



# Update on Public Riverport projects utilizing funding from 24 RS HB 265 and HB1

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# House Bill 265 Riverport Funds

## Available Funds: \$500,000.00 per FY

- *HB 265/SB 91 - (5) Riverport Improvements: Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$500,000 in each fiscal year to the Riverport Financial Assistance Trust Fund (KRS 174.210). Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of General Fund not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705). Mandated reports shall be submitted pursuant to Part I, A., 1., (4) of this Act.*
  - \$500,000 for FY 25 and FY 26
  - 80/20 Match
- Administered through the Kentucky Riverport Improvement (KRI) program.
- Eligible projects provide dredging or improve Riverport facilities, infrastructure, or critical material handling equipment.

# FY 2025 & FY 2026 KRI Awards

## \$1,000,000.00

Applicant	Project	Total Cost	KRI Awarded
Eddyville	Port Authority Road Paving	\$183,876.00	\$91,928.00
Henderson	12,000 lbs. Forklift Project	\$96,900.00	\$27,413.00
Henderson	15,500 lbs. Forklift Project	\$119,200.00	\$95,360.00
Henderson	Dock Staging Pad	\$95,590.00	\$76,472.00
Hickman	Dock Dredging Project	\$81,720.00	\$65,376.00
Hickman	Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project	\$24,500.00	\$19,600.00
Louisville	Barge Cover Handling System	\$114,578.00	\$91,662.00
Louisville	Caterpillar 255 Skid Steer Project	\$81,508.00	\$65,207.00
Owensboro	Two CAT 255 Compact Track Loaders	\$183,051.00	\$143,938.00
Owensboro	Low Road Loadout Project	\$305,497.00	\$152,749.00
Paducah	Mobile Crane	\$120,000.00	\$96,000.00
Paducah	48-foot Flatbed Trailer Project	\$35,300.00	\$28,240.00
Paducah	Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Project	\$57,569.00	\$46,055.00
	Total	\$1,499,289.00	\$1,000,000.00

Henderson County Riverport Authority  
12,000 lbs. & 15,500 lbs. Forklift Project  
Total Cost: \$216,100.00 – KRI Awarded: \$122,773.00  
Status: **Forklifts delivered**



Project replaced older 11,000 lbs. and 15,500 lbs. forklifts near the end of their useful life.



Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority  
Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project  
Total Cost: \$24,500.00 – KRI Awarded: \$19,600.00  
Status: **Vendor starting fabrication.**



Project will design and construct 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.





Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority  
Caterpillar 255 Skid Steer Project  
Total Cost: \$81,508.00 – KRI Awarded: \$65,207.00  
Status: **Skid Steer delivered**



Project replaced leased skid steer with 2025 hours with a new CAT 255 on statewide master agreement.





Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Low Road Loadout Project  
Total Cost: \$305,497.00 – KRI Awarded: \$152,749.00  
Status: **Construction complete.**

Project stabilized and  
concreted the bulk  
loadout dock.





Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority  
48-foot Flatbed Trailer Project  
Total Cost: \$35,300.00 –KRI Awarded: \$28,240.00  
Status: **Trailer delivered.**

Project purchased a 48-foot, spring slider, steel chassis flatbed trailer to replace rented trailer.





Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority  
Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Loader Project  
Total Cost: \$57,569.00 – KRI Awarded: \$46,055.00  
Status: **Skid Steer delivered**



Project replaced existing 2015 Bobcat near the end of its useful life with a new Bobcat S650.

