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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND VELASCO DRAINAGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR THE

SABINE PASS TO GALVESTON BAY COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (S2G) FREEPORT PROJECT (BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District and its partner the Velasco Drainage District will be hosting three public information sessions for the Freeport Project. <u>Due to COVID-19</u>, these public information sessions will only be held virtually.

These sessions will include an overview of the S2G Program and the status of the Freeport Project specifically, including details on construction contract status and the project's path forward. A question-and-answer session with the project delivery team will immediately follow the project status update. Dates and times for each session are listed below:

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, CST Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, CST Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, CST

Each session can be accessed via the project website at:

https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/S2G/Freeport/

The Freeport Project is one of three projects included in the S2G Program. The Freeport Project focuses on improvements to the existing Hurricane Flood Protection Project (HFPP) that was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962 and protects the area from coastal storm surge events from the Gulf of Mexico.

To provide an increased level of protection over the next 50 years for the area, the Freeport Project will raise approximately 13.1 miles of the existing levee system, construct approximately 5.5 miles of floodwall, and install navigable gates in the Dow Barge Canal to reduce storm surge penetration in that area.

USACE and its partner the Velasco Drainage District are currently in the early stages of preconstruction engineering and design (PED) phase for the project. The project team expects to complete this phase by the spring of 2023, followed by construction shortly thereafter, which will take approximately 3.5 years to complete.

Visit the project's StoryMap for additional information (https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/S2G/Freeport/ and click "Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Program"), and/or submit any inquiries by email or phone.

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