

BAYOU LA BATRE, ALABAMA

CONDITION OF IMPROVEMENT ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

Existing Project: Provides for an 18- by 120-foot channel from the Pascagoula Ship Channel in Mississippi Sound to the mouth of the bayou thence a 12- by 100-foot channel to a point about 2,800 feet south of the highway bridge, thence a channel 12 by 75 feet to the bridge, an overall distance of about 33,500 feet, with channel widened 0.6 miles below bridge to provide turning basin 12 feet deep and about 2.6 acres in area. Project improvements for Bayou La Batre authorized by the WRDA of 1990 provide for an 18-foot-deep by 120-foot-wide channel from Pascagoula Ship Channel east along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and then north to the mouth of Bayou La Batre (this segment was physically completed in May 1994). An 18-foot-deep by 100-foot-wide channel up Bayou La Batre through and including the existing turning basin with a transition to a 14-foot-deep by 75-foot-wide channel to a point 1,500 feet above Highway 188 bridge; and a 14-foot-deep by 50-foot-wide side channel up Snake Bayou for 500 feet, then a 12-foot-deep by 50-foot-wide channel for an additional 800 feet. Total length of the improved channel will be about 23 miles. Plane of reference is mean low water.

The existing project was authorized by the 1965 River and Harbor Act (H. Doc. 327, 88th Cong., 2d sess.), the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1990 (P.L. 101-640), dated Nov. 28, 1990 and prior acts.

Progress: Initial project authorized prior to 1966 was completed in 1956. Work authorized in 1966 was completed in March 1967. Work authorized in 1990 is underway and was completed in September 1997.

Cost of Construction: \$5,723,568 (excludes \$697,499 contributed funds.)

Tidal Range: Mean, 1 3/4 feet; extreme, 3 3/4 feet.

Controlling Depth: Maintained to authorized depth of 18.0 feet.

Local Sponsor: City of Bayou La Batre, Alabama.