

# Packery Channel Status Update

TIRZ Meeting

July 20, 2021

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# Post Harvey Damage Aerial Photo



# Aerial Photo in January of 2020



# Timeline For Assistance Efforts

- August 2017 to January of 2020
  - Continuous work with FEMA and TDEM to assess damage, receive approval to rebuild to a more effective design
  - During the FEMA final review in January 2020 it was determined that the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) had authority to repair the project under PL 84-99 – The Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Act
  - USACE told the City that although they had technical authority to make the repairs, they viewed Packery Channel as inactive in their system
- February 2020 to June 2020
  - The City sought legislative language to clarify eligibility for Packery Channel Repairs through USACE

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- February 2020 – April 2021
  - City Staff has continued to pursue partial funding from FEMA to repair the sidewalks cables and bollard that fall beyond the scope of the USACE project
  - June 2020
    - City seeks funding from Texas Council on Environmental Quality for Packery Repairs from RESTORE Act Funding
    - USACE Headquarters informs City Congressional Delegation that Packery Channel is eligible for funding and the Galveston office will handle the request for Assistance
  - Staff continued to work with USACE staff to answer questions and work through their process

# Recent Activity

- May 25, 2021
  - The City receives correspondence from USACE denying the Request for Assistance and definitively declaring Packery Channel ineligible for restoration under PL 84-99
- Following denial by USACE, our Congressional Delegation began working with FEMA/TDEM on our behalf to proceed with FEMA Public Assistance funding
- June 2021
  - The City received notification of obligation for the supplemental project – Sidewalks, Cables, Bollards, etc
  - FEMA will fund approximately \$4.3 Million for the repairs to the Sidewalks, Cables and Bollards with a Cost Share to the City of approximately \$480,000
- July 7, 2021
  - Meeting with FEMA and TDEM. City notified that the letter from USACE removes previous decision of duplicative authority
  - FEMA has determined \$10.2 million of damage previously submitted will be eligible to consider for funding. City will need to match 10% - approximately \$1 million
  - Project team at TDEM/FEMA is proactively pushing this project through the clearance process
  - Currently at step 16 in the process and obligation occurs at step 25