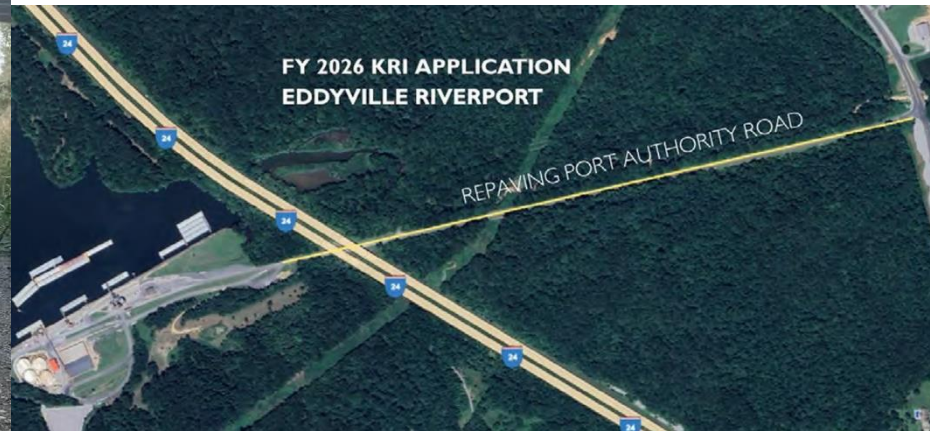




# Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority Port Authority Road Paving Project

Total Cost: \$183,876.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: \$91,928.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**

This project will reconstruct and resurface 4,500 feet of Port Authority Road, widen the entrance at KY 93 and add two-foot gravel shoulders. A full asphalt overlay is necessary, and a widened entrance and shoulders will improve turning radius for commercial trucks.





# Henderson County Riverport Authority Dock Staging Pad Project

Total Cost: \$95,590.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: \$76,472.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**



This project will construct a 3,025 square foot concrete 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.





Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority  
Barge Cover Handling System Project  
Total Cost: \$114,578.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: \$91,662.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**



This 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.





Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Two CAT 255 Compact Track Loaders Project  
Total Cost: \$183,051.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: \$143,938.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**



This project will replace two heavily deteriorated skid steers that have over 900-hours each.





Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority  
Mobile Crane Project  
Total Cost: \$120,000.00 – KRI Funds Requested: \$96,000.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**



This project will replace the 1998 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.





# House Bill 1 Riverport Funds

## Available Funds: \$750K per port per FY

- *HB 1, (225) \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports within Kentucky. Of this amount, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority to support predevelopment archaeological activities. In addition, each existing public riverport shall receive \$750,000 in each fiscal year for construction and maintenance as authorized by KRS 65.520 and for eligible use as described in KRS 174.210(3), and no local match shall be required. Any remaining balance shall be distributed at the Transportation Cabinet Secretary's discretion and may be disbursed to riverport authorities for existing and developing riverports. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of these funds that have not been expended by the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry forward into fiscal year 2025-2026;*
  - \$750,000 for each public riverport authority per fiscal year
  - No local match required

# House Bill 1 Riverport Funds

## Available Funds: \$750K per port per FY

- Funds administered through Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance (KPRCM) program.
- 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.



# FY 2025 & FY 2026 KPRCM Awards

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	KPRCM Awarded
Eddyville	Mooring Dolphin Installation Project	\$2,015,075.00	\$2,015,075.00
Greenup-Boyd	Material Handling Replacement & Improvement Project	\$1,425,801.18	\$1,425,801.18
Henderson	Electric Material Handler Project	\$2,042,046.35	\$1,708,890.00
Hickman	Crane Aggregate Clamshell Bucket Project	\$84,895.00	\$84,895.00
Hickman	Conveyor Upgrade and Replacement Project	\$4,800,000.00	\$750,000.00
Hickman	Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project	\$550,000.00	\$481,900.00
Hickman	Grain Truck Conveyor Upgrade Project	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
Hickman	Volvo L90H2 Wheeled Loader Project	\$305,100.00	\$268,100.00
Louisville	Gantry Crane Rehab Project	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00
Louisville	Gantry Superstructure Upgrade & Crane & Hopper Replacement Project	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
Maysville	Riverport Equipment Purchase Project	\$622,522.00	\$622,522.00

