Water Transportation Advisory Board

TEAM KENTUCKY
TRANSPORTATION CABINET

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ET

Agenda:

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Public Comment Period (2-3 minutes max)

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June 23, 2026, Minutes

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Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB)
June 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Approved by WTAB (date): _____

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB) was called to order at 10:03 AM on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, held virtually.

The WTAB members in attendance virtually were:

Brian Wright, Chair
Billy Ray Coursey
Chuck Davis
Jerry Pace
Amanda Davenport, Vice Chair
Wayne Cassady
Miguel Zamora

Also, in attendance virtually were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC
Ben Weithman, Henderson Riverport
Eric Patton, Greenup Boyd Riverport
Mikael Pelfrey, KYTC
Jim Garrett, Paducah Riverport
Jennifer Kirchner, KBT
Kelia McCloud, Hickman Riverport
Jay Balaji, KYTC
Jake Rice, KYTC
Owen McNeal, Maysville Mason County Riverport
Greg Curlin, Hickman Fulton County Riverport
WHAS (media, did not introduce themselves)
John Roberts, KYTC

Welcome and Introductions:
The Chair welcomed all in attendance and all attendees introduced themselves.

Public Comment Period:
The Chair invited all attendees to make comments. No public comments were made.

Presentation of Minutes from December 3, 2025
The minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting were presented and subsequently unanimously approved on motion of Chuck Davis, seconded by Amanda Davenport.

Discussion of Economic Impact of Kentucky's Ports and Waterways study
Jeremy Edgeworth discussed the Economic Impact of Kentucky's Ports and Waterways study is moving forward. RFP was issued with four responses. KYTC selection committee has been aided by representation from the Kentucky Association of Riverports (KAR). Short list meeting was held to score four submitted responses. Committee voted to invite two of the applications to provide presentations on June 25th to selection committee and KAR representatives. After presentations the winning firm will be selected, and a scoping meeting will be set up with all interested riverports.

Discussion of HB 501 funding and FY 27 Kentucky Riverport Improvement (KRI) program
Jeremy Edgeworth reviewed HB 501 which funded the FY 27 & FY 28 KRI program and noted the changes from prior KRI programs. This $500,000 in annual funds will now go into the Riverport Financial Assistance Trust fund established by KRS 174.210. Jeremy went over the language of KRS 174.210 and the subsequent changes to the KRI program. KRI project types now must follow Part 3. Funds do not lapse per Part 4. Match is now 80/20 per Part 5. Part 6 requires review of grants annually and priority given to projects with a master plan, permits, and matching funds. KRI Guidance Document and Application will be updated to match KRS 174.210. Timing of KRI funds, wait until spring of 2027, issue call for FY 27 & FY 28 funds in one call. Mr. Edgeworth noted the final schedule would be up to KYTC leadership.

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Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority
Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project
Total Cost: $24,500.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: $19,600.00
Status: Delivered, modifications made, needs OSHA inspection before close out.



Project designed and constructed a new spreader bar and coil hooks for unloading different size wire coils from barges. Current equipment is wearing out and is not compatible with the different sizes of wire coils handled by the riverport.



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Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority
Port Authority Road Paving Project
Total Cost: $183,876.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: $91,928.00
Status: Construction complete, project closed.



This project reconstructed and resurfaced 4,500 feet of Port Authority Road, widen the entrance at KY 93 and add two-foot gravel shoulders. Patchwork repairs by the city has left the road serviceable but significantly deteriorated. A full asphalt overlay is necessary, and a widened entrance and shoulders will improve turning radius for commercial trucks.

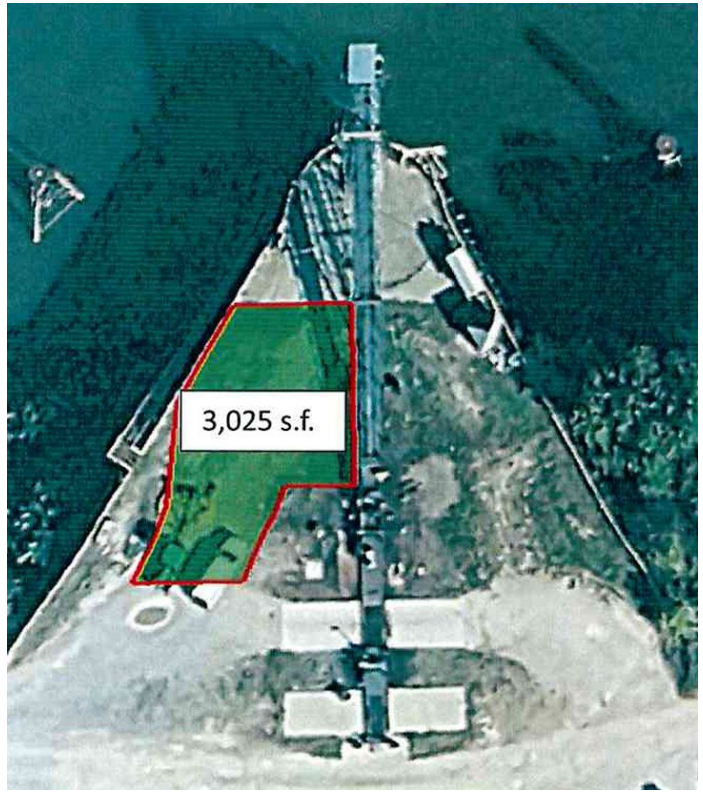


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Henderson County Riverport Authority
Dock Staging Pad Project
Total Cost: $95,590.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: $76,472.00
Status: Construction complete, awaiting KYTC inspection.



The project constructed a 3,025 square foot pad 12” deep with rebar mats to provide a durable surface to allow semi-truck access and allow for efficient and environmentally safe cleanup of spillage.



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Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority
Barge Cover Handling System Project
Total Cost: $114,578.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: $91,662.40
Status: Funds not expended by end of FY, returned to General Fund.



The project will purchase a mechanical barge cover handling system. Employing a mechanical barge cover handling system will cut the man hours involved in transloading operations by as much as 50% while protecting the safety of individual workers.

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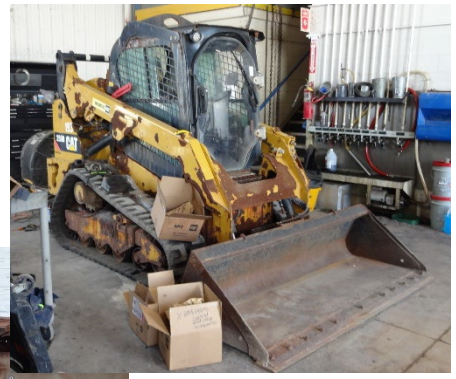
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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Two CAT 255 Compact Track Loaders Project
Total Cost: $183,051.20 – KRI Funds Awarded: $143,938.00
Status: Units delivered, project closed.





The project replaced two heavily deteriorated skid steers that have over 900-hours each. New equipment will provide improved reliability, fuel efficiency, and emissions compliance.





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Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Mobile Crane Project
Total Cost: $120,000.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: $96,000.00
Status: Unit delivered, project closed



The project replaced the 1998 Galion mobile crane with a used mobile crane less than 10 years in age to maintain the elevated conveying system. Due to multiple mechanical issues and failures of the current unit, a mobile crane must be rented to perform these repairs.



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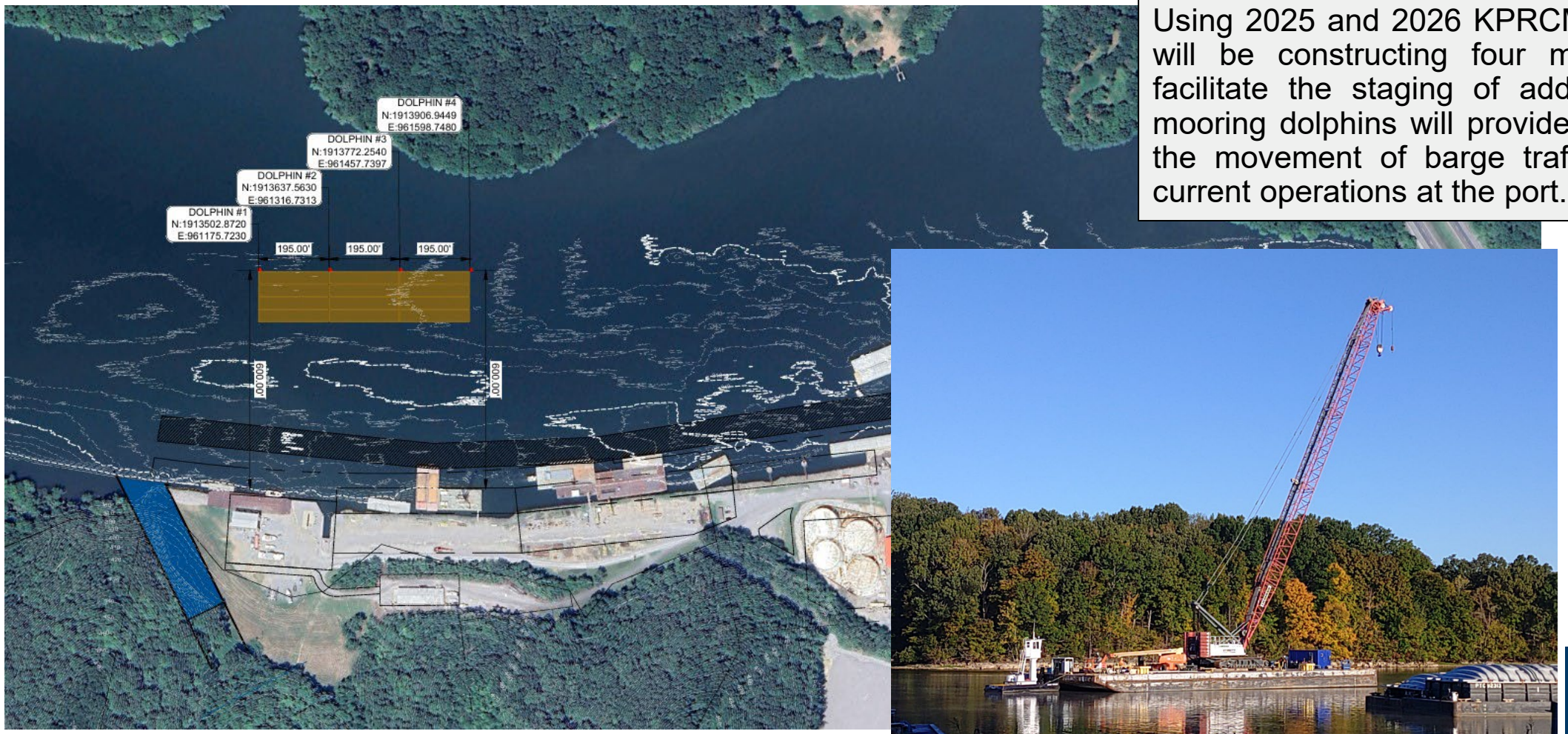
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Mooring Dolphin Installation Project
Total Cost: $2,015,075.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $2,015,075.00
Status: Ground crews welding up pipes. Crane barge arrived. Driving piles in a few weeks.



