

Cruise Terminal Frontage Road

The Port of Galveston's development plans for the Cruise Terminal Complex currently include an additional \$2 million investment resulting from the partnership between the Port of Galveston and Carnival Corporation. Phase One of the Cruise Terminal Frontage Road includes an area to accommodate up to fourteen Coach USA busses, a dedicated area for off-site shuttle operations and a by-pass road for Terminal 2 traffic. This project is intended to provide immediate relief for Harborside Drive traffic on cruise days.

Phase One work will provide improvements in front of Cruise Terminal No. 1. Rail lines have been removed and reinstalled at an alternative site. A new railroad main line track to serve cargo needs at the east end of the Port of Galveston was completed in mid-October, 2005. While the Port of Galveston has the right to remove rail from its property under the terms of its agreement with Galveston Railroad LP, it must construct replacement track to replace any trackage that is removed. Recognizing the importance of cruise operations to the local community, Galveston Railroad, LP has worked diligently with the Port to expedite this project.

Additional upgrades and enhancements at a cost of \$7 million will be required to complete the frontage road enhancements for the Cruise Terminal Complex. As funds are available, the Port will continue to implement a phased-construction approach to enhance the cruise experience for customers of the Port of Galveston.

The estimated completion date for Phase One is late December 2005.