# FY 2025 & FY 2026 KPRCM Awards (cont.)

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	KPRCM Awarded
Owensboro	Warehouse 10 Project	\$1,063,954.00	\$750,000.00
Owensboro	Resurfacing and Exit Road Extension Project	\$381,743.00	\$381,743.00
Owensboro	4x2 DOT Yard Truck Project	\$155,000.00	\$155,000.00
Owensboro	5,000 lbs. Triple Mast Forklift Project	\$85,200.00	\$50,000.00
Owensboro	Two 25,000 lbs. Forklifts Project	\$545,000.00	\$545,000.00
Paducah	Barge Cell Revitalization Project	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00
Paducah	Fertilizer Conveyor System Replacement Project	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Paducah	Sennebogen Bucket Replacement Project	\$61,875.00	\$61,875.00
West KY	Archaeological Excavation of Fort Jefferson Project	\$250,988.00	\$250,000.00
	Total	\$17,514,199.53	\$12,675,801.18

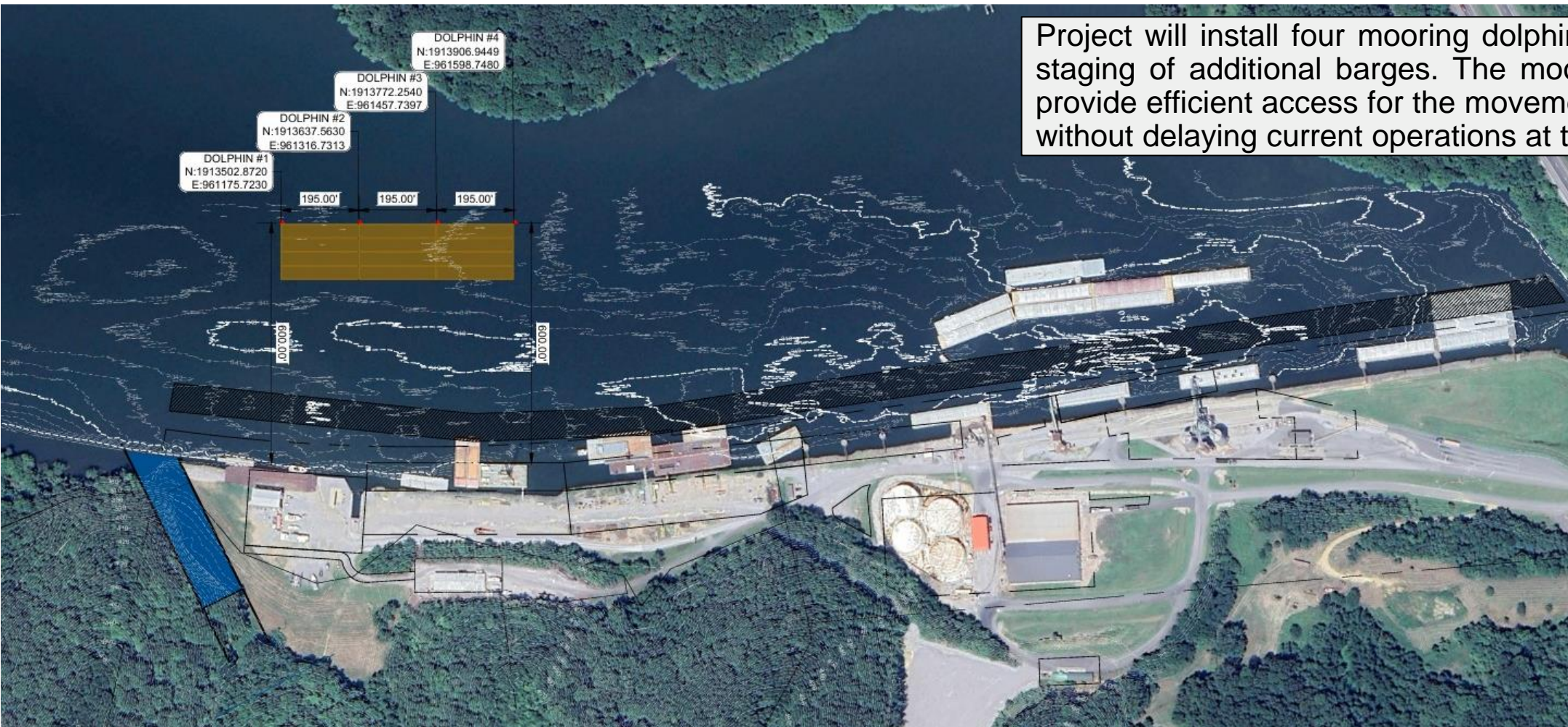
- Remaining \$2,324,198.82 to be distributed in fall 2025.



# Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority Mooring Dolphin Installation Project

Total Cost: \$2,015,075.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$2,015,075.00

Status: **Underwater geotechnical investigation with a drill rig to commence in next 30 days.**



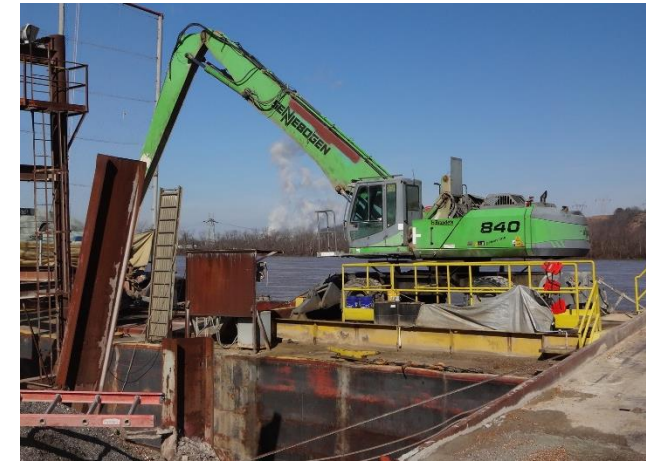
Project will install four mooring dolphins to facilitate the staging of additional barges. The mooring dolphins will provide efficient access for the movement of barge traffic without delaying current operations at the port.



Greenup Boyd County Riverport Authority  
Material Handling Replacement & Improvement Project  
Total Cost: \$1,425,801.18 – KPRCM Awarded: \$1,425,801.18

Status: Skid steer and backhoe delivered, material handler will be delivered in Sept 2025.

Project will purchase a new material handler, skid steer and backhoe to enhance barge offloading capabilities and movement of materials through the riverport.

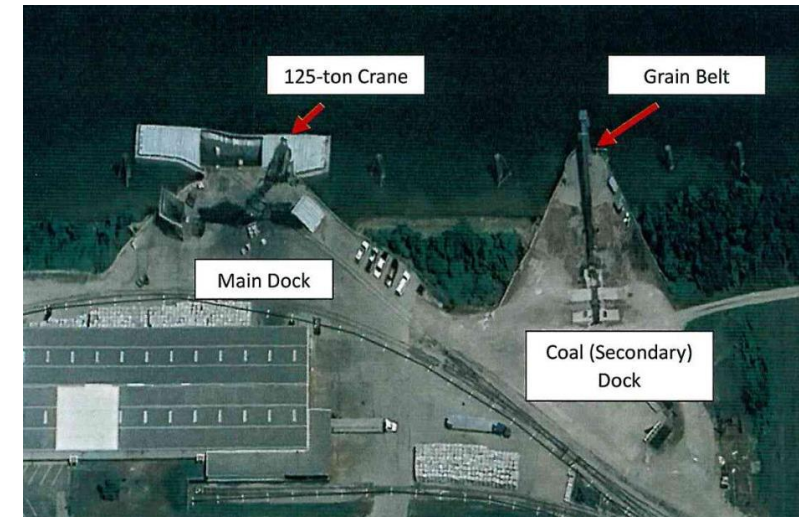




Henderson County Riverport Authority  
Electric Material Handler Project  
Total Cost: \$2,042,046.35 – KPRCM Awarded: \$1,708,890.00  
Status: **Material handler ordered, expected delivery October 2025.**



Project will purchase a new material handler to replace the mobile conveyor system at secondary dock slated for removal. Material handler would facilitate loading and unloading of bulk fertilizer, aggregates, grain and scrap. Would also provide backup to existing 40-year-old 125-ton cable crane.





# Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project

Total Cost: \$550,000.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$481,900.00

Status: **Conveyor Mooring Cell repairs completed; remaining work will begin in Summer.**



Project will make 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.





Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority  
Volvo L90H2 Wheeled Loader Project  
Total Cost: \$305,100.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$268,100.00  
Status: **Loader has been delivered.**



Project replaced wheel loader from 2003 that had become increasing difficult to maintain due to its age. Wheeled Loader used to load and unload bulk materials to truck once unloaded from barges.



Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority  
Crane Aggregate Clamshell Bucket Project  
Total Cost: \$84,895.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$84,895.00  
Status: **Bids are currently being reviewed.**



This project will design and construct 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.



Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority  
Grain Truck Conveyor Upgrade Project  
Total Cost: \$175,000.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$175,000.00  
Status: **Developing bid packet.**



This proposed project would upgrade the Grain Truck Conveyor to allow for the eventual addition of a Hopper Surge Tank. The addition of the Hopper Surge Tank would 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.

Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority  
Conveyor Upgrade and Replacement Project  
Total Cost: \$4,800,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: \$750,000.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**



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.



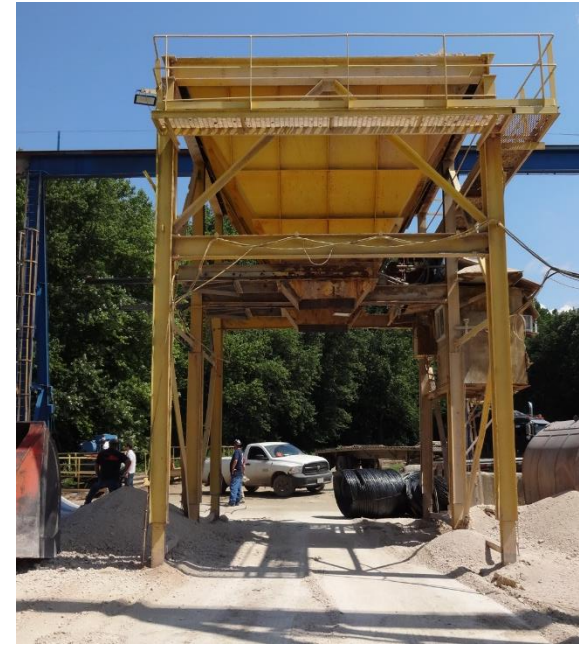
# Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority Gantry Crane Rehab Project

Total Cost: \$1,450,000.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$1,450,000.00

Status: **Phase I (bus bar replacement) in progress, procurement of final phase underway.**



Project will replace 35-year-old gantry cranes electronic power, command control, cab, and braking systems. Will also retrofit the crane gantry structure to accept additional load capacity and replace the 30-year-old bucket and hopper system.





Maysville Mason County Riverport Authority  
Riverport Equipment Purchase Project  
Total Cost: \$622,522.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$622,522.00  
Status: **Reviewing submitted bids.**



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.





Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Warehouse 10 Project  
Total Cost: \$1,063,954.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$750,000.00  
Status: **All work complete.**



This project installed new electric and built an overhang dock area for loading out during all conditions. This allows the warehouse to be leased out facility for bulk storage.