Using 2025 and 2026 KPRCM funds, this project will be constructing four mooring dolphins to facilitate the staging of additional barges. The mooring dolphins will provide efficient access for the movement of barge traffic without delaying current operations at the port.

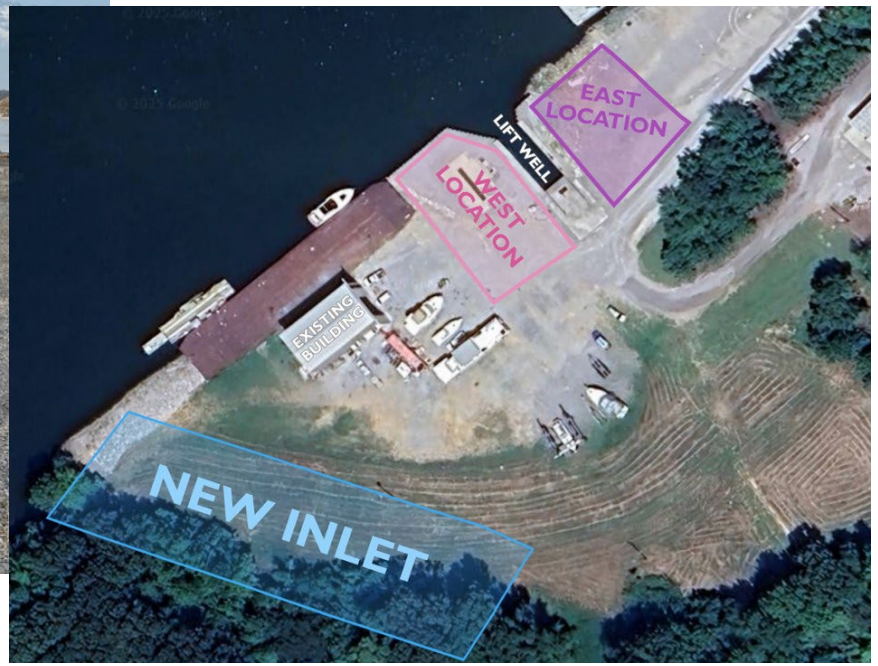
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Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority
Building Replacement Project
Total Cost: $459,030.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $459,030.00
Status: Finalized plans for inlet. Decided building location. In fall, relocating existing business.



The proposed project would replace an aging, undersized building with a modern structure designed to support expanded boat-repair operations and more efficient use of the port's lift well. A new building strengthens the port's role in serving commercial and industrial users who rely on waterborne transportation.



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Greenup Boyd County Riverport Authority
Material Handling Replacement & Improvement Project
Total Cost: $1,425,801.18 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $1,425,801.18
Status: Skid steer, backhoe, material handler delivered, project closed.



Using 2025 and 2026 KPRCM funds, project purchased a new material handler, skid steer and backhoe to enhance barge offloading capabilities and movement of materials through the riverport.





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Henderson County Riverport Authority
Electric Material Handler Project
Total Cost: $2,031,830.14 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $2,031,830.14
Status: Material handler delivered, project closed.



Using 2025 and 2026 KPRCM funds, project purchased a new material handler to replace the mobile conveyor system at secondary dock slated for removal. Material handler would facilitate loading and unlading of bulk fertilizer, aggregates, grain and scrap. Would also provide backup to existing 40-year-old 125-ton cable crane.

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Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority
Crane Aggregate Clamshell Bucket Project
Total Cost: $84,895.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $84,895.00
Status: Bucket delivered, awaiting KYTC inspection.



This project designed and constructed a four-rope 4-cubic yard aggregate clamshell bucket to handle rock or aggregate materials. This would supplement the existing 6.5 cubic yard light material clamshell bucket that cannot handle aggregate or rock.

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Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority
Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project
Total Cost: $550,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $481,900.00
Status: Construction complete, awaiting KYTC inspection.



Project made long term repairs to Mooring Cells 2, 3, and 4. Temporary patches and repairs have been made, but full circumference bands are needed for protection and stability and to prevent loss of internal ballast stone.





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Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority
Grain Truck Conveyor Upgrade Project
Total Cost: $175,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $175,000.00
Status: Construction complete, invoicing and closeout in progress.



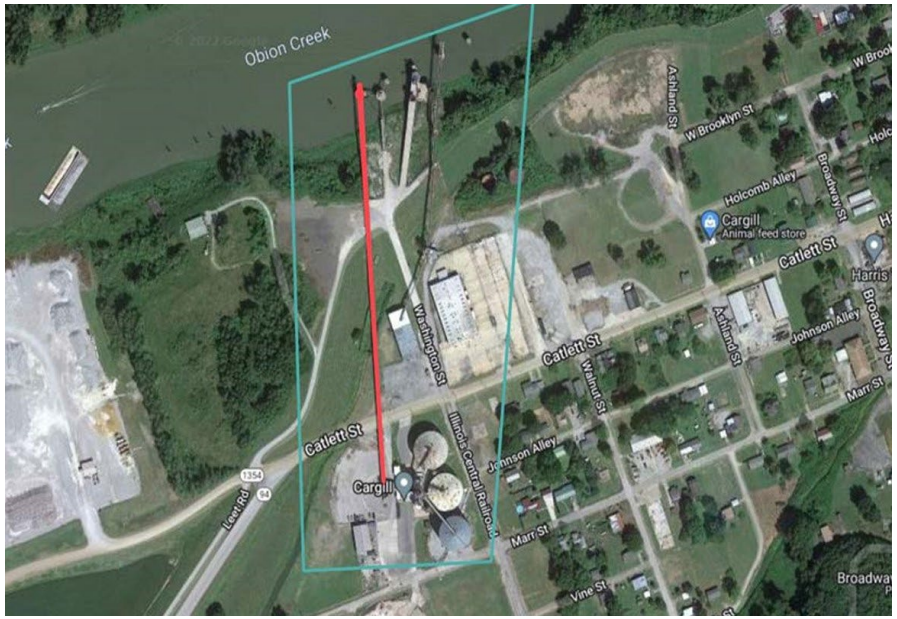
This project upgrades the Grain Truck Conveyor to allow for the eventual addition of a Hopper Surge Tank. The addition of the Hopper Surge Tank will hold grain until a barge is in position to accept grain. This will help eliminate long wait lines while the barges are moved. This part of the project will upgrade the pit conveyor and bucket lift to move grain to a future Hopper Surge Tank.

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Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority
Conveyor Upgrade and Replacement Project
Total Cost: $4,800,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $750,000.00
Status: PIDP agreement signed, engineered drawings and bid packet in progress.



HFCRA was awarded a $3.6M PIDP grant to replace their 40-year-old conveyor system. This project will supplement the PIDP and Riverport funds to complete the conveyor upgrade and replacement project.



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Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority
Barge Moving System Project
Total Cost: $353,895.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $353,895.00
Status: Equipment ordered, bidding for installation completed, awaiting scheduling.





The project will purchase, engineer, and install a new barge moving system. The new system will provide efficiency, safety, and dependability using 4 new winches designed specifically for barge movements. The current winches are 28 years old and finding replacement parts have taken up to 17 weeks if available at all. The old winches work individually and require constant adjustment.

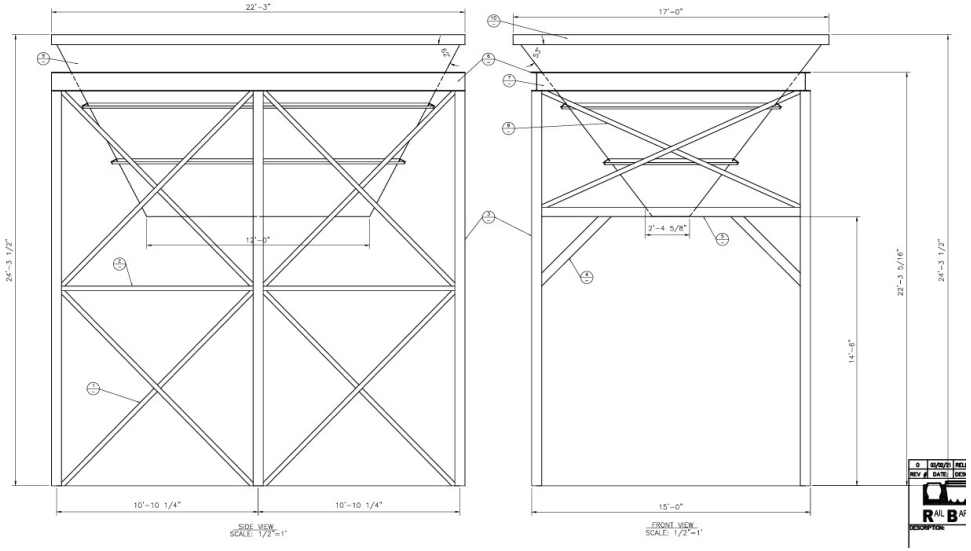
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Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority
NE Gantry Superstructure Upgrade & Crane & Wharf Replacement Project
Total Cost: $1,450,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $1,450,000.00
Status: Crane refurbishment complete, bucket/hopper procurement in progress



Using 2025 & 2026 KPRCM funds, LJCRA will refurbish the barge transloading crane systems, retrofit the crane gantry structure to accept additional load capacity and replace the 30-year-old bucket and hopper system. These improvements will improve the ports service capabilities, efficiency, and operating profile.



