



FACT SHEET

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Channel Realignment, Maumee River at Toledo, OH

Section 4072 of WRDA of 2007
General Investigations

Location

- The study area is located along the Maumee River in Toledo, OH

Project Description

- A Reconnaissance Study would be conducted to determine if a Federal interest exists in realigning the existing Federal navigation channel. Realignment would be examined in the vicinity of the railroad bridge which crosses the channel, causing delays and resulting in ship collision damages to the bridge, and also at the mouth of the Toledo River where shoaling typically occurs. The potential to reduce maintenance dredging costs and reduce the cost of ship transportation could result in an economic benefit to realignment

Importance

- Damages to the railroad bridge have been caused due to an accident in the past, and future damages could be avoided with channel realignment
- Ships traversing the navigation channel up river to service several grain and aggregate facilities are delayed in the

vicinity of the railroad bridge that crosses the river

- Ships presently use a turning basin maintained by private entities which may not be maintained in the future. In addition, ships currently have to traverse up river to the turning basin, resulting in additional time to shipping and risk to critical transportation bridges.
- Shoaling near the mouth of the Toledo River requires significant maintenance dredging, which could be lessened with channel realignment
- If the navigation project is not maintained, it will negatively impact the Port's ability to attract major new markets such as ethanol and a potential coke processing facility. If the port closes, it would result in closure of major mid-west manufacturing facilities and the loss of 500 local and 50,000 regional jobs

Consequences

- Without funding, the nature of the economic and safety benefits associated with the channel realignment will remain unknown and commercial navigation will continue to have difficulties in the area

Project Phase	Est. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding Thru FY15	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget	FY17 Requirement	FY17 Budget
Feasibility	\$1,500K	\$0	\$100K	\$0	\$300K	NA

First \$100k is at 100% Federal expense as the 905(b) Reconnaissance Analysis

Project Sponsor/Customer

- The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority is the likely project sponsor

Congressional Interests

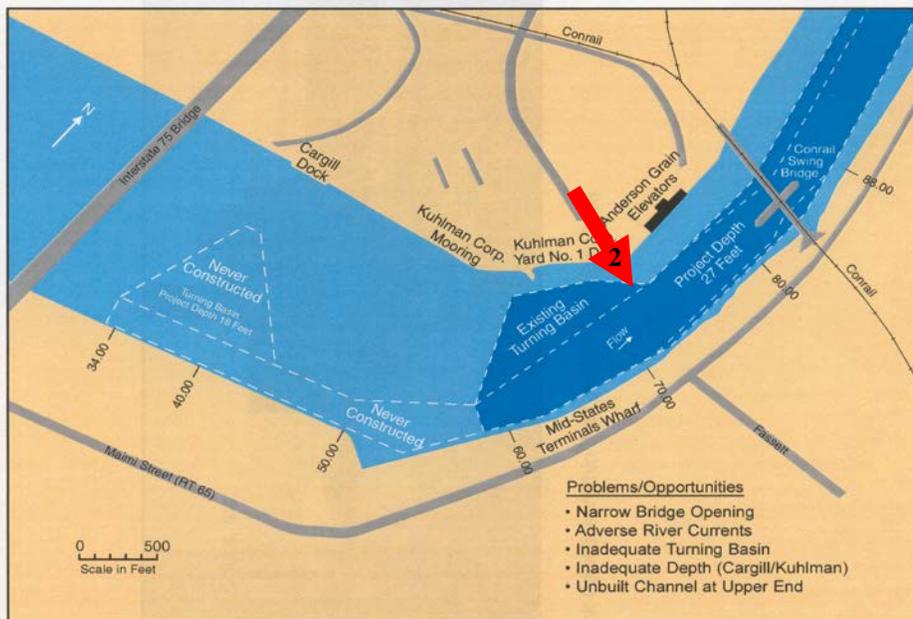
- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-09
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH

Current Status

- Not funded - not initiated

Issues

- Funding must be appropriated to this project for work to begin



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