

Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project

Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (USACE SWG) is notifying you of the availability of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project (HSC ECIP), prepared in partnership with the Port of Houston Authority. The study has analyzed alternatives to improve navigation on the HSC system and has identified a Tentatively Selected Plan for further consideration. The report and full notice of availability are available for download starting September 1, 2017 at the following address: <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/PlanningEnvironmentalBranch/DocumentsforPublicReview.aspx>. A list of libraries holding hard copies for review is available on the website provided above.

Two public information meetings will be held in the Houston area during the public comment period at the following times and locations:

- Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Galena Park High School, 1000 Keene St, Galena Park, TX 77547, from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at La Porte Junior High, 401 S Broadway St, La Porte, TX 77571, from 6:30-8:30 PM

The USACE SWG will accept written comments for 45 days starting on September 1, 2017 through October 16, 2017. Comments must be postmarked by October 16, 2017. You may send written comments or questions to the USACE SWG, Attn: Dr. Kelly Burks-Copes, Coastal Section, Regional Planning & Environmental Center, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229, or email to HSC-ECIP@usace.army.mil.

This public notice is also issued for the purpose of advising all known interested persons that there is pending before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a decision on water quality certification. Any comments concerning this application may be submitted to the TCEQ, 401 Coordinator, MSC-150, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. A copy of the public notice, with a description of work, has been made available for review in the TCEQ's Austin office.