



The Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project is a project of regional and national significance for the US Department of Defense (DoD)

The Port of Anchorage (POA) is one of 19 “Strategic Seaports” designated by DoD with direct calls scheduled by the Department of Defense for critical deployments in-and-out of the five Alaska military bases and several training facilities that are a vital part of U.S. National Defense.

The Port of Anchorage Expansion Project will continue to provide essential service to 5 major military installations in Alaska:

- Elmendorf AFB, Fort Richardson, Eielson AFB, Fort Wainwright and Ft. Greeley.
- All U.S. Army Alaska deployments go through the POA; since 2005, almost 18,000 pieces of military cargo have passed through the POA and this usage will increase.
- All of the JP-8 jet fuel used on Elmendorf AFB and Ft. Richardson pass through the valve yard and fuel tanks at POA, and the military wants to increase fuel storage capacity by an additional 600,000 barrels.

The POA Expansion Project is critical to meeting the growing needs of the military as DoD's basing of troops and assets, along with their deployment and training functions, continue to grow in Alaska.

The POA Expansion Project provides:

- Increased acreage for military use (a minimum of 25 acres available for at least 14 days, within 24 hours notice) and a dedicated berth for movements of equipment and personnel into and out of Alaska
- Secure direct road and rail access to the Port, by the military, from Elmendorf AFB and Ft. Richardson (and by rail from Ft. Wainwright and Eielson AFB) eliminating the need to use the public highway system to access the Port for military movements.
- Expanded Port rail head will also provide direct rail service to vast military training areas in interior Alaska, once the Tanana River crossing project (an Army Requirement) is completed.
- Deeper and wider berths to accommodate larger military vessels. POA's ability to berth DoD ships will be crucial to future planned joint military training missions (HQ AK Command says growing U.S. Navy presence in Gulf of Alaska)

The pre-expansion POA is old and structurally weak, extremely vulnerable to seismic activity, and the existing dock can no longer be salvaged due to advanced age. In 2003 POA began a dock replacement and port expansion program with the USDOT Maritime Administration as the lead federal agency. The project will rehabilitate the port facility to accommodate larger ships and increased port calls by providing an additional 135 acres

of upland area and berthing capacity. Additionally the project will increase the dock length to 1.8 miles.

The Port Expansion Project has been, and will continue to be, funded at approximately 50% federal, 50% non-federal.

The DoD source of funds is indispensable to the POA Expansion Project and the request for \$10 million in the FY 11 DoD Approps bill will play a major part in moving the project forward. Previous DoD funding: FY 03 \$5M, FY 04 \$5M, FY 05 \$12.4M, FY 06 \$8.5M, FY 07 \$10M, FY 08 \$11M, FY 09 \$10M.

The Port of Anchorage's expansion project is a vital part of fulfilling the full potential, and vision, of utilizing Alaska's unique and strategic location as an effective base for training and global deployment of U.S. forces.