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# PORT of HARLINGEN

### Port of Harlingen Authority

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The Port of Harlingen is a shallow draft, inland port that was established in 1926 on the southernmost tip of Texas on the Arroyo Colorado river. The port offers barge and multimodal transport, encompasses more than 2,000 acres, and has five docks with more than 650 feet of general cargo wharf and 100 feet of dry bulk wharf.

## Port Priorities & Opportunities

The Port of Harlingen is strategically expanding and modernizing to meet the needs of its evolving market, with a keen eye on future growth. Recent land acquisitions totaling 550-600 acres, primarily for rail project development, underscore a shift toward enhancing the port's infrastructure to better serve both traditional sectors such as agriculture and refined fuels, and emerging markets like green energy. Inland connectivity is also a focus, with plans to replace deteriorating road infrastructure under the strain of heavy truck traffic and address congestion issues at critical intersections. The port envisions improving access to the Harlingen Aerotropolis at the nearby Valley International Airport, potentially easing industrial traffic flow and fostering economic synergies.

Maritime infrastructure projects are equally important to the port, with the port engaged in significant development projects like Railyard Development, Turning Basin Extension, and essential lighting improvements. Although still in the early stages of design and feasibility studies, these projects are seen as pivotal to the port's ability to attract new business and manage increasing vessel traffic efficiently.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT**



Annual Truck Traffic 30,000



Annual Barge Traffic 802 Vessels



**Direct Jobs** 902



**Economic Activity \$1.79** Billion

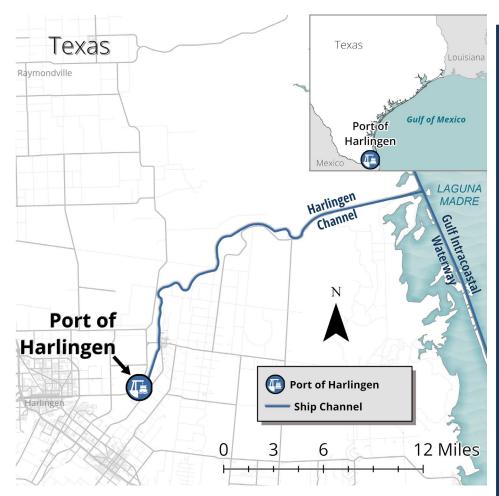
# Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Rail Rehabilitation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$750,000
Scale Foundation Installation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$700,000
Turning Basin Bulkhead	Maritime Infrastructure	\$8.2 Million
Railyard Development	Maritime Infrastructure	\$30.0 Million
Turning Basin Extension	Maritime Infrastructure	\$13.0 Million
Turning Basin Expansion Project Feasibility Study	Ship Channel	\$1.1 Million

Costs provided by port/navigation district



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# PORT FACILITIES

#### **DOCKS & WHARVES**

- 5 docks
- · 650 ft multi-cargo wharf
- · 100 ft dry bulk wharf

#### **STORAGE & LAND**

- 736 acres on- and off-channel sites available
- · Access to the NAFTA CargoPort hub
- 5 miles from Harlingen Aerotropolis



Ship Channel Name: Harlingen Channel/ Arroyo Colorado



### **INTERMODALITY**

#### **ROAD**

- Highway connections to US 77, US 83, and I-69
- Overweight designation from Los Indios Free Trade International Bridge to Port entrance, 8 miles south of Port

#### **RAIL**

- Terminal rail serviced by Union Pacific
- · Connections available to BNSF and Kansas City Southern de Mexico

#### **BARGE**

• 25-mile sailing distance to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

#### **AIR**

· International Cargo facilities and Harlingen Aerotropolis at Valley International Airport (HRL)

#### **PIPELINE**

· Connections available

# **CARGO CONNECTIONS**

# Top Commodities

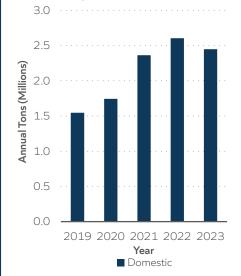
### **EXPORTS**

Agriculture

#### **IMPORTS**

- Refined Petroleum
- Aggregates
- Fertilizer

### Tonnage



Waterborne tonnage data provided by the Port of Harlingen

# \$36 Million

generated in local and state tax revenue through usage and cargo fees