

1. Administrative Details

Proposal Name: Levee Improvement Project

by Agency: Victoria County Navigation District

Locations: TX

Date Submitted: 08/17/2018

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Supporting Documents

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2. Provide the name of the primary sponsor and all non-Federal interests that have contributed or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

Sponsor	Letter of Support
Victoria County Navigation District(Primary)	Attached

3. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project. If it is a proposal for a modification, provide the authorized water resources development feasibility study or project name.

Feasibility Study

4. Clearly articulate the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification. Demonstrate that the proposal is related to USACE mission and authorities and specifically address why additional or new authorization is needed.

The Victoria County Navigation District (VCND) has been involved in an on-going project to improve the latest FEMA flood maps. One of the issues that the VCND faces is the federal recognition of the existing "navigation feature" that separates the Guadalupe River from the properties affected by the flooding. After comparing historical evidence from flooding scenarios much greater than the 100-year flood event, it is clear that the navigation feature does in fact provide flood protection to properties shown to be significantly affected by flooding on the new FEMA FIRM's. Knowing this, the VCND moved forward with the FEMA Lamp process to certify the existing "navigation feature" as a flood control levee system. This project would aid in the effort to certify the levee so that it met the FEMA free board requirements of 3 feet over the base flood elevation along the levee system. The construction would heighten the levee system all the way to the County line in areas which do not meet the 3 feet free board requirement. It will also include a gate structure at the railroad location that can be closed off during such times of emergency. The length of the project is approximately 2.2 miles and begins just North of the Union Pacific Railroad and ends at the Victoria_Calhoun County line and has an estimated construction cost of \$3,000,000. The location of this project can be seen in the uploaded map below. This project is related to one of the USACE's core missions for flood risk management.

5. To the extent practicable, provide an estimate of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.

	Federal	Non-Federal	Total
Study	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Construction	\$1,950,000	\$1,050,000	\$3,000,000

Explanation (if necessary)

6. To the extent practicable, describe the anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

The proposed project will significantly alter the property attractiveness to large industry. The property has substantial benefits for inviting any industry that can utilize a multi-modal system of barge, rail, and road infrastructure to move their product. This would greatly enhance the economy by employment opportunities and provide an increased tax base in an historically economically disadvantaged area of Victoria County in South Texas. The levee improvement project will also aid property values for local landowners by removing or reducing the affects of flooding on certain areas of their property.

7. Does local support exist? If 'Yes', describe the local support for the proposal.

Yes

Local Support Description

Local support exists due to the negative impact of the new FEMA FIRM's.

8. Does the primary sponsor named in (2.) above have the financial ability to provide for the required cost share?

Yes

Primary Sponsor Letter of Support

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COL. Lars N. Zetterstrom, P.E.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, SWG
2000 Fort Point Road
Galveston, Texas 77550

Dear Colonel Zetterstrom:

The Victoria Economic Development Corporation is pleased to offer its support for the Victoria County Navigation District's (Port of Victoria) Section 7001 application as a proposal under WRRDA 2014.

Interest in the Victoria region by industry representatives and developers from around the nation and the world has increased as they follow the momentum of growth and development resulting from the state's oil and gas exploration activity and local petrochemical industry expansion.

Sufficient funding for the Victoria County Levee Certification Improvement Project at the Port of Victoria is critical to furthering our community's opportunity to capitalize on the interest of major companies. Certification of the levee will help advance VEDC's mission to recruit new industry to our region for the purpose of creating primary jobs and expanding the tax base, thus substantially improving the overall quality of life for our community and region.

We appreciate the Port's commitment to reinvesting in Victoria's long-term economic competitiveness and livability. Please don't hesitate to call on me if I can be of any assistance to you in this effort.

Sincerely,

D. Dale Fowler, CEcD
President

Map Document

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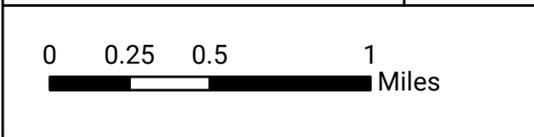
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 Levee Improvement**

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Date:	11/1/2017
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 County Line
 Project Area