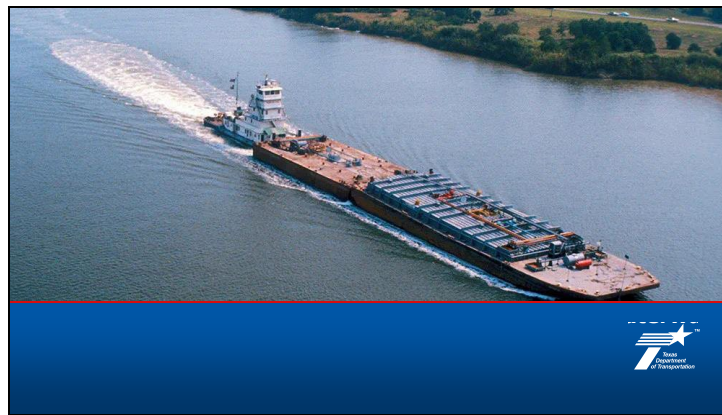


Acquisition of PAs 38, 39 and 40 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Dredge Material Placement Area Parcels Virtual Public Hearing

Presentation and Script

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Welcome to the TxDOT Maritime Division Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (commonly known as the GIWW) Dredge Material Placement Areas (PAs) 38-40 pre-recorded Virtual Public Hearing. TxDOT is proposing to acquire parcels of land for continued use as placement areas for materials dredged from the GIWW in Galveston County, Texas.

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The slide features a blue header with the Texas Department of Transportation logo and the slogan "Connecting you with Texas". The main content is titled "Virtual Public Hearing Agenda" and lists six items: 1 | Welcome, 3 | Public hearing purpose, project purpose and need, 7 | TAC requirements and outreach, 9 | Project location, details and key facts, 13 | Timeline, and 14 | Public comment process. A portrait of Geir-Eilif Kalhagen is shown with a blue line pointing to his name and title: "Geir-Eilif Kalhagen, TxDOT Maritime Division Director and Public Hearing Officer". A small blue number "2" is in the bottom right corner.

My name is Lauren Macias-Cervantes and I would like to welcome you and also thank you for watching this virtual public hearing that was shared with the public starting on Feb. 24, 2026. I am a TxDOT Public Information Officer and am serving as your presenter on behalf of the Maritime Division.

We'll be covering the following areas:

- Public hearing purpose, project purpose and need;
- Texas Administrative Code (or TAC) requirements and outreach;
- Project location, details and key facts;
- Timeline;
- Public Comment Process; and finally: Adjournment – we'll conclude this video presentation.

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Purpose of the Virtual Public Hearing


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Project Need and Purpose

- TxDOT is the non-federal sponsor of the main channel of the GIWW
- Responsibilities include acquiring property and providing easements and right of way for the maintenance and operation of the GIWW
- TxDOT is acquiring PAs 38-40 to fulfill its responsibilities as the non-federal sponsor
- These parcels have been used as a placement areas for more than 80 years and will continue to be used for that purpose
- Final Environmental Statement for Maintenance Dredging on GIWW Texas Segment performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in 1975

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In 1975, TxDOT was named the non-federal sponsor of the main channel of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. As the non-federal sponsor, TxDOT is responsible for acquiring property, and providing easements and right of way for the maintenance and operation of the GIWW. TxDOT is required to provide the real estate for the placement areas to accommodate the ongoing needs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredging program.

TxDOT is acquiring the placement areas to fulfill its responsibilities as the non-federal sponsor.


These parcels have been used as placement areas for more than 80 years and will continue to be used for that purpose.

The Army Corps performed an environmental review of the Texas Segment of the GIWW in 1975. No problems were found with Placement Areas 38-40.

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GIWW – Key Facts




- The GIWW stretches 1,100 miles from Florida to Brownsville, Texas
- The 379-mile segment in Texas connects 11 deep-draft and 8 shallow-draft commercial ports and 2 recreational ports
- It is the third-busiest inland waterway in the U.S. and the Texas segment carried 80 million tons of cargo in 2018
- 92% of cargo is classified as petroleum or chemical products
- The GIWW helps reduce congestion on roads and reduces emissions

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We thought it would also be interesting to share some key facts about the importance of the GIWW:


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- The 379-mile segment in Texas connects 11 deep-draft and 13 shallow-draft commercial ports;
- It is the third-busiest inland waterway in the U.S. and the Texas segment carried 80 million tons of cargo in 2018;
- 92 percent of cargo is classified as petroleum or chemical products; and finally
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Dredging Purpose