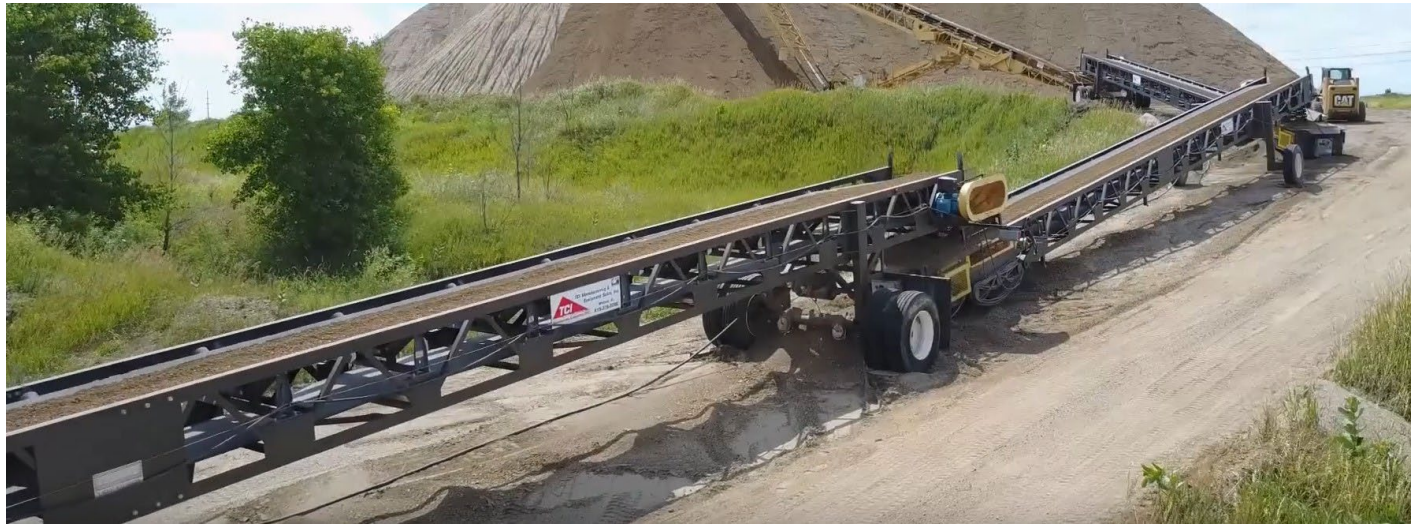
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Maysville Mason County Riverport Authority
Riverport Equipment Purchase Project
Total Cost: $622,522.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $622,522.00
Status: Agreement expired June 30, no progress.



Project will purchase Triple Stack Portable Transfer Conveyor, Large Wheel Loader, and Radial Stacker to allow Riverport to continue current operations consisting of loading coal ash from the adjacent rail line facility. Also allow expansion of operations to include agricultural transport.





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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Resurfacing and Exit Road Extension Project
Total Cost: $381,743.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $381,743.00
Status: Construction complete, project closed.



Project repaired existing asphalt and provides a more efficient exiting of trucks from warehouse and guard check in. Area 1 would be adding full depth pavement to widen exit. Area 2 would be resurfacing asphalt from 2003 that is beginning to fail. Final portion of project would be to replace plastic truck barriers with sleeved bollards.



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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Warehouse 10 Project
Total Cost: $1,063,954.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $750,000.00
Status: Construction complete, project closed.



Project installed new electric and build an overhang dock area for loading out during all conditions prior to being able to lease out facility for bulk storage.



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Owensboro Riverport Authority
4x2 DOT Yard Truck Project
Total Cost: $155,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $155,000.00
Status: Yard truck delivered, project closed.



The project replaced a yard truck from 2009 struggling with frequent breakdowns, rising maintenance costs, and operational inefficiencies with a modern 4x2 DOT Yard Truck. The new yard truck will improve cargo handling capacity and reduce equipment-related downtime.



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Owensboro Riverport Authority
5,000 Lb. Triple Mast Forklift with Carton Clamp Project
Total Cost: $85,200.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $50,000.00
Status: Forklift delivered, awaiting KYTC inspection.



The project purchased a new 5,000lb triple mast forklift with carton clamp to replace aging equipment with escalating maintenance costs. This project will reduce downtime, enhance productivity, and strengthen capacity to meet evolving client needs.



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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Two 25,000lb Forklifts Project
Total Cost: $545,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $545,000.00
Status: First unit delivered, second unit delivery Oct/Nov 2026



The project purchased two 25,000lb modern-fuel efficient forklifts to replace two aging forklifts from 2000 and 2008 each with over 20,000 hours. Upgrading to new forklifts will reduce downtime and maintenance expenses to ensure seamless operations.





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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Terminal Yard Tractor Project
Total Cost: $184,837.74 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $120,833.68
Status: Yard Tractor ordered, October 2026 delivery



The project will procure an additional yard tractor for increased capacity and enhanced operational efficiency at loading and unloading operations. The new yard tractor would supplement the two semi-tractors currently in operation to facilitate movement between the river or rail docks and storage locations.



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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Triple Mast Forklift with Carton Clamp Project
Total Cost: $87,500.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $87,500.00
Status: Forklift ordered, Oct/Nov 2026 delivery planned.



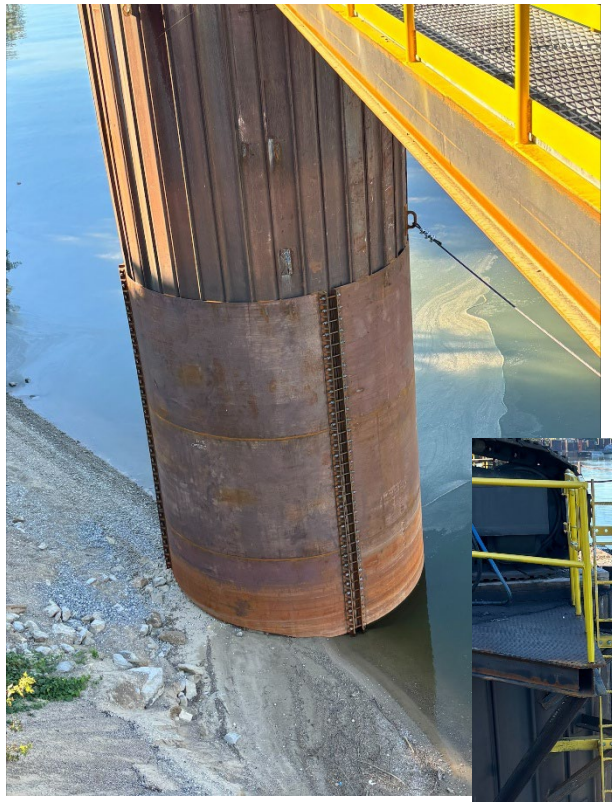
The project would purchase a new, modern forklift to facilitate the movement of paper products in Warehouse 4. Aging equipment is no longer supported by manufacturers making replacement parts difficult, prolonging downtime. The new unit will reduce equipment related delays and improve safety and efficiency in the warehouse.

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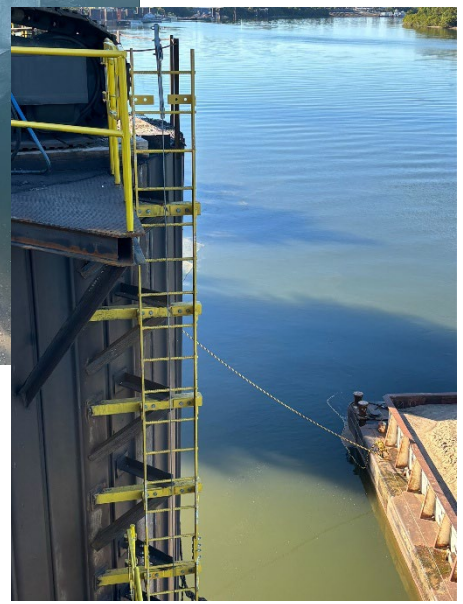
Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Barge Cell Revitalization Project
Total Cost: $1,250,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $1,250,000.00

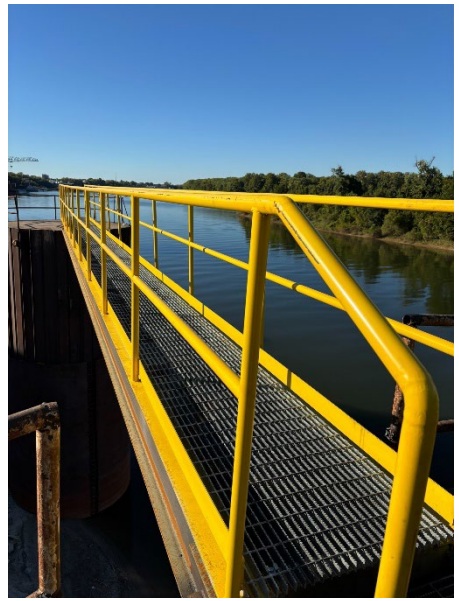
Status: Bulk yard cell banding complete, installed walkways, ladder, winch, awaiting USACE Dredge permit.





Project involves inspection of nine barge cells by engineers and divers and then begin making repairs to the most needed barge cells. Then perform the necessary repairs to the mooring cells to return them to marine industry acceptable standards for barge mooring and material handling operations. Repairs would involve patches or full bands and replenishing cell aggregate material.







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Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority
Sennebogen Bucket Replacement Project
Total Cost: $61,875.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $61,875.00
Status: Bucket delivered, project closed.



The project replaced the current 4.5 cu/yd bucket with a 3.5 cu/yd bucket. A performance study found the material handler is currently operating beyond its designed hydraulic lifting capacity. A smaller bucket would allow machine to operate within its design parameters throughout unloading cycle range, which would reduce barge unloading time, unscheduled downtime and maintenance costs.

