Port Profiles TxDOT Maritime Division



PORT FREEPORT

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Port Freeport is a deep water port that was voted into existence in 1925 by Brazoria County residents. Its services include project cargo and breakbulk, container, heavy lift, and roll on/off operations. Port Freeport ranks #6 in chemicals and #26 in containers in the U.S. and transports over 37 million tons of cargo annually.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

Port Freeport is actively pursuing infrastructure enhancements and market diversification to strengthen its connectivity and broaden its service offerings. The port is rapidly growing its operations by expanding its automotive, container and steel volumes, including significant contracts with Volkswagen Group of America and Fresh Del Monte Produce. Looking forward, the port is exploring new cargo opportunities and supporting chemical and production facilities for exports. Key infrastructure projects are in motion to support this expansion and promote efficient cargo movement, including the widening of SH 36 for improved port access and the development of truck queuing areas.

In preparation for increasing traffic, Port Freeport is focusing on critical connectivity enhancements. Initiatives like the Terminal Expansion Area and concrete stabilization behind Berth 8 demonstrate the port's strategy to upgrade its maritime infrastructure. These enhancements are critical in supporting the port's anticipated growth in shipments and vehicle traffic.

ECONOMIC IMPACT



Annual Rail Cars 14,000



Direct Jobs 16,400

Ranked

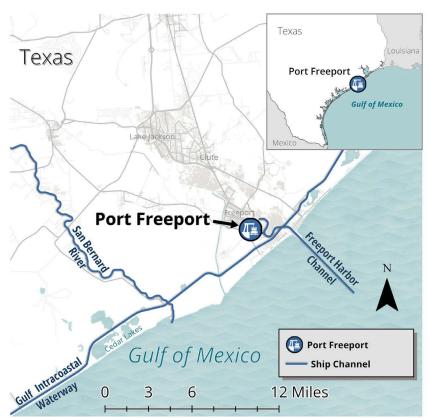
Among U.S. Ports in Total Foreign Waterborne Tonnage Handled

Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Velasco Terminal - Area 6 Improvement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$10.0 Million
Velasco Terminal - Berth 9 Expansion	Maritime Infrastructure	\$56.0 Million
Velasco Terminal - Area 4 Improvement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$26.8 Million
Parcel 25 Improvement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$20.0 Million
Public Parking Expansion Area	Seaport Connectivity	\$1.5 Million
Truck Staging Area Across from Gate 8	Seaport Connectivity	\$7.6 Million
Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project	Ship Channel	\$295 Million

Costs provided by port/navigation district

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DOCKS & WHARVES

- 18 operating berths, including private docks
- Over 7 mi of port-owned rail track
- 90 acres for container operations
- Over 1,800 ft of multi-purpose berth for Panamax and Post-Panamax vessels
- 1 hour vessel transit time to most private and public berths

CARGO HANDLING

- 2 Post-Panamax ship-to-shore gantry cranes
- 2 additional Super Post-Panamax gantry cranes planned for Berths 7 and 8
- Project cargo and oversize overweight corridor
- Roll on/Roll off services

LAND & STORAGE

- 7,000 acres undeveloped land
- 1,800 acres for buildout
- 300 acres of environmentally mitigated property



ROAD

- Highway connections to SH 36, SH 288, SH 6, and SH 35
- Ongoing SH 36 expansion from Port Freeport to Fort Bend County Line

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• Connections to Union Pacific

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 30-minute sailing time to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

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- Commercial service to HOU and IAH PIPELINE
- Connections available



Ship Channel Name: Freeport Harbor Channel

Current Depth: 46 ft

Authorized Depth: 51 to 56 ft (varies)



CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Trading Partners

EXPORTS

- 🧩 Asia \$5.9 Billion
- France \$652 Million
- Netherlands \$632 Million

IMPORTS

- Mexico \$1.5 Billion
- Asia \$1.2 Billion
- Colombia \$380 Million

Data from USA Trade for 2023

Top Commodities

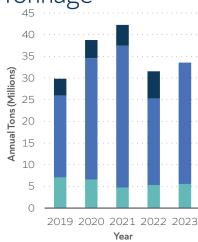
EXPORTS

- LNG & LPG
- Privately Owned Vehicles
- Crude Oil & Refined Crude Oil Products
- Petrochemicals
- Plastics
- Containers

IMPORTS

- Crude Oil
- Petrochemicals
- Green Fruit
- Finished & Privately Owned Vehicles
- Machinery & Agricultural Equipment
- Containers

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■ Total Imports ■ Total Exports ■ Total Domestic

Tonnage data for 2019-2022 from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024; data for 2023 provided by the Port of Freeport

* The total domestic tonnage for 2023 is unknown.