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Governor Scott Announces Major State Investment for the Port of Tampa

Strategic Investment will Modernize Critical Petroleum Terminal

TAMPA- Governor Scott today announced a major state investment of \$22.5 million for the modernization of critical petroleum terminal infrastructure at the Port of Tampa. The Port of Tampa is the energy gateway for all of west central Florida, serving almost nine million people. All of the gasoline and aviation jet fuel for the region's airports (including Tampa and Orlando) move through the port. The modernization and expansion of the primary petroleum terminal within the Port of Tampa will enable the port to support the region's economic growth, viability and job creation for years to come.

“By prioritizing vital transportation projects, we can make Florida a better place for businesses to grow and expand and help get Floridians back to work,” said Governor Scott. “This project will enhance Florida’s infrastructure and get our state ready for a new generation of international trade with the Caribbean, South America and beyond.”

Governor Scott directed the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to invest \$22.5 million in the new facility to help meet the region’s energy needs.

“I applaud Governor Scott’s leadership and his commitment to invest in Florida’s seaports. This investment is a key step to modernizing the Port of Tampa,” said FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad. “Updating the petroleum infrastructure will ensure that the port will be able to meet the capacity needs of the region both now and in the future. “

The Port of Tampa petroleum terminal is a multimodal transportation facility. When the estimated \$45 million project is completed, the terminal will include three berths and manifolds, pipelines and related facilities to handle a diverse range of petroleum and liquid bulk products that are critical to sustaining the economic vitality of the west central Florida economy.

The project is expected to generate over 822 construction jobs and also ensure the protection of 2,444 direct and indirect jobs. This project is ready to begin and is expected to be completed within 24-30 months. When expansion and modernization is completed, the facility will have the capacity to handle over 70 million barrels of fuel annually.

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