- Dredging is the removal of sediments and debris from the bottom of lakes, rivers, harbors, and other bodies of water
- Dredging is a routine necessity in waterways because sedimentation — the natural process of sand and silt washing downstream — gradually fills channels and harbors
- The GIWW requires ongoing dredging to remove the sediment and maintain the proper depths for waterway traffic



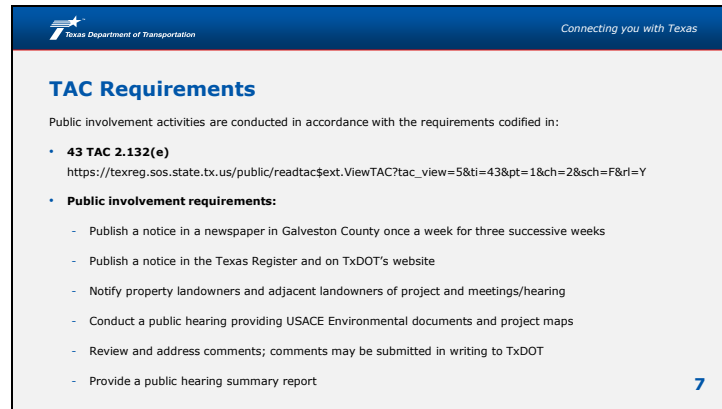
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Let's also cover the purpose of dredging and why this process is necessary:

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- The project location provides a placement area for dredged materials; in this portion of the GIWW, sediment builds up quickly - on average over two feet per year

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TAC Requirements

Public involvement activities are conducted in accordance with the requirements codified in:

- **43 TAC 2.132(e)**
[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=43&pt=1&ch=2&sch=F&ri=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=43&pt=1&ch=2&sch=F&ri=Y)
- **Public involvement requirements:**
 - Publish a notice in a newspaper in Galveston County once a week for three successive weeks
 - Publish a notice in the Texas Register and on TxDOT's website
 - Notify property landowners and adjacent landowners of project and meetings/hearing
 - Conduct a public hearing providing USACE Environmental documents and project maps
 - Review and address comments; comments may be submitted in writing to TxDOT
 - Provide a public hearing summary report

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TxDOT is required to conduct this public hearing in accordance with the Texas Administrative Code. As part of this public involvement activity, TxDOT must complete the following:

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TxDOT Website Posting

- **Jan. 30, 2026**
 - Texas Register Posting
- **Feb. 1, 2026**
 - The Daily News, Galveston County English legal notice advertisement #1
- **Feb. 8, 2026**
 - Spanish legal notice advertisement
- **Feb. 15, 2026**
 - English legal notice advertisement #2
- **February 2026**
 - Property Owner Notification


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Virtual Public Hearing
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, by 5 p.m. CT


USACE Environmental Documents are viewable on the online public hearing page at:
www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/maritime/2026/acquisition-of-pas-022426.html

This provides some additional details about public outreach and advertising dates as well as access to the USACE Environmental Documents.

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Galveston County Placement Area Locations



TxDOT is acquiring the properties to fulfill its responsibilities as the non-federal sponsor of the GIWW.

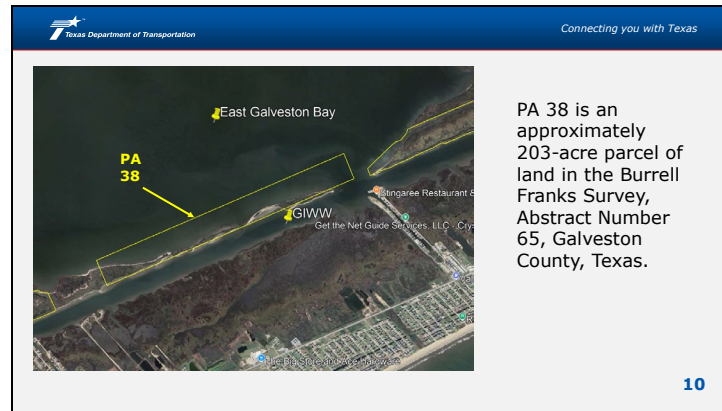
The properties have been used as placement areas for over 80 years and will continue to be used for that purpose.

Right of way and displacement requirements are not applicable for this acquisition.

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The properties are located on Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston County. To reiterate – the properties have been used as placement areas for over 80 years and will continue to be used for that purpose. Right of way and displacement requirements are not applicable for this acquisition.