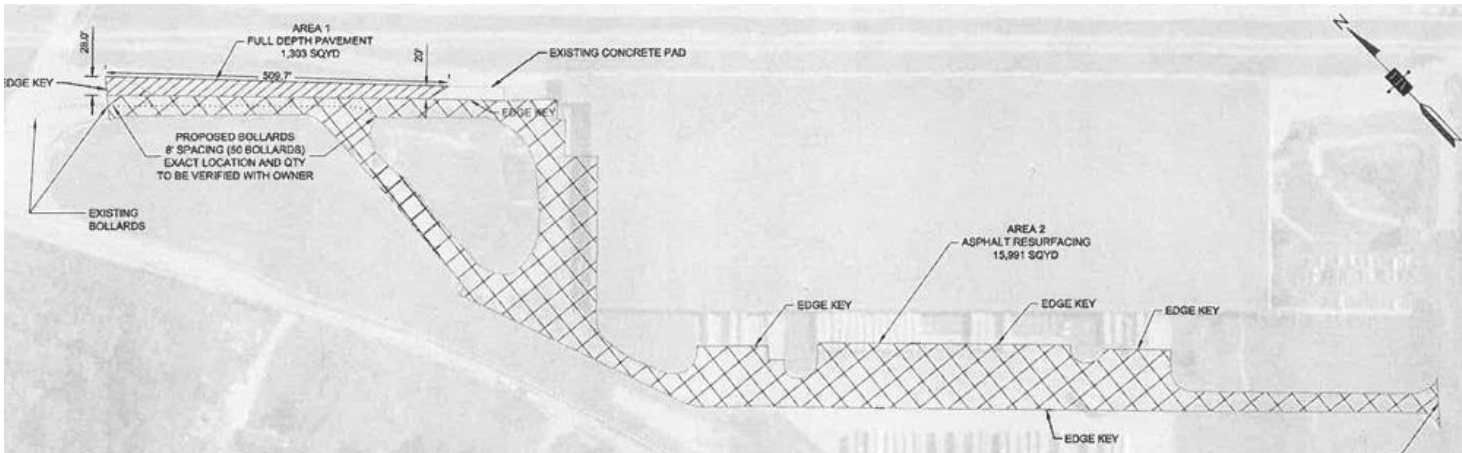




# Owensboro Riverport Authority Resurfacing and Exit Road Extension Project

Total Cost: \$381,743.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$381,743.00

Status: **NTP issued June 25. Construction beginning late July. September 30 completion.**



This project will repair existing asphalt and provide 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.





Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Material Handling Equipment Replacement Project  
Total Cost: \$785,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: \$750,000.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**

This project will replace a yard truck from 2009, two 25,000 lbs. forklifts from 2000 and 2008, and a 5,000 lbs. forklift all struggling with frequent breakdowns. New equipment will improve cargo handling capacity and reduce equipment-related downtime.



