

GATEWAY ACTION PLAN

The Port NOLA Gateway Action Plan is more than a list of projects—it lays out a vision for collaboration, beyond the Port and Rail. Our action plan, though organized by business line, is synergistic and draws on the combined effort and resources of Port NOLA, regional, state, and federal partners and private sector investors. With a cohesive united effort, this plan drives a regional freight-based economy.

Containerized Cargo

- Increase Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal Complex capacity to 1.5 million TEUs by upgrading to larger cranes and maximizing space in the existing yards.
- Partner with terminal operators to increase efficiency of terminal support services, such as maintenance and repair operations, chassis pools, and reefer plug utilization.
- Continue investments in improved gate efficiency and multimodal connections, and promote cooperation among all parties that move containerized goods through terminals at the Port.
- Partner with state and regional entities to enhance “last mile” truck access along the Tchoupitoulas Corridor to Felicite Street Access Gate.

Breakbulk Cargo

- Adopt leasing best practices to increase terminal operators’ competitiveness in the marketplace.
- Increase Breakbulk capacity by improving load limits at current leased facilities and adding overflow facilities to accommodate cargo surges.
- Coordinate with partners to plan for capacity enhancements at First Street Terminal, Alabo Street Terminal, and the Louisiana Avenue Terminal Complex.

Industrial Real Estate

- Use existing Inner Harbor real estate to expand service as a rail and barge logistics hub.
- Invest in Inner Harbor infrastructure, roadways, utilities, and landscape enhancements to create an Industrial Park that attracts market-rate tenants that provide value-added services.
- Revitalize and redevelop underutilized Inner Harbor properties with assistance from federal, state, and regional partners (PIER Plan).

Rail

- Leverage New Orleans Public Belt Railroad to improve reach to inland freight-based industries.
- Partner with Class I railroads to improve Gateway automation, fluidity, and services.
- Invest in efficiency and environmental improvements, including upgrading the locomotive fleet to reduce emissions.
- Optimize Cotton Warehouse Yard for intermodal and rail shuttle services for national freight.

Cruise and Tourism

- Increase terminal capacities to accommodate larger ships, maximize passenger and parking capacity.
- Expand economic development partnerships to continue integration of cruise and tourism business along the waterfront and boost local spending by cruise passengers.



Optimize



Extend



- Expand container operations in a locale capable of handling growing vessel sizes and add a major logistics component that complements the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal.
- Increase containerized import volume, working with the State to drive more inbound cargo by leveraging logistics infrastructure in and around the Port complex.
- Prioritize sites for use as an Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) to expedite the movement of containers to and from the terminal while minimizing impact on the community.



- Work with Jefferson Parish to identify on- and off-port opportunities for freight-based development in areas including: breakbulk cargo; roll-on, roll-off cargo; project cargo; value-added services; manufacturing; and auto facilities.



- Work with Parishes and other partners to attract value-added industries (manufacturing, transloading, and distribution) on and off port property, starting with an inventory of available properties in all three parishes.
- Expand capacity of temperature-controlled facilities for frozen and temperature-sensitive commodities.



- Build off-terminal storage yards to grow revenue, as well as enhance flexibility and capacity.
- Collaborate on development of inland port and ICTF infrastructure.
- Lease, develop, and/or operate a rail classification yard on the west side for pass-through, non-port traffic.
- Grow local switching service in collaboration with Class I railroads.
- Invest in improvements and technologies to mitigate community impacts.



- Attract new cruise lines to serve diverse market segments.
- Prioritize sites for development of a third cruise terminal to accommodate market demand.
- Expand inland river cruise opportunities throughout the Port’s jurisdiction.