

Port Everglades Appropriation

At-A-Glance:

- #1 Seaport in Florida by revenue - \$162.6 million (FY 2016)
- #1 Refrigerated cargo port in Florida — #7 in U.S. (FY 2016)
- #1 Container port in Florida (#10 in U.S.) by volume – more than 1,037,226 TEUs (FY 2016)
- #1 Seaport for exports in Florida - \$11.7 billion exports, \$10.4 billion imports (CY 2016)
- #2 Petroleum port in Florida –121.1 million barrels (FY 2016)

Economic Impact and Jobs (FY16)

- 223,914 Florida jobs generated earning \$8.8 billion in wages
- 12,963 direct local jobs
- \$1.8B of state and local taxes
- \$29.4 billion in total economic activity

Request:

- 1) To support members of our Congressional Delegation in requesting the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee **expand the Army Corps of Engineers “New Start” project list from their current 6 projects to 8 projects so that in FY18 we may have a good chance of being included in the list.**

Project background note: All Federal water projects must get ACOE permission before projects begin. On Dec.16, 2016, the Port Everglades Entrance Channel Widening and Deeping project finally received Federal authorization through the WIIN Act (Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act) when President Obama signed the bi-partisan bill – after almost 19 years of the ACOE’s “study” of the project.

Project background note: This was previously known as the WRDA Bill (Water Resource Development Act) and WRRDA (Water Reform Development Act). The chair of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Rep. Dan Shuster, vowed to move a water bill every two years. Prior to 2015, it had been 7 years since the ACOE had issued authorizations for ANY water project in the United States.

- 2) To support members of our Congressional Delegation in requesting the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee **request \$400 million from the Army Corps of Engineers “Construction, General, Additional Funding, Navigation” account.**

Project scope: The project has permission to dig to 50 feet. However, the ACOE’s calculus only pays for 47 feet with two feet of “extra” dig which is standard in these types of projects bringing the depth down to 49 feet. Broward County is paying for the extra 1 foot of depth at a cost of approx. \$18 million. The first phase of construction involves moving the Fort Lauderdale Coast Guard Station. Planned construction would begin in 2019 and conclude in 2021 if PEV receives \$28.8 million – the Federal share of the Coast Guard relocation – in the FY18 ACOE’s Work Plan. This new construction will be done at no cost to the Coast Guard and will give our Coast Guard service members a brand new, updated facility supporting their mission of keeping our port safe and secure.

Project note: Pre-construction engineering work began in 2015 after Rep. Lois Frankel spearheaded an effort to add a Managers Amendment to WRRDA that allowed Broward County to be deemed eligible for reimbursement once a Final

Chief's Report was signed (as it was in June, 2015.) In July, 2015, \$1.2M in Federal dollars was appropriated for PED and an additional \$2.8M was added in May 2017, so we are fully funded for PED. PED will be completed in 2018.

Project note: As part of the process, the Corps is conducting additional studies during the preconstruction, engineering and design phase, a two-year phase that is underway and will continue into 2018. These include several environmental surveys for water quality, sediment transfers and project monitoring to name just a few. In addition, Port Everglades has actively conducted community outreach and information sessions to answer any questions regarding this critically important project.

Overall note: We need all Members of our Congressional Delegation to make this request of the **Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee**. If Congress provides a robust funding level for the account and an increase in the number of "new start" designations, Port Everglades can compete for funding and a "new start" designation in the Fiscal Year 2018 Army Corps of Engineer's Work Plan.

Requests have been submitted to: Senators Nelson and Rubio and Representatives Deutch, Wilson, Diaz-Balart, Wasserman Schultz, Frankel, and Hastings