



## Dredging & Marine Construction Subcommittee **Minutes**

### Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee

**Meeting Time: Tuesday, 1 May 2018, Following Nav Ops (~1030)**

**Meeting Place: ACTion Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

Address: 15201 East Freeway, Suite 214,  
Channelview, Texas 77530

### Meeting **Minutes:**

#### A.) Dredge Subcommittee Meeting

1. Updates, Questions & Answers
  - a. Marine Construction (None this period)
  - b. Federal projects (USACE)
  - c. Non-VTS (Kropf)
2. Under Keel Clearance
  - a. Steve Nerheim suggested that the Survey/UKC guide, once completed and approved, may be appropriate to include in the Waterways Action Plan.
3. LSHSC dredge subcommittee short (1-2 yrs) and long term goals (3-5yrs).
  - a. Maintain and overview of USACE projects, schedules, and pre-dredge conferences.
  - b. Communicate with VTS, Pilots, port authorities, and USACE
  - c. Committee outreach through the Port Authorities and private terminals to educate all facility operators on the importance of maintaining adequate depth alongside their berths.
  - d. Coordination between dredging subcommittee and Nav Ops.
4. Next Scheduled Meeting
  - a. Full committee: 4 May, 9:00-12:00, Houston Pilots
  - b. Subcommittee: 5 June (NavOps/Dredging, ACTion Group)  
17 July (Tri-sub, WGMA)  
28 August (NavOps/Dredging, ACTion Group)  
9 October (Tri-sub, WGMA)  
4 December (TBD)

#### B.) Open discussion:

1. 45-ft draft restoration, Exxon to BW8 Bridge: Once Orion is complete with the dredging between Exxon and the Lynchburg ferry in 2-3 week and Callan is complete with the dredging near Carpenters Bayou in about 2 months, 45-ft traffic can resume up to the bridge.
2. 217b Turnaround Time: The goal is to streamline to process to a 3 month turnaround time. Only one has been completed to date which took longer than 3 months as it was the first attempt. Until the process is fully refined the goal is, at a minimum, to be quicker than the 401c process.

3. Steve Nerheim commented that there is an issue with dredges having incorrect information in the AIS setup. If you notice any incorrect, please try to contact the dredging company to ask them to update the information.

## - - UPDATES - -

### Feasibility Study

- Schedule
  - May 2019 Final FSEIS
  - October 2019 Chief's Report
- The Port and Pilots are working on a plan that does not include a requirement for 1-way traffic.
- Mooring buoys by Exxon are no longer included in the plan, however, a mooring facility by the Battleship Texas is part of the current plan.

### Marine Construction Permits:

No update at this time.

### Federal Projects: (DATES AND PROJECTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

#### **Ongoing projects:**

1) Sims to Turning Basin (Crosby Dredging, LLC): Dredge Allison Crosby completed Federal channel, surveys on website. Dredge currently working on Sims/Woodhouse Docks. Completion of current dock work anticipated May 2018. Planning to re-dredge Turning Basin due to Harvey, evaluating potential modification.

2) Deferred Environmental Restoration contract (Weeks Marine): Dredge Captain Frank finished maintenance dredging in Bayport Flare. Dredge is currently performing Bend Easing work, should finish this week, and then the dredge will begin the HSC Widener. HSC Widener complete mid-July, and another maintenance dredging of Bayport Flare to complete mid/late August 2018.

3) HSC Exxon to Carpenters Emergency dredging (Orion Marine): Dredge Linda LaQuay is currently dredging in the vicinity of BOSTCO nearing completion in next 1-2 weeks.

4) HSC dredging between Carpenters Bayou and Sims Bayou. Awarded to Matthews Marine Inc; Notice to Proceed issued 3/14/18. Dredge General Patton dredging in HSC vicinity of Carpenters Bayou. Mechanical Dredge west of BW8.

5) GIWW High Island to Rollover and Bolivar Flare: awarded to Crosby dredging; three dredges being used. Dredge Susan Crosby dredging Bolivar Flare; Dredge Beau Caroline dredging GIWW vicinity Rollover. Overall contract completion estimated May 2018.

6) Mid Bay PA Dewatering: awarded to RLB Contracting Inc. Work ongoing. Completion April 2018.

7) Spilman PA Containment Dike Raise: awarded to Apollo Environmental Strategies Inc; work ongoing. Completion Sept 2018.

8) House Tract Dike Raise: awarded to Affolter Construction; work ongoing. Completion Nov 2018.

9) Alexander Island PA Dewatering: awarded to Wilco Marsh Buggies and Draglines, Inc. Work ongoing. Completion May 2018.

**Upcoming projects:**

- Freeport Harbor PA1 Dike Raising: May 2018 award
- Galveston Harbor Emergency dredging (hot spot dredging): May/June 2018
- Freeport Harbor Jetty Channel and Inside Channel: June 2018 award
- HSC PA14 and 15 Dewatering: August 2018 award
- GIWW FY18 Freeport to Caney Creek with Option for San Bernard dredging: August 2018 award
- HSC Bayport to Morgan's and Bayport Dredging: Sept 2018 award (utilize marsh cells)
- HSC Morgan's to Exxon Dredging: Sept 2018 award
- HSC Mid Bay PA Improvements: Sept 2018 award
- HSC Alexander PA Improvements: Sept 2018 award

**Non-VTS:**

Philip Kropf thanked Tricia Campbell for attending a meeting of recreational boaters and discussing the federal dredging projects with them.

Communication continues to be good between the dredging companies and the recreational boater community.

Phil also provided the following links of resources for recreational boaters:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Recreational-Boater-Information-Guy-475834575950536/>

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/eq62ut8uxjfi3gi/AAD5fvah6W0MQ\\_1Yvs8wLddna?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/eq62ut8uxjfi3gi/AAD5fvah6W0MQ_1Yvs8wLddna?dl=0)