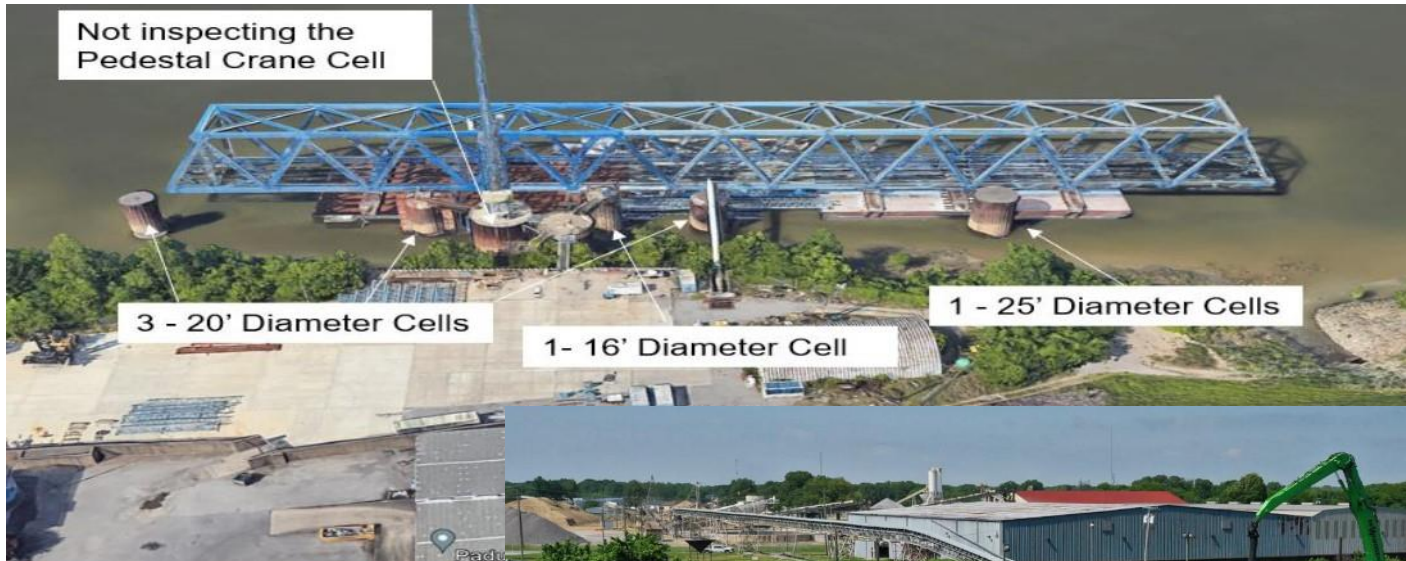


# Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority

## Barge Cell Revitalization Project

Total Cost: \$1,250,000.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$1,250,000.00

Status: **Barge Cell Inspection completed, bids for repair work in August.**



This project will inspect the eight barge cells by engineers and divers. Then perform the necessary repairs to the mooring cells to return them to marine industry acceptable standards for barge mooring and material handling operations.





Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority  
Sennebogen Bucket Replacement Project  
Total Cost: \$61,875.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$61,875.00

Status: **Bidding process completed. Notice to Proceed issued. September 2025 delivery.**



The proposed project would replace 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.

Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority  
Fertilizer Conveyor System Replacement Project  
Total Cost: \$250,000.00 – KPRCM Funds Awarded: \$250,000.00  
Status: **Just awarded, working on agreement**



