

2011 TIGER Grant Awards

Seaport and Freight-Related Projects of Benefit to International Trade

Direct Port-Related Improvement Projects Awarded

SOUTH JERSEY PORT CORPORATION - RAIL IMPROVEMENTS - Award - \$18,500,000

This project will repair DelAir Bridge, linking the rail networks of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This major connection will be repaired to accommodate the transport of industry-standard 286,000 lb. rail cars and enhance freight movement throughout the northeast region. This project is part of a larger effort to repair the rail network from the DelAir Bridge to the Port of Salem, including the ports of Paulsboro and Camden, which must be significantly upgraded to accommodate the anticipated increased demand in rail and port traffic

PORT OF LONG BEACH - RAIL REALIGNMENT – Award - \$17,000,000

The Port of Long Beach will improve the lead tracks to two rail yards and relieve a chokepoint at the Ocean Boulevard overcrossing, where a large portion of the cargo transits enters or exits the port property. The project will improve efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of freight movements, and create jobs, enabling the port to move 35% of goods via on-dock rail by 2035.

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS - RAIL YARD IMPROVEMENTS – Award - \$16,738,246

The Port of New Orleans will rebuild a specialized rail yard at the Louisiana Avenue terminal along the Mississippi River. The overall project has two components: construction of a new 12-acre freight rail intermodal terminal; and resurfacing and fortifying a 4-acre storage yard that is used for ultra-heavy project cargoes. The project's objective is to reduce congestion, facilitate the movement of marine and rail cargo, stimulate international commerce, and maintain an essential port asset in a state of good repair.

JACKSONVILLE PORT AUTHORITY - DAMES POINT INTERMODAL CONTAINER FACILITY – Award - \$10,000,000

The project will help complete a new Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) at the port of Jacksonville that will be used by CSX railroad. The ICTF will include a five-track rail yard, two wide-span electric cranes, and a paved area for stacking containers and several support uses, including a road and gate for truck movement of cargo, a parking area, and storm-water retention facilities. The facility will utilize zero-emission, wide-span electric cranes for all lift operations, which will operate over four, and 3,000-foot process tracks and provide 12,000 feet of working length.

Freight Rail/Highway Improvement Projects with Indirect Benefit to Seaports

EASTERN RAIL CORRIDORS

RUTHERFORD INTERMODAL FACILITY EXPANSION - Harrisburg, PA – Award - \$15,000,000

The project expands the Rutherford Intermodal Facility to accommodate an additional 125,000 lifts per year and enables the facility to keep pace with growing freight traffic demand in the Harrisburg area. The project includes track work, expansion of parking access, and the construction of cranes to increase capacity. This facility site **on the Crescent Corridor is a central point for freight from cities in 12 states**, including Chicago, Memphis, and Atlanta. The project will also reduce highway truck traffic along those corridors.

PRITCHARD INTERMODAL FREIGHT FACILITY – Pritchard, WV - Award - \$12,000,000

The West Virginia Ports Authority will construct a new intermodal terminal along **Norfolk Southern's Heartland Corridor** near Pritchard, WV. **The Heartland Corridor runs from the Port of Hampton Roads** to Columbus, OH, and primarily carries container traffic to and from the port. The closest intermodal facility to the project site is currently over 120 miles away.

WESTERN RAIL CORRIDORS

NORTHERN MONTANA MULTIMODAL HUB – Montana – Award - \$9,998,910

Construction of the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub will enable Montana shippers to ship and **receive containerized international cargo**. This project relocates a small BNSF rail facility from a residential and commercial area to an industrial park, expanding the facility to allow the shipment of intermodal unit trains. This **inland port facility** will strengthen long-term growth in the region and **support efforts to increase exports**. Using containers **will reduce the transportation costs** and inefficiencies both at the Shelby site and **at Pacific coast port sites**.

DEVILS LAKE RAIL IMPROVEMENTS – North Dakota – Award - \$10,000,000

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and its partners will raise a 15.4-mile section of the **BNSF mainline track** between Devils Lake and Churchs Ferry, North Dakota, to prevent flooding by the continually rising water level of Devils Lake.

HIGHWAY/TRADE CORRIDORS

I-95/ US-301 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT – Orangeburg, SC – Award - \$12,100,000

The project will construct an interchange for I-95 and US -301 to establish southbound access, correcting a flaw in the original design. Improving these connections is essential to further development of an inland multi-modal distribution center that **serves southeastern seaports in Charleston and Savannah**.

STATE ROUTE 91 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS – Southern California – Award - \$20,000,000

This \$20 million TIGER TIFIA Payment will support a TIFIA loan that will finance up to one-third of the costs of the \$1.3 billion, 8-mile extension of the SR-91 Express Lanes. The project will extend SR-91 Express Lanes from the current eastern terminus at the border of Orange and Riverside Counties eastward to I-15. Additionally, one general-purpose lane will be added to the facility in each direction along the project route. The SR-91 corridor provides a vital link between employment and residential centers in Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties, and **facilitates goods movement between I-15, I-10, and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach**.