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This map shows a little greater detail on the specific location of the parcel area. PA 38 is an approximately 203-acre parcel of land in the Burrell Franks Survey, Abstract Number 65, Galveston County, Texas, near the GIWW. An abstract number refers to land assigned a number by the General Land Office of Texas. The abstract number is unique to the county.

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East Galveston Bay

PA 39

Goat Island

GIWW

CRYSTAL BEACH

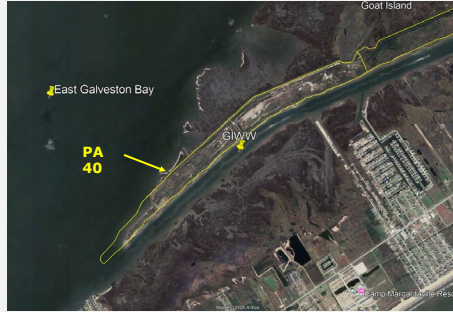
PA 39 is an approximately 226-acre parcel of land in the Jones Shaw Survey, Abstract Number 179, Galveston County, Texas.

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PA 40 is an approximately 236-acre parcel of land in the Jones Shaw Survey, Abstract Number 179, and the Abraham Van Nordstrand Survey, Abstract Number 203, Galveston County, Texas.

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The image is an aerial photograph of a coastal area. A yellow outline highlights a specific parcel of land labeled 'PA 40'. To the left of this parcel is 'East Galveston Bay'. To the right is 'Goat Island'. Further right, a facility is labeled 'GWW'. The top of the slide features the Texas Department of Transportation logo and the slogan 'Connecting you with Texas'. The bottom right corner of the slide contains the number '12'.

PA 40 is an approximately 236-acre parcel of land in the Jones Shaw Survey, Abstract Number 179, and the Abraham Van Nordstrand Survey, Abstract Number 203, Galveston County, Texas.

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The slide features a blue header with the Texas Department of Transportation logo and the slogan "Connecting you with Texas". The main content is titled "Virtual Public Hearing Process Timeline" and lists four key dates and events. A small blue box with the number "13" is located in the bottom right corner of the slide content area.

Virtual Public Hearing Process Timeline

- **Feb. 24, 2026:** Virtual public hearing pre-recorded presentation
- **March 11, 2026:** Close of public comment period
- **March 18, 2026:** Complete review of public comments
- **May 1, 2026:** Post virtual public hearing summary report on website

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The process and timeline of this virtual public hearing includes:

- The pre-recorded virtual public hearing presentation will be posted on www.txdot.gov on February 24, 2026;
- The comment period closes on March 11, 2026; and
- By March 18, 2026, TxDOT will complete a review of public comments.

The virtual public hearing summary report will be posted on the TxDOT website by May 1, 2026.

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The screenshot shows a webpage titled "How to Submit Your Written Comments" from the Texas Department of Transportation. The page is divided into three main sections: Email, Mail, and Submit Online. The Email section provides the contact information for Ray Newby at txdot.gov. The Mail section provides the address for the Waterways Program Coordinator at the Stassney Campus. The Submit Online section instructs users to visit www.txdot.gov, search for "PA 38-40 Virtual Public Hearing", and click on the "Submit Your Comments" button. A red box highlights this button. A red text box at the top right of the page states: "Comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to be included in the Virtual Public Hearing summary report." The page also includes a "Subscribe for Maritime Division updates" form and a page number "14" in the bottom right corner.


TxDOT is encouraging written comments. Comments must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to be included in the Virtual Public Hearing summary report. You can submit written comments in the following ways:

- Email your comments to: ray.newby@txdot.gov
- Mail your comments to: Ray Newby, Waterways Program Coordinator at the Texas Department of Transportation Stassney Campus, 6230 E. Stassney Drive, Austin, Texas 78744
- Submit your comments online:
 - Visit www.txdot.gov
 - In the "Search TxDOT" box in the upper-right hand corner, enter: PA 38-40 Virtual Public Hearing
 - Click on the "Submit Your Comments" button at the top right of the page, or click on the Email link at the bottom of the page

Again - Most importantly: Please be sure to submit your written comments no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to be included in the virtual public hearing summary report. This report will be posted to the TxDOT website within the next few months.

We appreciate your understanding with this comment process.

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Project Questions?

- **Ray Newby, Program Coordinator, Maritime Division**
512-917-9357
Ray.Newby@txdot.gov

Thank you for watching!

Please don't forget to submit your written comments by Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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If you have any questions about this project, please don't hesitate to contact TxDOT. The phone number is listed here.

Thank you for watching! Please don't forget to submit your written comments by Wednesday, March 11, 2026.