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Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority
Fertilizer Conveyor System Replacement Project
Total Cost: $460,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $460,000.00
Status: Construction completed, awaiting KYTC inspection



The project replaced the existing conveyor belt system. The project modified the original design to better serve the fertilizer barn and provide a direct, more efficient path to the concrete storage pad.





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Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority
Scale House Replacement Project
Total Cost: $520,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $520,000.00
Status: City reviewing drawings/specs for building permit.



The project will construct a new 1,366 sq ft scale house to replace the existing 50-year-old building with sagging floors, deterioration of the windows and doors allowing intrusion of significant levels of sand in the interior spaces and electrotonic systems, and rodent damage to communications wiring. Scale building is critical to bulk yard operations that generates 55% of Riverport revenue.

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West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority
Archaeological Excavation of Fort Jefferson Project
Total Cost: $500,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: $500,000.00
Status: Field portion completed, analyzing data & artifacts for final report.

WKRRA is proposing to develop a new 19-acre inland riverport on the location of the former Fort Jefferson. Project would document and recover cultural resources in the proposed Fort Jefferson areas to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Once complete, WKRRA can begin development of the riverport.

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Conflicts of Interest

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

TO: WATER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: _____ (Name) _____ (Position)

_____ (Agency, Board, or Commission) _____ (Telephone)

MEMBER OF BOARD OR COMMISSION COMPLETES

1. Executive Order 2008-454 requires members appointed to policy making and regulatory boards or commissions to disclose in writing any interest he or she possesses or acquires that might reasonably tend to create a conflict with the public interest. Please be advised that I have the following business, financial or personal interest which may create an actual or perceived conflict:

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2. The following matter is before this board or commission and is related to the above interest:

_____

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3. I have the following duties or responsibilities to the board or commission that are related to the above interest:

_____

_____

4. a. A decision on this matter will take place, or took place, on _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Yes No

b. I participated, or plan to participate, in the decision making process on this matter.

I did/will not participate in the decision making process on this matter.

5. I request advice from the board or commission regarding this matter.

_____ (Date) _____ (Signature)

BOARD OR COMMISSION DETERMINATION

_____ 1. The facts disclosed do not indicate a conflict of interest exists.

_____ 2. The facts disclosed indicated a conflict of interest because:

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_____ 3. The board or commission action(s):

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_____ (Date) _____ (Chair)

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FY 2027 KPRCM Funds
Available Funds: $15,100,000.00

- *HB 900 (24) / SB 197 (54) There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) in the amount of $15,100,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and $14,500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports within Kentucky as authorized by KRS 65.520 and for eligible use as described in KRS 174.210(3). No local match shall be required.*

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FY 2027 KPRCM Funds
Available Funds: $15,100,000.00

- Eligible projects as outlined in KRS 174.210(3) shall provide for new construction and major replacement or repair projects, including but not limited to improvement of docks, wharves, equipment, port buildings, storage facilities, roads and railroads to facilitate the flow of commerce through the port, other on-site improvements, and related professional services.
- Projects must be within the boundary of the public riverport authority, on facilities or equipment owned or leased by the public riverport authority, or facilities or equipment that will be owned by the public riverport authority upon completion of the project.
- Eligible projects shall not include routine operations, maintenance, or repair activities.

- Board members will first vote on whether all the submitted projects meets the outlined criteria to be considered eligible for KPRCM funding.
    - Board members with a conflict of interest cannot vote or score their submitted projects.

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Economic Development Impact	15
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Financial Leverage & Partnership	10
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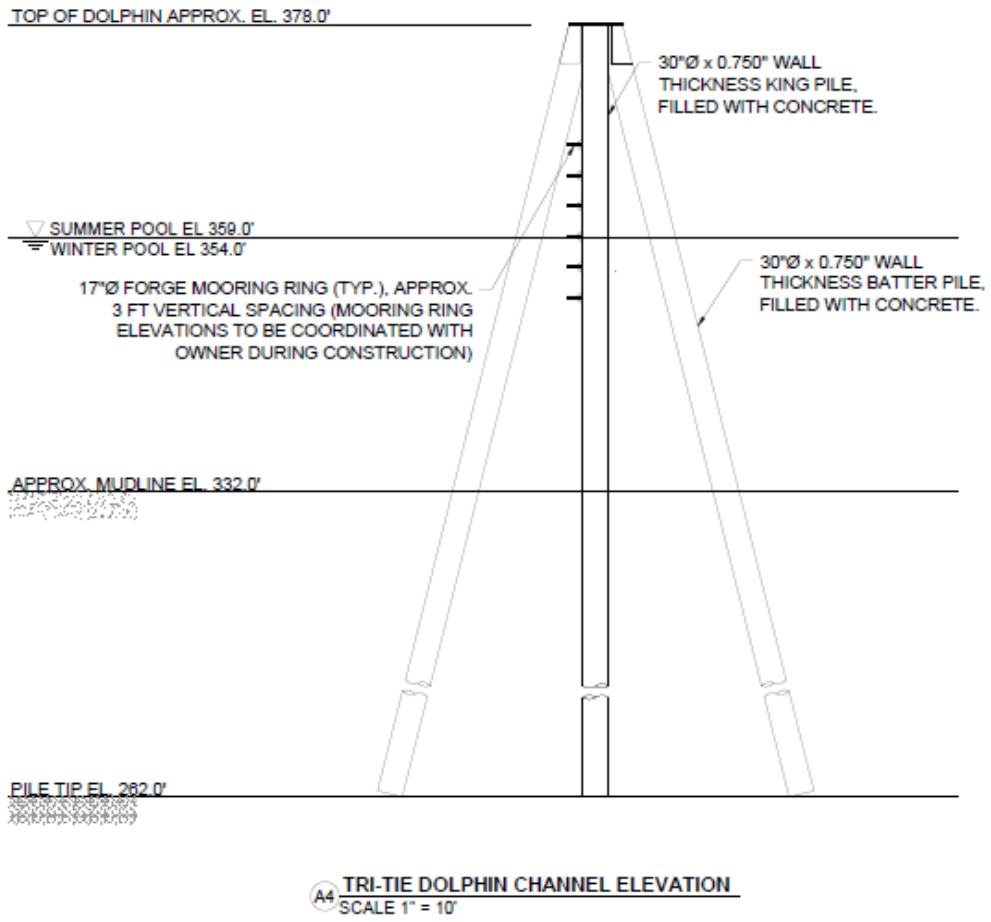
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Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority
Mooring Dolphin Installation Project
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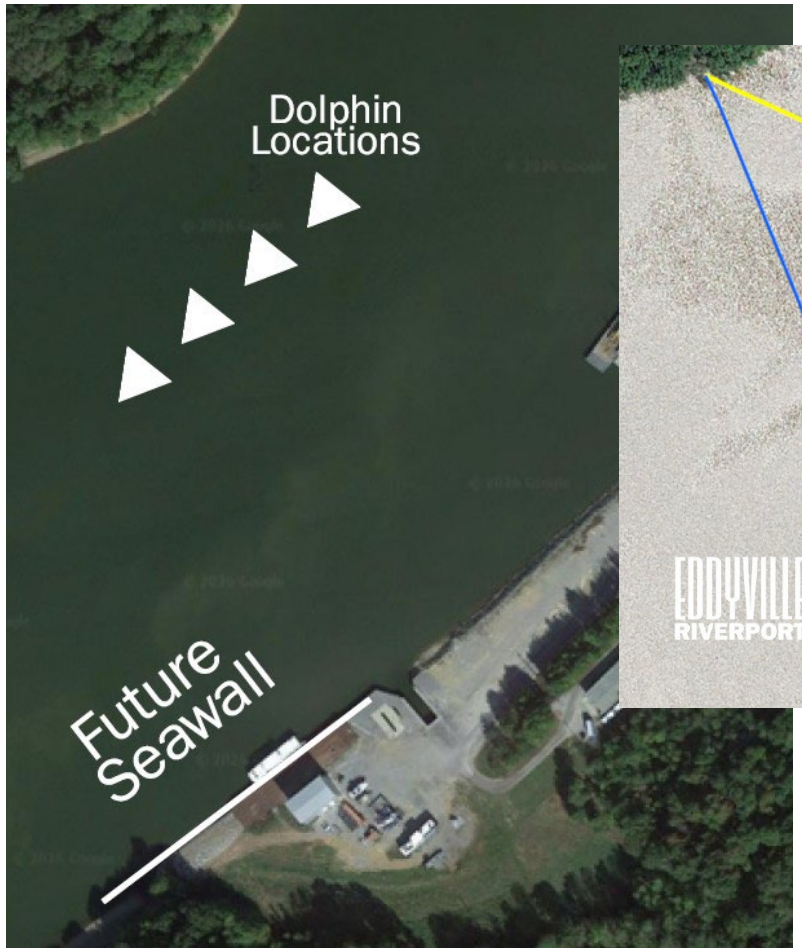
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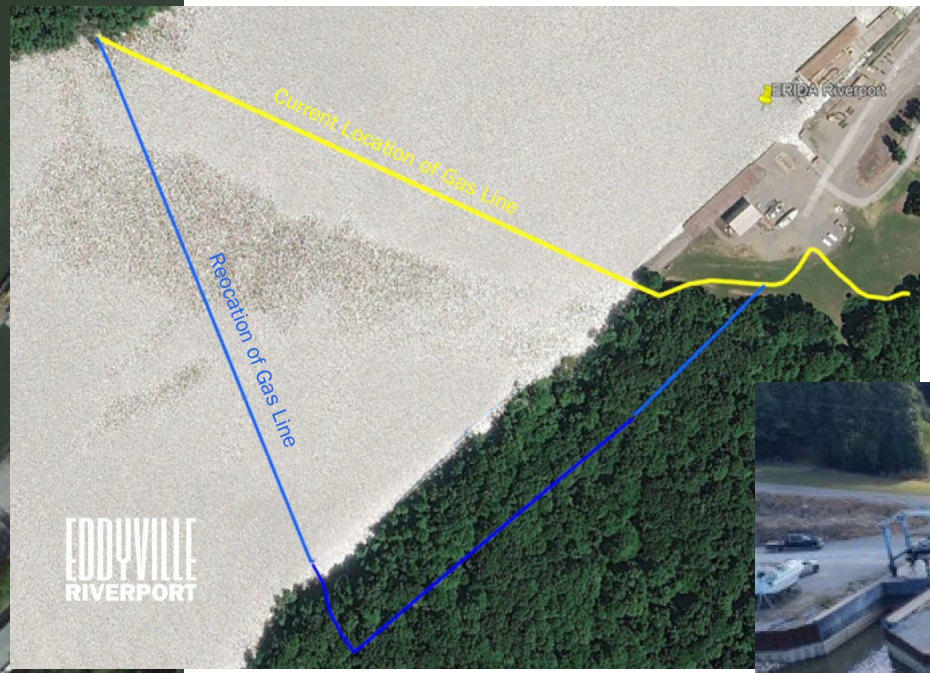


