

CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Dallas Floodway Extension, TX

AUTHORIZATION: Section 301, River and Harbor Act of 1965, modified by Section 351 of WRDA 1996; and Section 356 of WRDA 1999.

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>	<u>Construction</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$115,903,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	56,534,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$172,437,000

Allocation thru FY 2006	62,655,000	
FY 2007 Budget	0	
Tentative FY 2007 Work Plan Allocation	4,150,000	1/
Budget Request for FY 2008	0	
Balance to Complete After FY 2008	49,098,000	
Amount that Could be Used in FY 2008	19,000,000	

1/ Final amount is subject to change, and will not be known until the Joint Continuing Resolution is passed by both the House and Senate, and final allocations are provided.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project is located in metropolitan Dallas, Texas. The project consists of a Chain of Wetlands (1.5 miles upper; 2.2 miles lower), two Standard Project Flood levees, 123 acres of wetlands for ecosystem restoration, realignment of the Trinity River at Interstate Highway 45, 31 miles of linear recreation, and 1,179 acres of mitigation.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2007: FY 2007 funds requested as part of the Tentative FY 2007 Work Plan Allocation are being used to award fully funded construction contracts for the native grass plantings at Cell D and the Lower Chain of Wetlands

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2008: FY 2008 funds in the amount of \$19,000,000 could be used as follows: reimburse the city for prior construction activities (\$3,000,000); manage construction activities and complete plans and specifications for the Upper Chain of Wetlands (\$3,000,000); and, award a fully funded construction contract for the Upper Chain of Wetlands (\$13,000,000).

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with the city of Dallas was signed in December 2001. The Office of Management and Budget has not completed their review of the Dallas Floodway Extension project and stated the

Administration believes that the Corps should not enter into a PCA or begin any physical construction work on the authorized project. Public Law 107-66 directed construction of the project. The project continues to have opposition from a portion of the environmental community. There are seven construction contracts scheduled for the project. To date, one is complete (Cell D) and one (Lower Chain of Wetlands) was awarded in FY 2005. The third contract (Upper Chain of Wetlands) is scheduled for award in FY 2008. The other projected contracts for flood damage reduction are: Lamar Levee (2010) and Cadillac Heights Levee (2012). The other remaining contracts are for ecosystem restoration, fish and wildlife mitigation, and recreation features. Until completion of this project, the flood protection anticipated from the project (Cadillac Heights, Rochester Park, West Dallas and downtown Dallas) will not be provided, leaving over 10,000 structures and thousands of people susceptible to flooding. Additionally, the city of Dallas' plan for the achievement of environmental, recreational, mobility and economic opportunities for the neighborhoods bordering the Trinity River could be delayed.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration does not support this project due to project formulation concerns.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congresswoman Johnson, TX-30 and Congressman Sessions, TX-32.