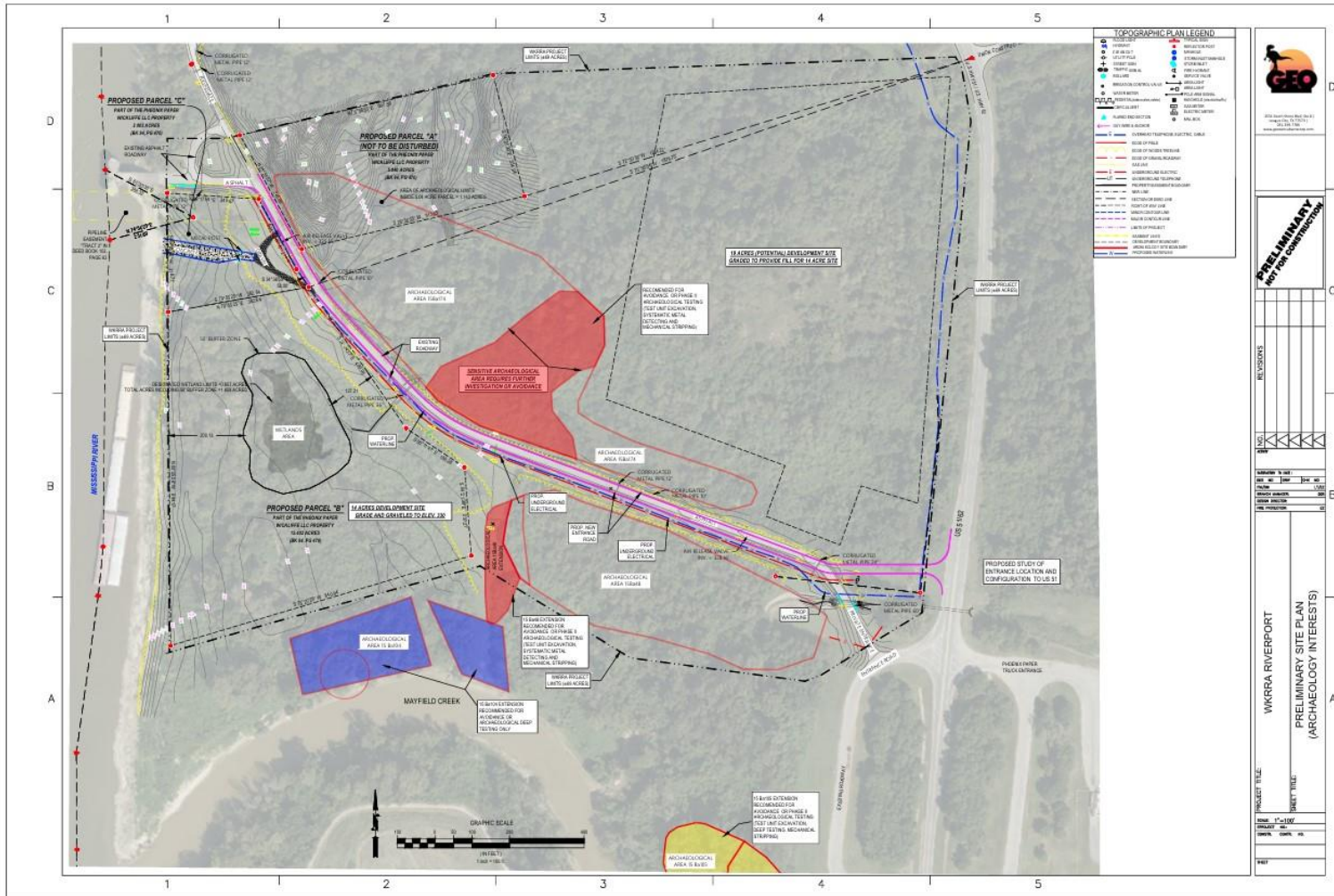
This project will remove the existing deteriorated conveyor system and reconfigure three 100' newly purchased 30" conveyors, install new bents, associated chutes and electrical power supply and controls. This project will ensure PMCRA can meet the barge unloading and delivery of more than 50,000 tons of fertilizer annually over the next 20-year period.





# West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority Archaeological Excavation of Fort Jefferson Project Total Cost: \$250,988.00 – KPRCM Awarded: \$250,000.00

Status: **Section 7/Wetlands field work complete. Archaeology contract under review.**



WKRRRA 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, WKRRRA can begin development of the riverport.

# House Bill 1 Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority

- HB 1/SB 91, (224) \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to be distributed to the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority to support the Riverport West project; Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, these funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward to fiscal year 2024-2025;*



- Project will provide geotechnical investigations, permitting & environmental requirements, market and economic impact assessment, engineering (road, rail & port) to 90% completion, and public engagement necessary to construct new facility.
- Coordination with Paducah & Louisville Railway and Canadian National Railway ongoing as is coordination with USACE and USCG. Mussell survey, wetland delineation, market and commodity assessment completed. Geotechnical investigations are set to commence for all infrastructure elements.



# House Bill 1 Owensboro Riverport Authority

- *HB 1, (226) \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to be distributed to the Owensboro Riverport Authority to support the construction of the Owensboro riverport waterline loop;*



- Project will install 5,300 feet of 12-inch water main and replace 4 hydrants and install 4 new hydrants along with a new pump station and valves. Project will resolve current volume and pressure issues at the riverport and increase fire protection for 21 port customers and improve the area for economic development.
- Owensboro Riverport Authority will be executing the project in concert with Owensboro Municipal Utilities.
- Installation began June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Completion end of August.



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