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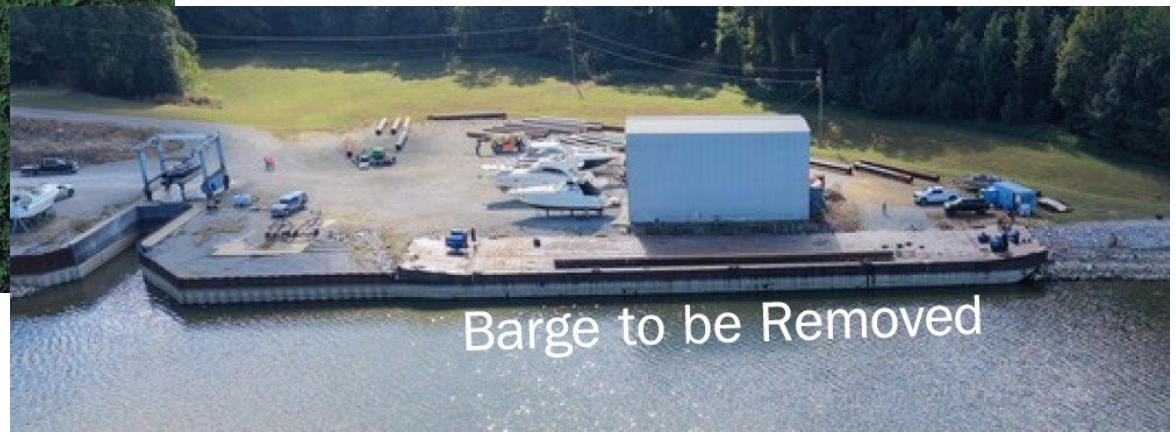
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Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority
Seawall Construction Project
Total Cost: $8,048,376.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $1,954,101.00





Combining with a MARAD PIDP award, the proposed project would construct 600 feet of seawall, relocate an existing gas line, and remove an embanked barge. These improvements will provide the land and water access needed to accommodate new water-dependent tenants and support adjacent warehousing and industrial developments.



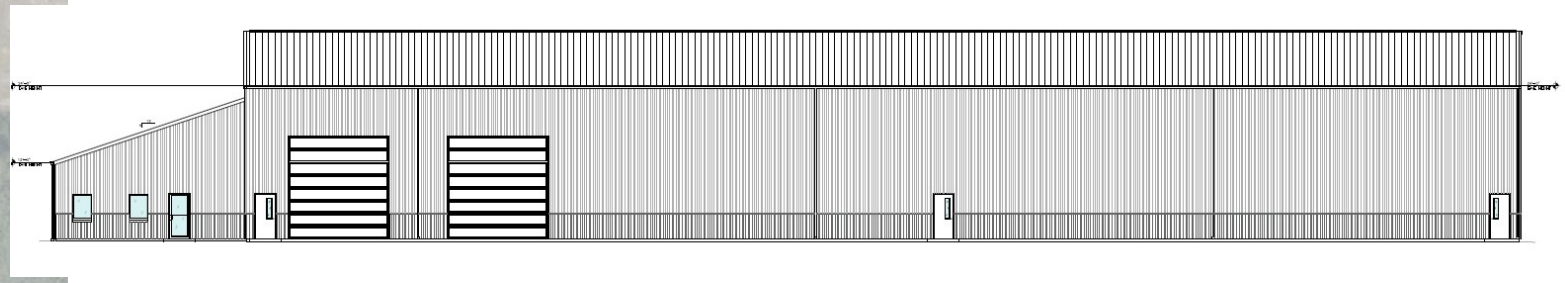
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Greenup Boyd County Riverport Authority
Freight Storage and Staging Facility Project
Total Cost: $1,661,875.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $1,661,875.00



The proposed project will construct a 10,000 sq ft. warehouse and associated site improvements. This warehouse will provide the first dedicated freight storage and cargo staging facility, addressing the most frequently requested service by existing and prospective tenants.



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Henderson County Riverport Authority
Front End Loader Replacement Project
Total Cost: $319,729.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $319,729.00



The proposed project would purchase a new front-end loader for bulk material handling, primarily for loading fertilizer into trucks for regional distribution. The existing loader is nearing the end of its productive service life.

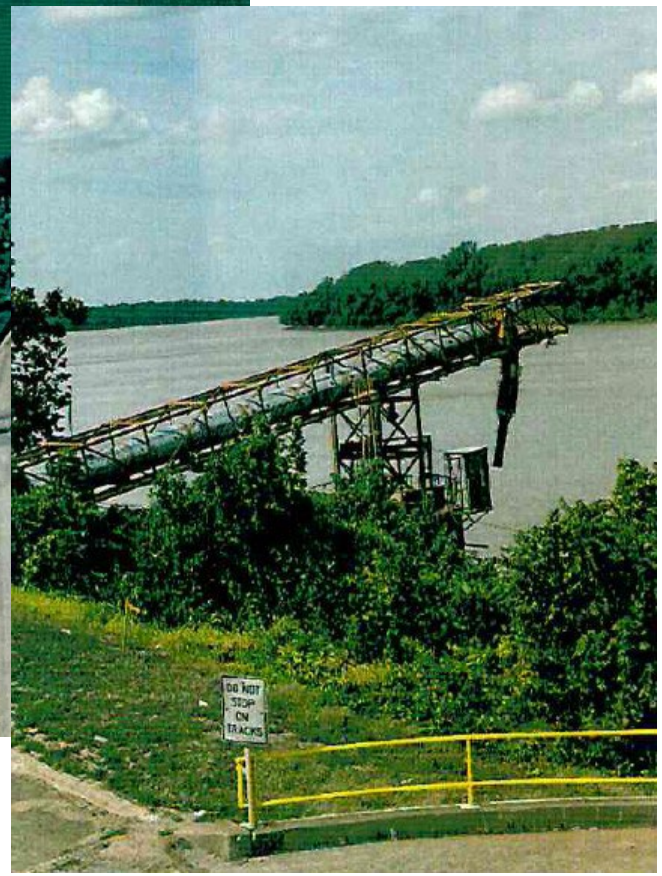


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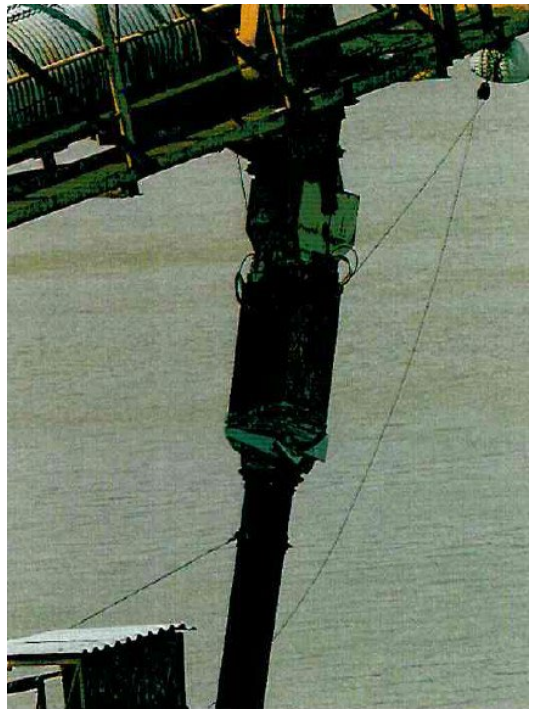
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Henderson County Riverport Authority
Grain Belt Loading and Safety Upgrades Project
Total Cost: $525,875.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $525,875.00





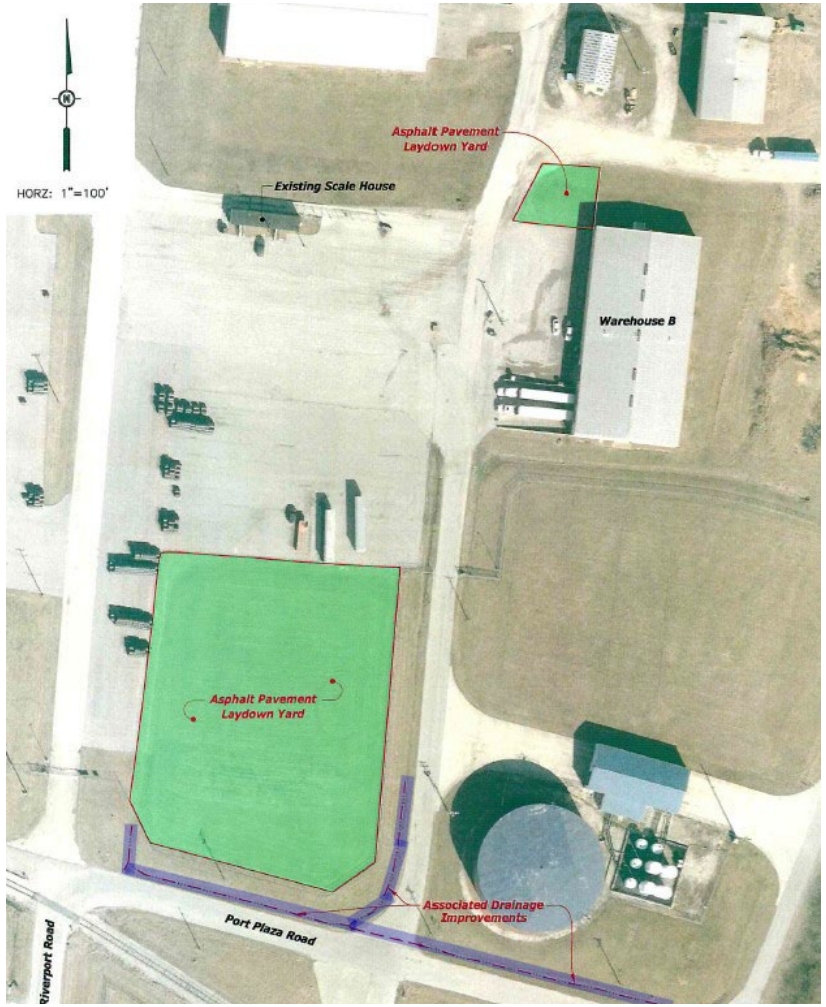
The proposed project would upgrade the grain belt spout and barge access to modern safety standards to provide tenants/employees a way to safety load grain barges. The upgraded facility would provide farmers a new outlet for grain sales and create additional jobs at the riverport.

