PROPOSED BAYPORT IMPROVEMENTS

BAYPORT CHANNEL:

- Deepen to -45’ / 13.72m (authorized depth)
- Widen 300’-wide channel an additional 100’, tapering to 50’ additional width

Implementation

- Assumption of Maintenance - 204(f)
- Permit 10/404
- Section 214
WHEREAS, Section 214 of the Federal Water Resources Development Act of 2000 ("WRDA 2000"), as amended, provides as follows:

(a) IN GENERAL. - The Secretary (of the Army), after public notice, may accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.
(b) EFFECT ON PERMITTING. - In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall ensure that the use of funds accepted under subsection (a) will not impact impartial decisionmaking with respect to permits, either substantively or procedurally; and
Conclusion:

- Port Authority has had success in the past
- Initially used strategically
- Used for every permit application
- Continued use in the future