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The Community Asked Us About

Opportunities for Public Input

Residential
Neighbors Near the
Terminal

Air Quality

Road and Rail

Cultural Resources

Recreation,
Tourism, and
Commercial Fishing

What We're Doing

- We are grateful for the feedback we've received so far through:
- Two public notice periods
- Two series of open houses
- Visits to our Community Connection
 Office in Violet
- Violet and St. Bernard Community Advisory Committees
- Community meetings and events
- We will continue collaborating with you through:
- This open house series and other events
- Our Community Connection Office
- Our website
- Ongoing meetings with the Violet and St. Bernard Community Advisory Committees
- Ongoing meetings with community members and business owners within Violet and St. Bernard Parish

- The terminal layout includes more space between neighborhoods and the terminal.
- We are conducting detailed studies to understand potential:
- Noise impacts
- Light impacts
- Traffic impacts
- Based on the results, we will incorporate project features to lessen potential impacts. This could include landscaping, sound walls, etc.

- We are conducting detailed air quality studies to understand potential impacts.
- The studies look beyond the boundaries of the terminal
- We are considering existing refineries and other potential future developments in the area to understand the collective impacts of the terminal and these other refineries and developments
- We, along with our private partners, are making major investments in green technologies to limit emissions. This includes:
- Shore power
- Electric vehicles and equipment
- Container-on-barge services
- Clean TRIP engine replacement

- Traffic studies are analyzing current and future traffic trends.
- The terminal layout includes:
- An overpass to avoid a rail crossing
- St. Bernard Hwy remaining near the levee
- We are supporting the design and construction of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor
- We are working with the Regional Planning Commission and the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct further traffic studies

- We completed a Phase I cultural resources study.
- No significant archaeological resources, historical, or cultural resources were found at the proposed site
- No tribal objections have been submitted to the U.S. Army Corps
- We are conducting further cultural resource studies.
- The terminal layout keeps the St. Bernard Highway near its current route.

- We are funding the relocation of the Violet Playground within Violet.
- The terminal layout includes space for a bike and pedestrian path if the parish would like to develop one in the future.
- We are coordinating with the parish on the Master Bikeway Plan
- We are studying potential impacts on recreational and tourist activities.





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The Land's Ability to Support a Terminal

Threatened and **Endangered Species**

Drainage

Wetlands

Alternative Locations

Navigation

What We're Doing

- We are conducting detailed site studies to understand:
- Underground soil conditions
- Levee and riverbank stability near the proposed terminal
- Placement of water, electric, gas, etc., utility lines
- Existing groundwater levels
- Placement of pipelines or other infrastructure in the area

- We are completing biological assessments to understand potential impacts on:
- Threatened and endangered species
- Their habitats

- The terminal layout includes an onsite drainage management system:
- A new drainage canal to the 40-Arpent Canal
- A new drainage pump station on the 40-Arpent Canal
- Will not burden the existing Violet drainage system
- We are developing a stormwater management plan.
- We are conducting drainage and flood hazard analyses.

- We are analyzing potential impacts on wetlands and will develop a mitigation plan in accordance with federal regulations.
- Port NOLA will fully mitigate all impacts to wetlands within the watershed, as required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in accordance with federal regulations.
- We studied other potential locations, and Violet is the best fit with:
- Naturally deep water at the dock
- Access to four interstates
- Six Class-I rail connections
- 100-year level hurricane protection
- Excellent waterside navigation
- No height restrictions for ships, such as bridges
- We're working to minimize potential impacts:
- Terminal layout keeping St. Bernard Highway near the levee
- Neighborhood buffers
- Working with school district to fund the construction of a new school within Violet
- Detailed plans for site drainage
- Working with agencies to deliver St. Bernard Transportation Corridor

- We conducted an initial navigation study as part of the site analysis.
- Violet was selected for its deep water and other characteristics that make it safe for large ships to navigate
- We are further analyzing the potential impacts of terminal operations on Mississippi River navigation.