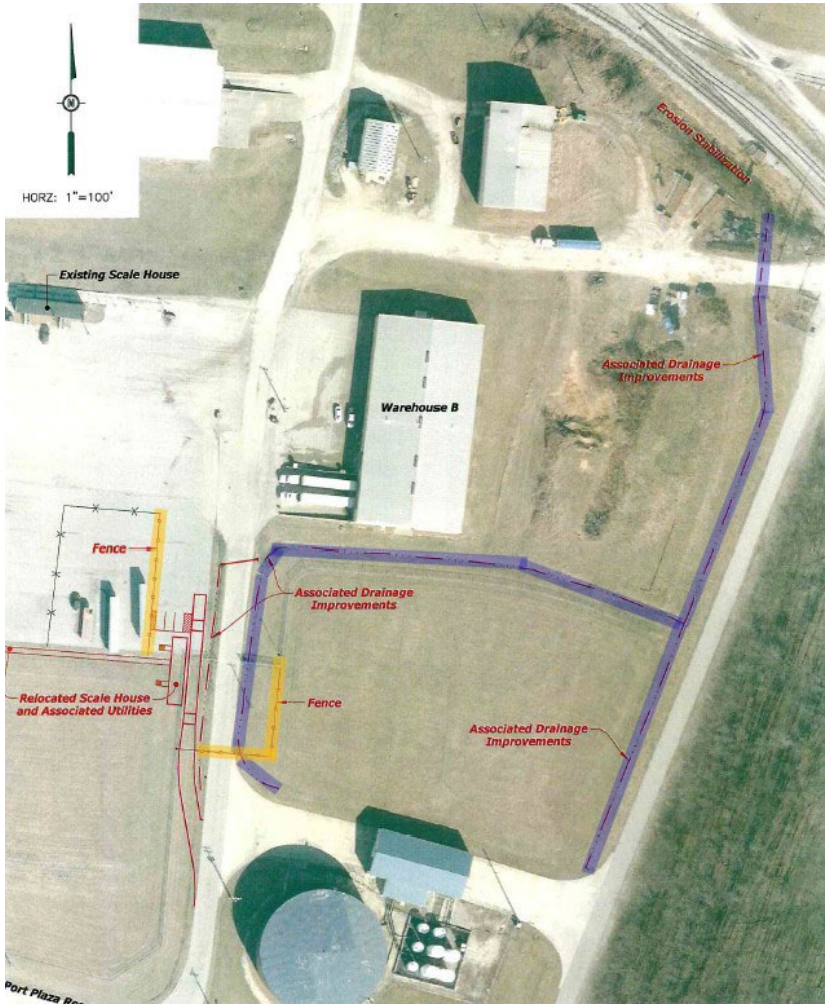


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Henderson County Riverport Authority
Laydown Yard and Scale Upgrades Project
Total Cost: $1,825,826.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $1,779,326.00





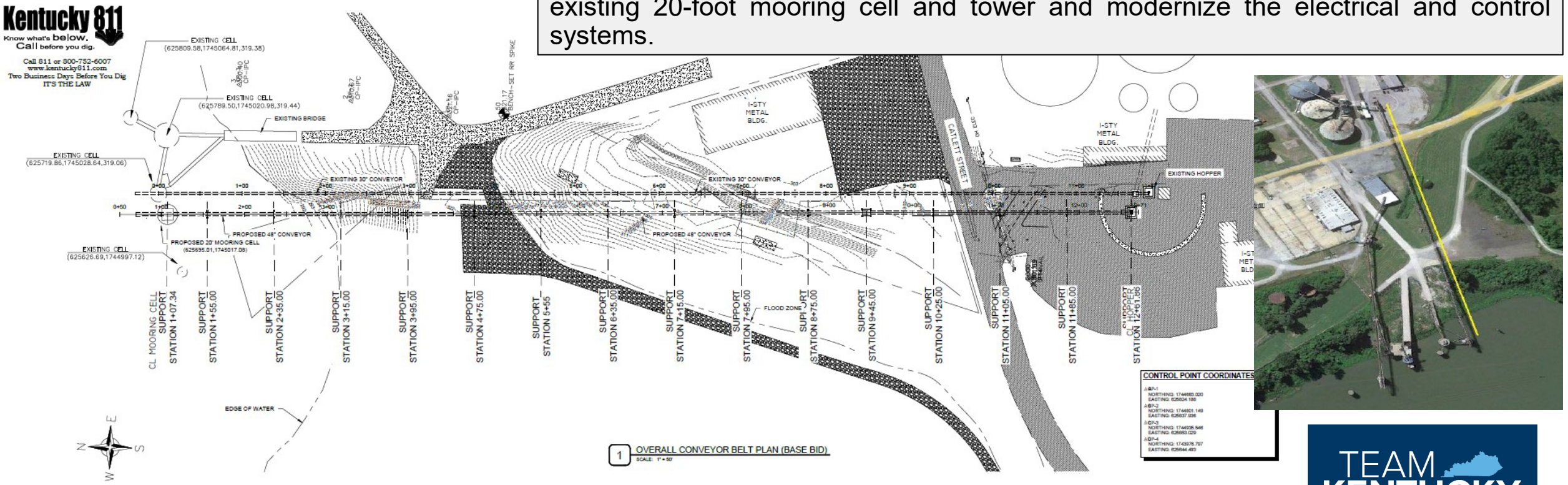
The proposed project would construct 1.75 acres of paved laydown yard and upgrade another 1 acre of stone laydown yard to be paved. Will also require a rehab/upgrade to the current storm water drainage plan, fencing, and relocation of the scale house to a safer and more efficient location and purchase a bi-directional scale.

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Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority
Conveyor Upgrade & Replacement Project
Total Cost: $6,807,595.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $2,687,746.00

Combining with a previously awarded MARAD PIDP grant and 2026 KPRCM funds, the proposed project would construct a new conveyor system supported by a modern truss structure with enhanced structural capacity. The upgraded system will increase the belt width from 30 inches to 48 inches and will expand and replace the existing 20-foot mooring cell and tower and modernize the electrical and control systems.



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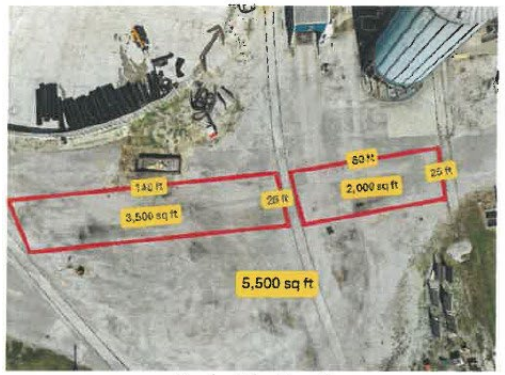
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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Barge Cover Lifter Project
Total Cost: $111,207.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $111,207.00

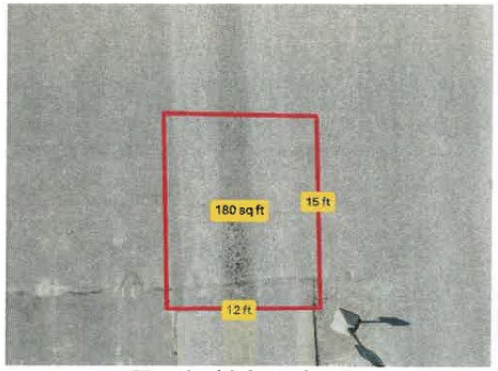


The proposed project would purchase a barge cover lifter as an investment in modernizing the barge handling services of the riverport and reduce the operational delays when staffing levels are low. It will also improve workplace safety by eliminating the need for operators to aid in cover removal and support faster vessel turns, improved throughput, and enhances service reliability for customers and industry partners.

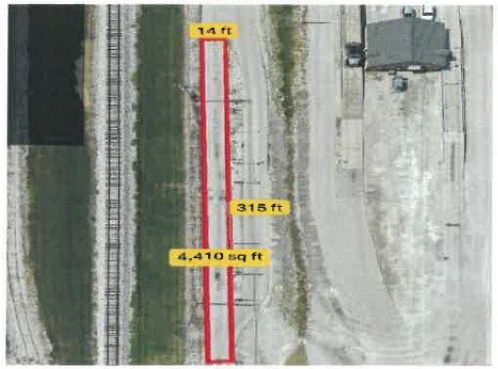
Owensboro Riverport Authority
Existing Asphalt Revitalization Project
Total Cost: $154,062.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $154,062.00



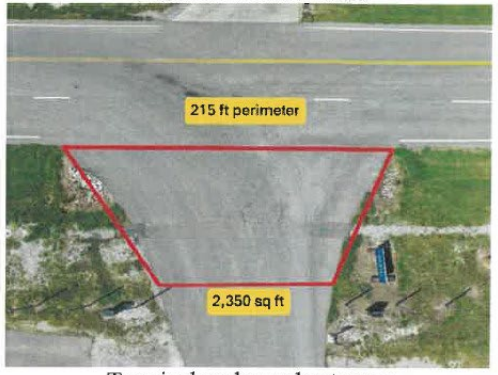
Grain Bin Road



Terminal inbound scale



Grain Haul Road



Terminal scale road entrance

The proposed project will rehabilitate 27,000 sq ft of asphalt roadways, entrances, scale approaches, and loading areas. These improvements will enhance safety, improve truck and freight movement, preserve existing roadway infrastructure, reduce maintenance needs and provide reliable all-weather access.



