Experience our reBerth

Our nation needs modern infrastructure, active maritime gateways and regional multimodal logistics and distribution hubs to stay competitive in the changing global marketplace, while our community needs access to goods, jobs, business opportunities and great places to work and play. At Port Canaveral, we're committed to growing responsibly so everyone who depends upon us can thrive.
Our First Inland, Off-Port Warehouse/Logistics Center

Cargo shippers require more than good port infrastructure. Rail-served high-bay facilities for consolidating, processing and distributing products are essential too, so establishing Class A warehouses near the Port is critical to creating a regional logistics hub.

The Port Canaveral Logistics Center in Titusville will be our first inland, off-Port warehouse/logistics center when complete in May 2016. Flagler Global Logistics is developing and constructing the 246,000 square-foot building that the Canaveral Port Authority will lease to tenants and other customers. Adjacent to the Titusville Airport with easy access to U.S. Highway 1, Interstate 95 and Florida East Coast Rail lines via a rail spur, the facility will have 30-foot clearance, multi-tenant flexibility, office space, rail dock doors and truck tailgate docks.

To maintain a competitive trade balance, U.S. manufacturers need to triple exports in the next 10 years. As these export products seek convenient sea-routes to overseas markets, Central Florida’s strategic location will offer a time- and cost-saving solution, while enabling importers to cost-effectively reach all major Florida markets within three hours and most of the Southeast and Midwest within eight hours. These benefits position Port Canaveral’s new warehouse and logistics center to become a hub for domestic and global trade.
Coming Next – Strategically Located Inland Logistics and Business Park

To offer our customers warehousing options, we are developing the Port Canaveral Commerce & Logistics Center Cocoa on a 270-acre site near Interstate 95 in Cocoa, 12 miles from Port Canaveral and 30 miles from Orlando International Airport. With a city-approved mixed-use master plan and 100 percent environmental mitigation, the site is ready to become a major inland logistics and business park benefiting the entire region.

The development plan includes up to three million square feet of warehouse space, more than 550,000 square feet of office space, a hotel, restaurants and fueling station. Phase I is scheduled for completion in mid-2017.

One of the state’s few deepwater ports with room to expand, this offers importers and exporters additional reasons to include Port Canaveral in their logistics plans.

As our Titusville and Cocoa logistics centers attract importers and exporters, international distribution centers, manufacturers and related service companies, they will become critical job generators for the region.

Distances to key markets from the Port

- Atlanta, GA (416 miles/669 km)
- Birmingham, AL (507 miles/817 km)
- Charleston, SC (310 miles/500 km)
- Charlotte, NC (471 miles/757 km)
- Freeport, The Bahamas (171 miles/275 km)
- Jacksonville, FL (140 miles/226 km)
- Knoxville, TN (560 miles/901 km)
- Miami, FL (183 miles/295 km)
- Nassau, The Bahamas (314 miles/505 km)
- Orlando, FL (31 miles/50 km)
- Raleigh, NC (312 miles/500 km)
- Richmond, VA (653 miles/1053 km)
- Savannah, GA (254 miles/410 km)
- Tampa, FL (123 miles/198 km)
The New Cove – Destination for Dining, Shopping and Entertainment

The first phase of Cove expansion, a 60,000 square-foot retail and restaurant development on 14 acres, will connect the Exploration Tower — our iconic seven-story 23,000 square-foot, $23 million visitor and community facility — and the new Cruise Terminal 1 Plaza, which hosts retail and entertainment venues for cruise passengers and Port visitors.

Broad sidewalks, outdoor seating and tropical plantings will shape the walking experience of a retail promenade true to this community’s unique coastal-casual character. On-street parking and a large lot will accommodate shoppers and guests of a proposed lakefront 200-room full-service upscale hotel.

Marketing to a mix of national and local potential tenants has begun and soft commitments are coming in quickly. Roadwork will begin as early as Fall 2015 with groundbreaking scheduled for Spring 2016.

Port Canaveral has a history of welcoming the public in, with our lifeguard-protected ocean beach, public parks, picnic facilities, bike trails, marinas, boat charters and public boating and fishing access. The Cove expansion is designed to complement and augment this aspect of our unique Port, making it a true destination for regional residents and visitors and a source of new opportunities for retailers and job seekers.
Port Canaveral Rail Extension Project

Trade and logistics is Florida’s largest business, with twice the impact of tourism, but our region barely has participated. It is rail that links our state to the nation’s manufacturing centers for exports and the population centers in the Southeast and Midwest for imports. Direct rail access is critical if Port Canaveral is to operate competitively with seaports in Florida and beyond. Given that we are one of the few seaports in the Southeast that efficiently can achieve the -55 foot depth needed to accommodate the newest generation of cargo ships, Port Canaveral has importance to our nation’s global competitiveness and seaport-linked rail will position our region to be a logistics leader.

With Central Florida’s continuing population growth, new rail infrastructure also could address growing transportation needs, reduce already heavy truck traffic, provide a strong diversified business environment and add essential jobs.

The proposed Port Rail Extension Project would link existing Florida East Coast Railway lines with our north cargo area. The Canaveral Port Authority is committed to being both a premier provider of customer service and a good neighbor, and several routes are being evaluated to ensure that we meet this commitment. Taking advantage of an existing track line, some options are designed to cross Kennedy Space Center property and the Banana River with minimal disruption to wildlife and residences. Other alternatives, such as a route that follows State Road 528, also are promising.

We have applied to the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the federal entity in charge of interstate commerce, for permission to build the rail extension. For the next 18 to 24 months, the STB is conducting a comprehensive and transparent study involving seven cooperating agencies and community input at every stage. At the end of this process, if the project is approved, the STB will select the most optimal route with minimal impact on safety, recreation, wildlife and plants, water and air quality, navigation, noise, energy resources and aesthetics. More information can be found at www.portcanaveralraileis.com.
Fostering our Strengths

Port Canaveral is one of the world’s busiest cruise ports, in excellent position to become number one in the world. Cruise provides about 80 percent of our Port revenue today. As we work to expand our cargo operations, we continue to build upon our cruise success. In December 2014, we opened our newest and most advanced cruise complex, $110 million Cruise Terminal 1. This year, we began a $55 million investment in expansion and renovation of older Cruise Terminals 5 and 10.

Unique among Florida ports in the recreational opportunities we offer our community, last year we added more cabins to our popular Jetty Park and built a new boat launch complex that our users have called “the finest in Florida.”

Re-Berth is a Beginning

This is just the beginning of our transformation — one that will pay dividends 50 years into the future. We have begun major initiatives this year to plan for the next decades of inevitable and responsible change. A new Master Plan will help us make the best use of every acre of our valuable Port land going forward to benefit our customers and community.

Cruise — A new Master Cruise Plan will guide us in renovating our older cruise terminals to upgrade service and extend their useful life span and in constructing new terminals efficiently in response to new business demand. The next new terminal and berth potentially could be a dual facility on the south side of the harbor in late 2016.

Cargo — The cargo projects we have begun are long-term in execution. We expect to build our cargo business gradually but significantly in upcoming decades. Beyond our current projects, we already are looking into attracting automobile processing business with a dedicated facility and deepening our harbor to a 50-foot or even 55-foot depth.

Recreation — When Phase 1 of the Cove opens, we will be studying further phases — more potential retail space and a major entertainment/concert venue. We continue to improve our parks and other facilities.

Real Estate — Projects in Cocoa and Titusville, as well as Orlando, will build a long-term investment portfolio that creates local jobs and cash flow for continuing reinvestment in our future and our community’s prosperity.

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