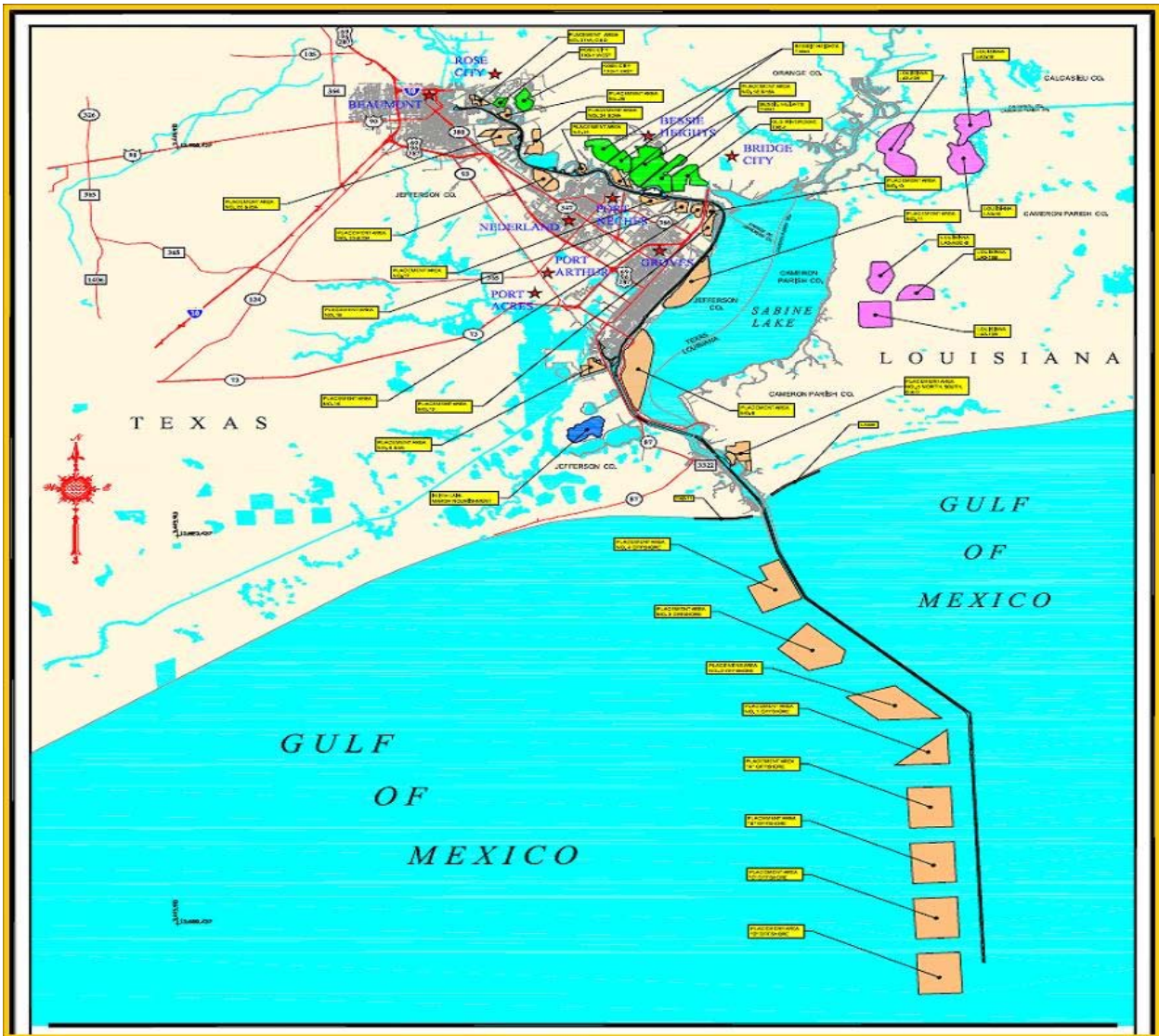
SCHEDULE:

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 for environmental coordination (\$200,000), detailed surveys and borings (\$350,000), Value Engineering Study (\$50,000), and initiation of development for the first construction contract and Plans and Specifications (\$250,000).

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

For more information regarding the Sabine-Neches Waterway, TX study, 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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