Shop work area


Warehouse 1 area



Warehouse 3 Dock Area



Concrete replacement area

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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Forklift Package-Four Units Project
Total Cost: $801,800.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $801,800.00





The proposed project will modernize and expand the terminals forklift fleet with the addition of a second 10,000 lb. forklift to support increased indoor metal commodity storage and outbound loading, addition of two 25,000 lb. lifts with high mast capability to support potential growth in commodities requiring greater reach and height capabilities, and the replacement of one aging 6,000-8,000 lb. forklift.





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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Material Handler Bucket Project
Total Cost: $138,110.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $138,110.00



The proposed project will provide a new bucket attachment for the material handling equipment to ensure reliable and uninterrupted barge loading operations. The investment will improve equipment redundancy, handling capacity, and operational resiliency.



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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Rail to Truck Loading Area Project
Total Cost: $250,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $250,000.00





Rail pit entry and conveyor structure

The proposed project will evaluate, design, and construct an improved rail-to-truck loading area within the port to address existing congestion, drainage, maintenance, and safety challenges. The investment will improve the efficient transfer of bulk commodities between rail and truck, reduce delays and demurrage, lower maintenance requirements, and provide greater transportation flexibility for existing and future customers.



Rail-to-truck loading chute

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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Reach Stacker for Container Handler Project
Total Cost: $926,250.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $926,250.00

The proposed project will purchase a reach stacker industrial lift designed for safe and efficient handling of ISO container to support recent new business agreements and eliminate rental expense of more than $20,000 per month. The purchase will expand the ability to support containers delivered by rail and the pursuit of additional container handling opportunities that require specialized heavy lift and material handling capabilities.

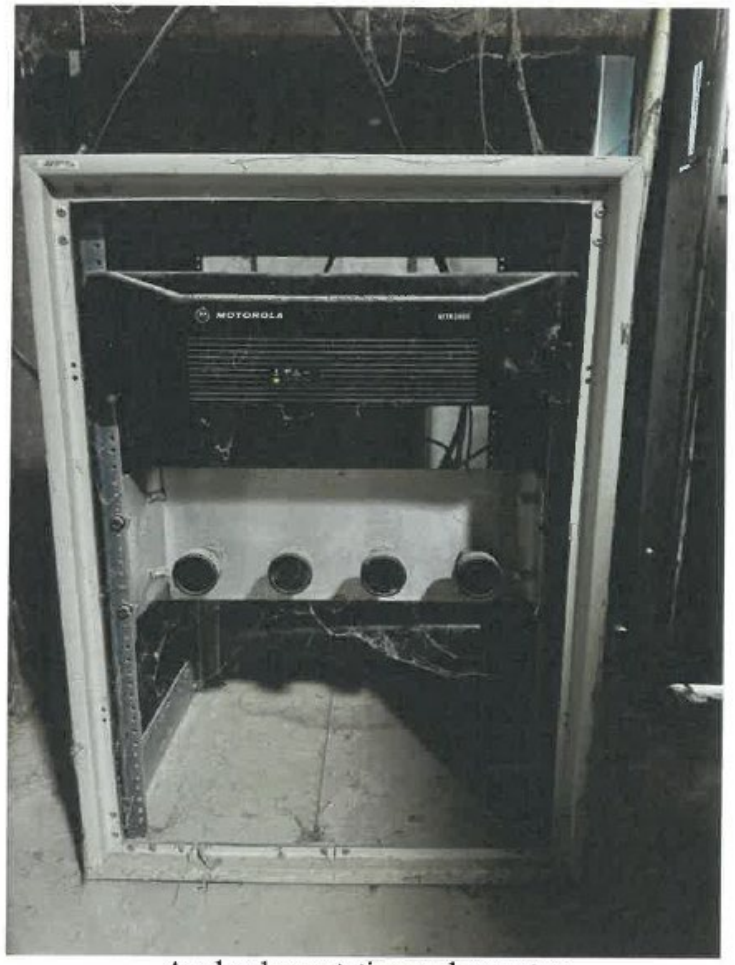




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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Safety and Security Technology Enhancement Project
Total Cost: $97,279.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $97,279.00



Analog base station and repeater

The proposed project would modernize the port-wide radio communication infrastructure by replacing the aging analog radio system with a comprehensive digital radio system. The project would include a new repeater, portable radios, and fixed radios across all departments and key operational locations to provide reliable, clear communication throughout the facility.

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Owensboro Riverport Authority
Warehouse 1 Improvements Project
Total Cost: $245,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $245,000.00



Existing electrical cabinets











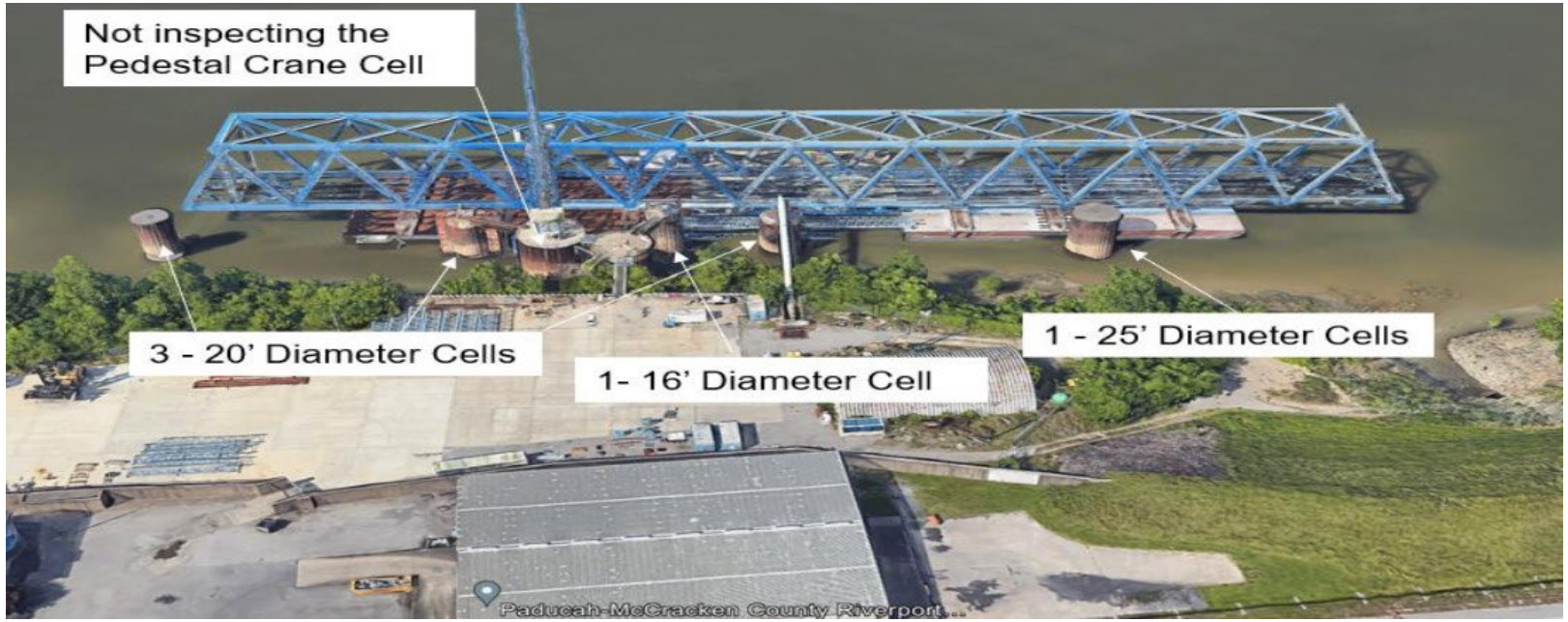
The proposed project would provide an upgrade to the Warehouse 1 electrical system, replace two loading dock doors, locks, plates, and shelters, and paint the exterior of the 32,000 sq ft warehouse built in 1976. This would allow for safe and efficient truck loading activity and meeting requirements as an approved Chicago Mercantile Exchange warehouse.

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Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Barge Cell Revitalization Phase III Project
Total Cost: $525,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $525,000.00

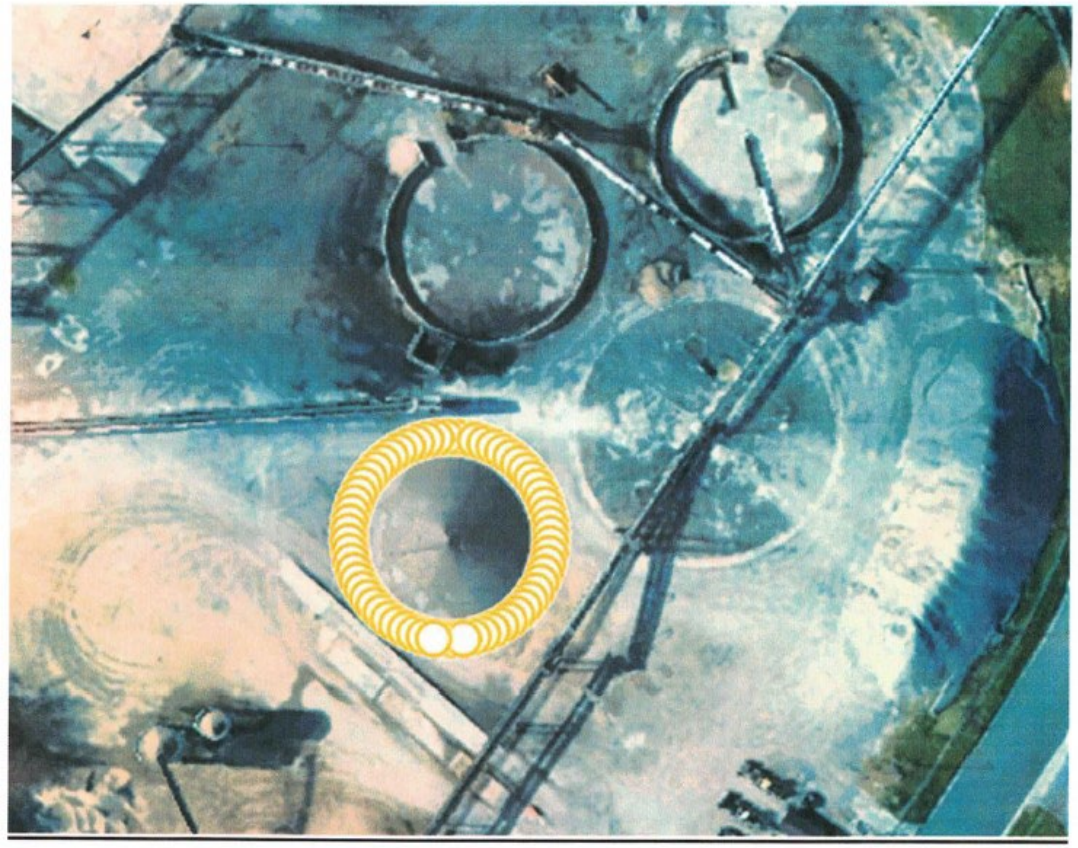
Building off the work done with FY 2026 KPRCM funds that repaired cells 1, 2, and 4, this proposed project would involve repairs to cells 3 and 5 in the General Cargo Harbor. This phase would involve banding the cells and refilling each cell with limestone aggregate to return the cells to their original integrity. Minor dredging may be required within a 30-foot perimeter of the base of the cell to install the cell bands at the correct elevation.



