



The JAXPORT EXPRESS Project

EXemplifying Potential to Reduce Emissions with Sustainable Solutions

US Department of Transportation

Maritime Administration
Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

Appendix I: NEPA Documentation

Per the instructions in the official Notice of Funding Opportunity: “If possible, website links to supporting documentation should be provided rather than copies of these supporting materials.” Please find all supporting documentation at this link: <https://www.jaxport.com/grants>

**U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

SUBJECT:

Jacksonville Port Authority International Cargo Terminal Modernization Project

REFERENCE:

- (a) Department of Transportation Order DOT 5610.1C; September 18, 1979
- (b) Maritime Administrative Order (MAO) 600-1; July 23, 1985
- (c) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grants Program (BUILD) Notice of Funding Opportunity, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, FR Doc. 2019-08137; April 23, 2019

Action:

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116-6), signed by the President on February 15, 2019, appropriated funds for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grants Program (BUILD). The purpose of the BUILD Discretionary Grant funding is to advance capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

Jacksonville Port Authority (JaxPort) was awarded funds under the BUILD grant program and these funds will be used for the reconstruction and modernization of approximately 100 acres of the SSA Marine cargo terminal on Blount Island. The project will include:

- Existing Roadability Building, lighting and pavement system demolition
- New paving, subbase, subgrade, and pavement striping
- Drainage adjustments (existing stormwater system remains)
- Utilities
- High-mast lighting
- Fire protection system
- Site electrical
- Terminal Operating System Enhancements
- Fencing, bollards and signs
- Existing Pre-Gate and pavement system demolition
- New Out-Gate canopy, lanes, associated infrastructure and management system
- Convert existing gate complex to In-Gate with associated infrastructure and management system
- Tie-in Gate data and communications connections to existing Administration Building
- Container wash area

This project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under Agency National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) policy guidance.

Analysis:

It is the Agency's experience that this type of action has no significant effect on the human and natural environment, individually or cumulatively, under normal conditions, and is categorically excluded from further documentation requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by Maritime Administrative Order 600-1 Categorical Exclusions.

The MAO Categorical Exclusion that applies is the following:

MAO Categorical Exclusion # 4: Reconstruction, modification, modernization, replacement, repair, and maintenance (including emergency replacement, repair, or maintenance) of equipment, facilities, or structures which do not change substantially the existing character of the equipment/facility/structure.

Conclusion:

Based upon the analysis completed, the proposed action fits squarely within the scope of MAO 600-1 (Categorical Exclusion No. 4) and is not expected to involve any extraordinary circumstances that would result in significant environmental effects.

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