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## Transportation

### Often referred to as the "South Texas Crossroads"

Aptly named for its outstanding location on the convergence of several major highways, the well-planned regional transportation infrastructure offers a variety of choices including rail, waterway, and air to move raw materials, finished products, and people in and out of Victoria.

### Highway Network and I-69 Project

Victoria's excellent highway system includes US Hwy 59, US Hwy 87, US Hwy 77 with easy access to Interstate Highways I-10, I-35, and I-37. This network connects Victoria to neighboring cities, all parts of the United States, and internationally to Mexico.

- Victoria is the intersecting point on the "high-priority interstate I-69 corridor" project connecting south Texas to Mexico.
- U.S. Highway 59 (future I-69) is a four-lane, divided, interstate-quality highway that extends southwest of Victoria to Laredo, and northeast to Houston where it meets I-10 and I-45.
- U.S. Highway 77 travels north from Victoria to the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex intersecting I-10, I-35 and I-37, and south via a four-lane, divided highway to the Rio Grande Valley.
- U.S. Highway 87 travels northwest connecting Victoria with San Antonio and providing access to I-35, and to the southeast connecting with Port Lavaca.

### Rail

- Union Pacific (UP) is the primary operator of the rail lines in Victoria County.
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) have track rights to operate on the UP lines.

### Inland Barge Canal to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

- Victoria Barge Canal is a 35 mile-long waterway that connects the Port of Victoria to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW).
- The sea-level waterway channel has a 12' +3' depth the entire length of the canal and horizontal clearance to 125 feet.
- The GIWW links Victoria to the entire Gulf Coast from Brownsville, Texas to Apalachee Bay, Florida, and also to the Mississippi River, Ohio River and their connecting canals and river basins with 14,000 miles of inland waterways.

### The Port of Victoria

- Located less than 10 miles south of city center in Victoria County, the Port of Victoria is a shallow draft port situated on over 400 acres offering businesses outstanding service by barge, rail, and four-lane divided highways.
- Port of Victoria Dock No. 1 is a 350-foot transit dock. A new lighting system allows for 24-hour cargo operations. There are 20 mooring sites, 17,000 square feet of shed space and over 3 acres of improved ground storage areas. A 7,300 square foot office and storage building is ready for occupancy.
- Port of Victoria Dock No. 2 is an 800-foot string pier available for docking sites and barge repair.

- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Port of Houston to develop and expand the distribution synergies to move freight via barge between the Ports of Houston and Victoria.
  - An industrial park site fronts approximately 5,240 feet along the Victoria Barge Canal which extends to the turning basin. The 2,000 acre park is located within a Foreign Trade Zone.
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### **Deep-Water Ports**

- The Port of Port Lavaca - Point Comfort is located 30 miles from downtown Victoria.
  - The port is accessible by rail and highway and offers handling for break bulk, containerized, heavy-lift cargoes with water draft of 36+ feet and unlimited air draft.
  - The conveyor dock accommodates both bulk and liquid cargoes with an operating berth depth of 17 feet.
  - Additional deep water port access is available at the Port of Corpus Christi located 90 miles south of Victoria, and the Port of Houston located approximately 140 miles east of Victoria County.
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### **The Victoria Regional Airport**

- A 1,766 acre Class 1 FAR Part 139 Commercial Service Airport located 5 miles NE on US Hwy 59 (future I-69).
- Flights to Houston George Bush Intercontinental airport via Sky West Airlines with connections to all state, national, and international airports.
- Multiple air freight services to Victoria are available with one on-site company specializing in hot-shot service for auto parts to major US manufacturers.
- Additional important aviation related services and equipment include; on-airport fire department, a 9,101 x 150 primary runway; state-of-the-art runway signage and lighting, fuel service-Jet A and AvGas, rental cars, aircraft storage, and a FAA air traffic control tower.