

PORT OF GULFPORT ACCESS PROJECT

Harrison County, Mississippi

Client: Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
Hancock Whitney Plaza
2510 14th Street, Suite 1450
Gulfport, MS 39501

PURPOSE AND NEED

The Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport (MSPA-G) was awarded funds under the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). PIDP makes grants to improve facilities within, connecting to, or around coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports. The MSPA-G was awarded a 2019 PIDP grant to improve the roadways leading to and from the entrance of the Port, which serves freight and military cargo. These improvements will promote exports and improve the resiliency of the pavement on local roads. The purpose of the proposed project is to:

- Modernize the existing access corridor between the MSPA-G and 25th Street
- Improve the safety of the traveling public
- Increase the efficiency of freight traffic
- Alleviate congestion on local roads and Highway 49
- Enhance intermodal connections and access to the Port of Gulfport
- Remove port-related trucks from the downtown area and reduce truck idling emissions



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Port of Gulfport Access Project (proposed project) is located along 30th Avenue in Gulfport, Mississippi. The approximate site center is the intersection of 17th Street and 30th Avenue. The site goes through both residential and commercial development along 30th Avenue. The scope of the proposed project includes the construction of approximately 6,500 linear feet of surface road within the existing paved footprint of 30th Avenue, a 160-foot grade-separated bridge over Highway 90, the addition of a second turn lane for westbound Highway 90 traffic, pavement strengthening measures along 30th Avenue within the project footprint, new signalization, access management improvements and implementation of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). No property is planned for acquisition or demolition.

2021

- The National Environmental Policy Act review will conclude by June
- Project design contract will commence in July*

2022

- Design work anticipated to conclude in September*

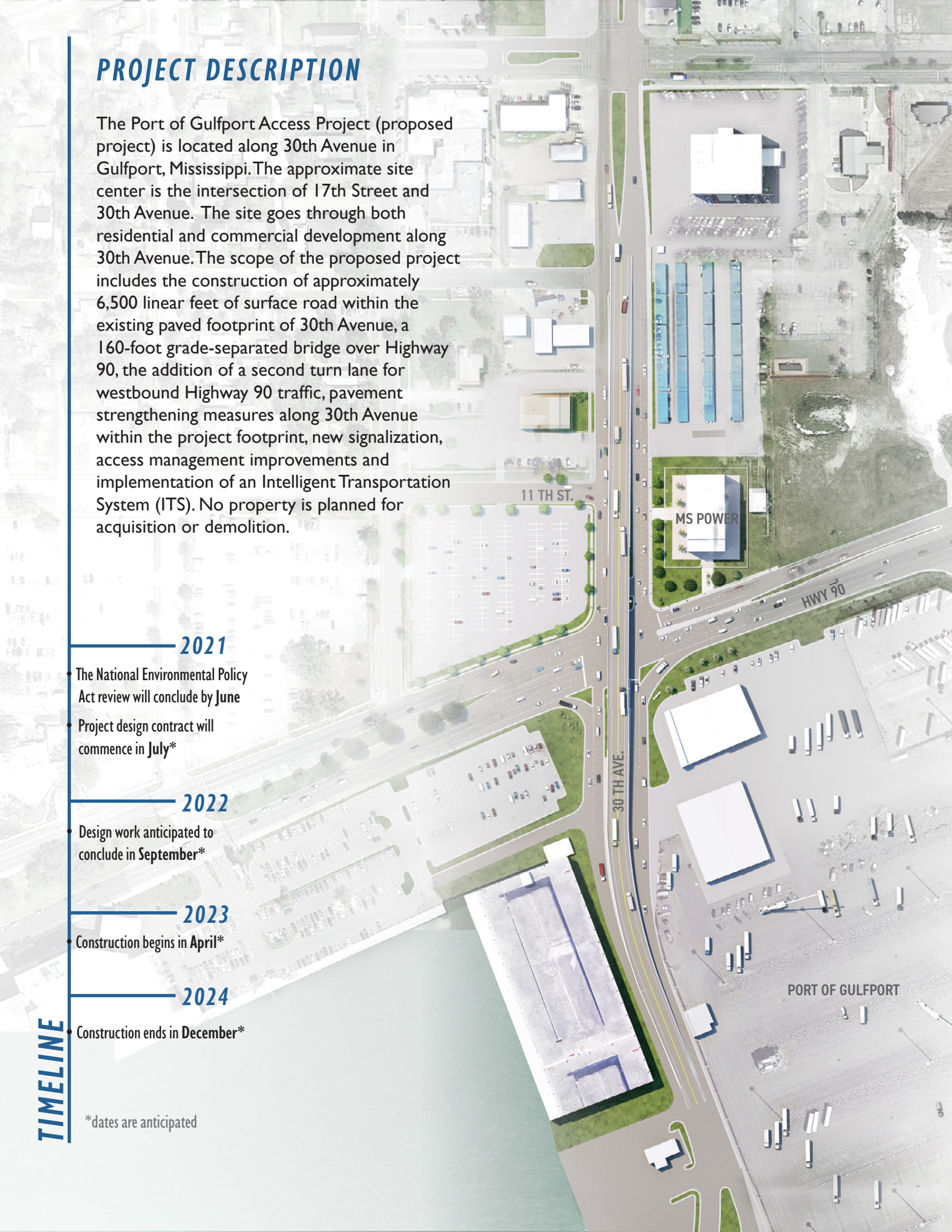
2023

- Construction begins in April*

2024

- Construction ends in December*

*dates are anticipated



PUBLIC MEETING

Organized by



Thursday, March 18, 2021

From: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

VIA WEBEX



Citizens are invited to come and go as they please during the hours of the meeting to view the proposed action and speak to MSPA-G and Cypress representatives concerning design and environmental impacts. Comment cards can be obtained by emailing Beth Beals at bbeals@cypressei.com

A copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment can be viewed at the Gulfport Public Library at 1708 25th Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501.

Registration

To register for the WebEx Event and receive the log in information, please email Beth Beals at bbeals@cypressei.com

