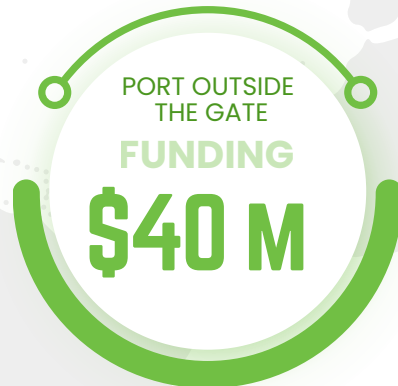


88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Positive Outcomes for Texas Ports



SB 1

Texas State Budget

For the first time, the Texas Legislature funded the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund (SCIRF), which will provide low-interest loans for authorized deepening projects, like the Sabine-Neches Waterway project.

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The state continued to fund TxDOT's "Rider Program" in the amount of \$40 million. These funds can be used for road "connectivity" projects, also known as outside the gate projects.

SB 30

Supplemental Budget

For the first time in Texas history, the state has appropriated funds for port infrastructure projects, including docks, wharves, rail, transit sheds, and more. These funds will be distributed by TxDOT Maritime.

SB 1499

Port Funding Bill

The Texas Ports Association updated Chapter 55 of the Transportation Code to provide a way for the state to fund the Port Access Account Fund, which resulted in \$200 million being appropriated to Ports in SB 30.