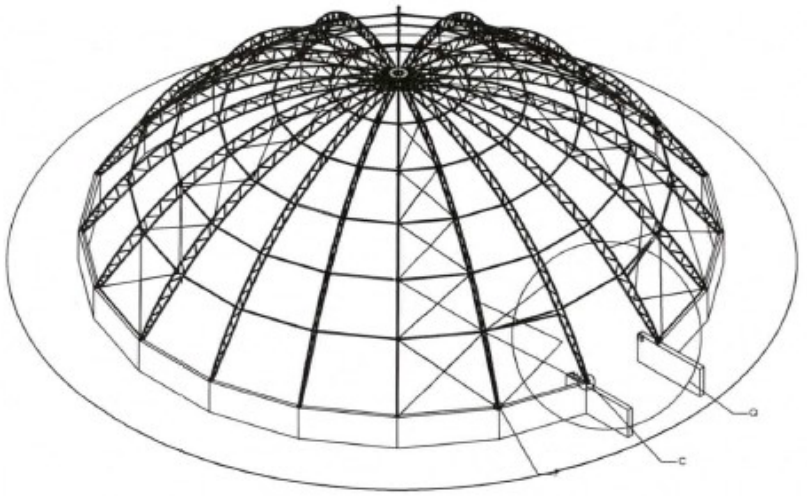
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Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Bulk Storage Dome Project
Total Cost: $525,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $525,000.00



The proposed project would construct a new bulk storage dome to address two potential business opportunities. A 100 ft diameter dome with poured walls and fabric material cover would be constructed within the radius of the main stacker where it could be directly fed by the conveyor system. The new dome would allow for increased barge freight deliveries and outbound trucking opportunities.



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Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Forklift Trucks Purchase Project
Total Cost: $100,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $100,000.00



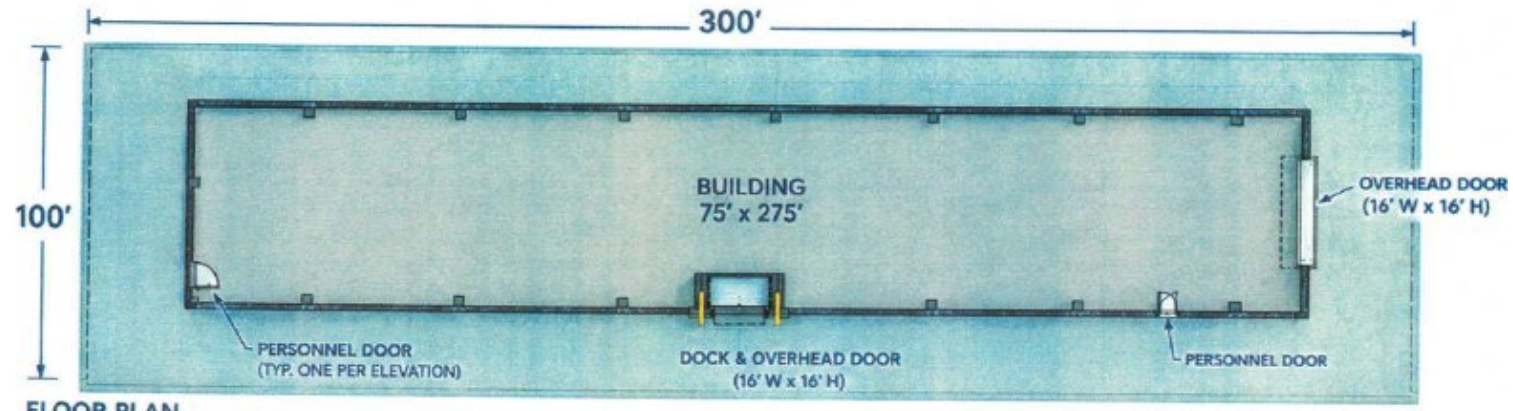
The proposed project would purchase two 6,000 lb. propane powered forklift trucks to replace two 2004 Yale forklift trucks that have reached the end of their useful life. With no spare forklift trucks available, all are essential in supporting daily riverport warehouse operations.



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Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Warehouse 20,000 sq ft Project
Total Cost: $1,250,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $1,250,000.00



FLOOR PLAN
(BUILDING 75' x 275')



As part of the MARAD PIDP grant a 70'x300' concrete pad was poured with a loading dock and access ramp. The proposed project would construct a new 20,000 sq ft warehouse on this site. As all 75,000 sq ft of current warehouse space is fully utilized under long term contract, this would provide additional warehouse space to meet customer requests.



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Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Wheel Loader Project
Total Cost: $375,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $375,000.00



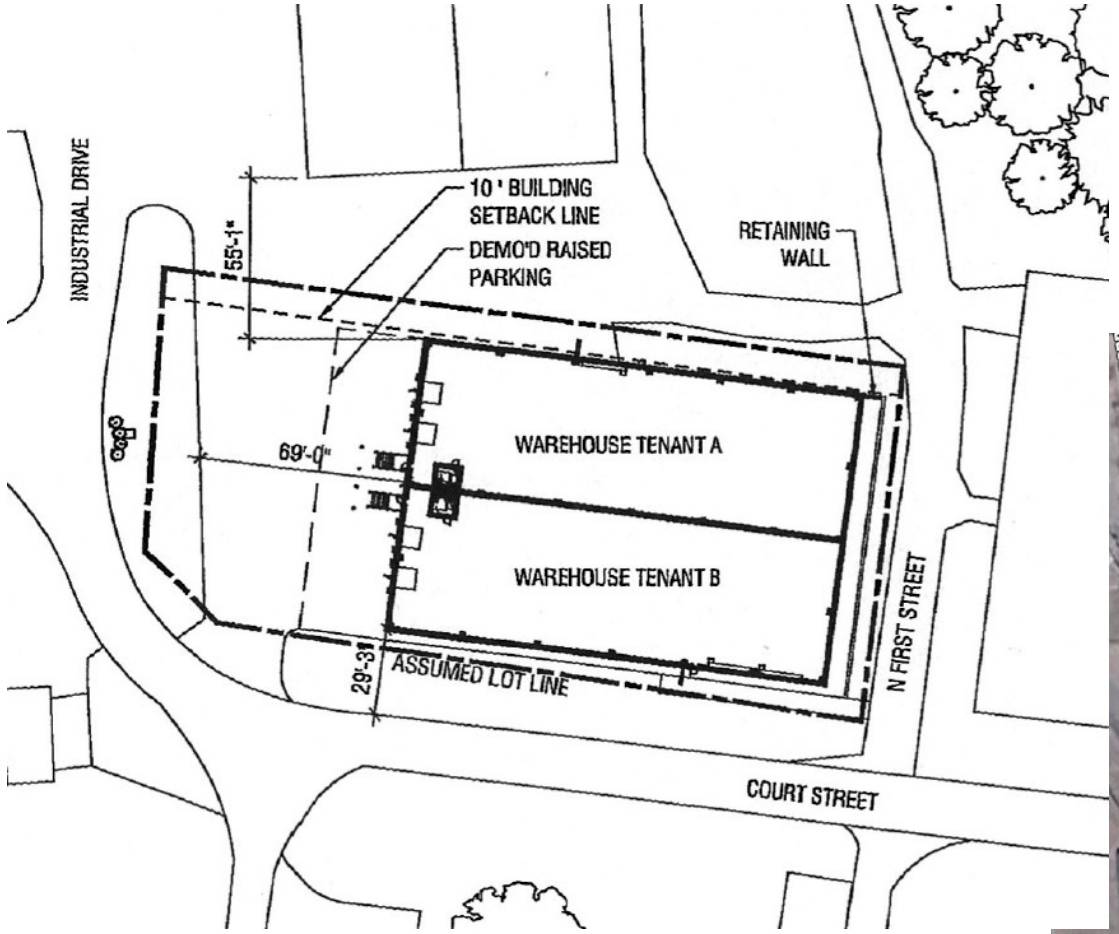
The proposed project would purchase a new mid-size wheel loader to replace an aging 2011 Volvo L90G that has reached the end of its useful life. Wheel loaders are essential to the loading of bulk products, and the lack of multiple wheel loaders increases the cycle time of trucks delivering products to construction sites thus reducing the product volumes delivered to work sites throughout western Kentucky.



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West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority
Replacing Warehouse Project
Total Cost: $3,600,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: $2,000,000.00



The proposed project would replace a warehouse that was recently destroyed by storm damage. The 15,000 sq ft replacement facility that would provide office and warehouse space would house two current private inland maritime partners and meet their needs.



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