



2025 PIDP GRANT APPLICATION:

Gulfport Strategic Seaport Intermodal Improvements Project

FUNDING REQUEST UNDER “SMALL PORTS” DESIGNATION

**\$24.5
MILLION**
Total Project Cost

**\$9.5
MILLION**
Ports America
Contribution

**\$2.6
MILLION**
MSPA Leveraging of
MDOT Grant Funding

**\$11.5
MILLION**
Ask of USDOT Funds

3 MAIN PROJECT COMPONENTS

1

Terminal 5 Improvements

- Reconfigures current rail yard to expand capacity and increase efficiency for intermodal cargo movement

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East-West Rail Connector

- Reduces rail crossings on US HWY 90, reducing congestion and enhancing safety
- Expands capacity and supports military and break-bulk cargo movement

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Terminal 4 Improvements

- Pavement to expand military cargo capacity
- STS transformer for resiliency from storms and lightning
- Reefer Towers to support intermodal cargo movement of refrigerated cargo
- Reach Stacker to support intermodal cargo movement



USACE DEEPENING & WIDENING PROJECT

Current Benefit-to-Cost Ratio (BCR) - 1.22:1

- Narrowed portions of the channel to 350 feet to reduce costs and quantity of dredged material
- Added benefits, including bulk and break bulk cargoes
- Updated costs pending review by the Walla Walla District

Updated Schedule

- Study to be completed by March 2026
- Chief's Report anticipated in June 2026
- MSPA will seek authorization in the 2026 WRDA bill

Additional efforts to increase BCR

- Cat Island Restoration project by MDEQ - opportunity to further reduce costs
- Quantify the benefits of beneficial re-use of material used for Cat Island restoration
- Strategic Seaport – ideas for increasing BCR for Strategic Seaports in WRDA 2026