Packery Channel Status Update

TIRZ Meeting

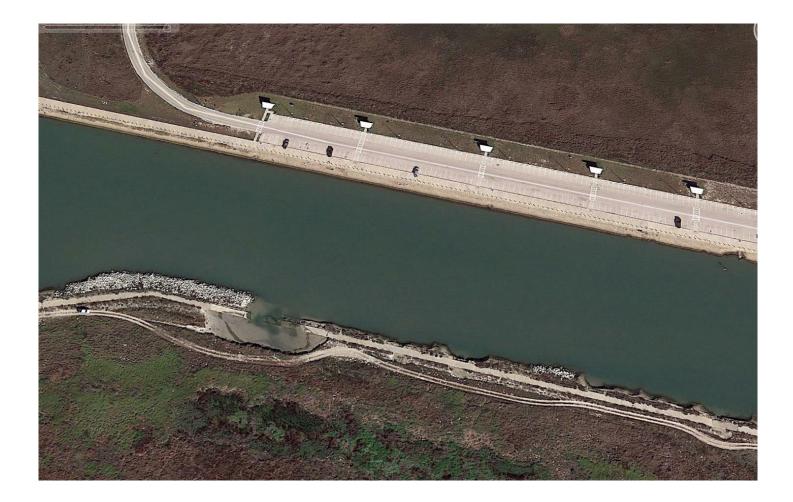
July 20, 2021

Tammy Embrey and Jeff Edmonds

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

Timeline For Assistance Efforts

• February 2020 – April 2021

 \odot 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

 \circ 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