

Georgia Ports Authority  
Tuesday January 27, 2026  
8:30 a.m.  
Savannah, GA

762-233-1679  
Conference ID: 904 196 309#

## Agenda

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| Poitevint<br>Poitevint<br>Tarbutton | 1.  | Call to Order<br>a) Approval of Agenda<br>b) Attendance Report   |
| Poitevint                           | 2.  | Approval of Minutes  |
| Poitevint                           | 3.  | Receive Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items   |
|                                     | 4.  | Committee Chair Reports<br>Compensation & Leadership Development Committee – Wooten<br>Audit, Budget & Finance – Tarbutton<br>Community & Government Affairs – Kilpatrick<br>Ports Development – Hertz<br>Sales, Marketing & Communications – Wilheit  |
| McCurry                             | 5.  | Executive Division<br>a) Easement Agreement   Georgia Power Company   Chatham County, GA<br>b) Easement Agreement   Georgia Power Company   Chatham County, GA<br>c) Easement Agreement   Georgia Department of Transportation   Chatham County, GA<br>d) Property Resolution   SunCap Property Group   Chatham County, GA |
| McCurry                             | 6.  | Administrative Division<br>a) Monthly Purchasing Request(s)<br>b) Capital/Operating Purchase Report<br>c) Port Security Grant (Round 25 – IJ #1) – Savannah, Georgia<br>d) Port Security Grant (Round 25 – IJ #3) – Savannah, Georgia<br>e) Port Security Grant (Round 25 – IJ #4) – Savannah, Georgia                     |
| Dooley                              | 7.  | Finance Division   |
| Novack<br>Sutton                    | 8.  | Engineering Division<br>a) Garden City Terminal   Gate 1 Access Modifications<br>b) Colonel's Island   Northside Parcel Raising   Phase 2<br>c) Customer Access Portal<br>d) Optical Character Recognition   |
| Lynch                               | 9.  | Chief Executive Officer Report   |
| Poitevint                           | 10. | Chairman's Comments  |
| Poitevint                           | 11. | Executive Session ( <i>if needed</i> )   |

**NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS MARCH 23 & 24 IN BRUNSWICK, GA**

AN ITEM OR ITEMS WHICH BECOME NECESSARY TO ADDRESS DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING  
MAY BE ADDED AND ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

**November 17, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alec L. Poitevint. Other Authority Members present were Vice Chairman, Christopher Womack, Secretary and Treasurer, Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III and Authority Members, James L. Allgood, Leda Chong, David J. Cyr, Kent Fountain, Jr., Douglas J. Hertz, Martin "Trey" Kilpatrick, William D. McKnight, Philip Wilheit, Jr. and Joel Wooten. Don A. Grantham was excused for good cause.

Staff members attending were President & CEO Griffith Lynch, Lise Altman, Flavio Batista, Tom Boyd, Robert Dooley, Susan Gardner, Olli Himbert, Ed McCarthy, James McCurry, Christopher Novack, William Sutton, and Emily Richardson. Special Assistant Attorney General Paul Threlkeld also attended. Guests are shown on the attached sign in sheet.

On motion by Mr. Tarbutton, seconded by Mr. Hertz, it was unanimously voted: To approve the agenda.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Womack, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 30, 2025, and accept them as distributed.

On motion by Mr. Fountain, seconded by Mr. Cyr, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Atlanta Gas Light Company, in the form attached hereto. ABSTAINED: Womack

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wooten, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Atlanta Gas Light Company, in the form attached hereto. ABSTAINED: Womack

On motion by Mr. Tarbutton, seconded by Mr. Fountain, it was unanimously voted: To approve the attached Resolution (i) approving the Authority to purchase from 17 Main ST Industrial LLC approximately 6.79 acres located in Garden City, Chatham County, Georgia, for a purchase price to be determined by a minimum of two MLA certified appraisals, subject to appraisal, environmental review, survey, and title work, (ii) authorizing expenditure of up to \$50,000 for such legal, appraisal, environmental, survey, and title work, (iii) authorizing the President & Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of the Authority to negotiate and execute a mutually acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement with 17 Main ST Industrial LLC, (iv) authorizing the Authority to request approval of the purchase from the State Properties Commission, and (v) authorizing the President & Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of the Authority to execute any and all closing documents necessary to effect the purchase of the Property having first received approval of the State Properties Commission.

Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more. For the period, there are two (2) capital purchases and seven (7) operating purchases for a total of

\$45,182,950. On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wooten, it was unanimously voted: To approve nine (9) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling \$100,000 or more, but less than \$500,000. There were no (0) capital purchases and eight (8) operating expenses totaling \$ 1,670,000. This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

On motion by Mr. Womack, seconded by Mr. Hertz, it was unanimously voted: To establish contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$9,500,000 for the Ocean Terminal Data Center Server Infrastructure.

On motion by Mr. Cyr, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To establish contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$6,200,000 for the Ocean Terminal Network Infrastructure.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wooten, it was unanimously voted: To establish contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$1,140,000 for the Ocean Terminal Operational Professional Services.

There was no executive session.

On motion by Mr. Womack, seconded by Mr. Fountain, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Alec L. Poitevint, II  
Chairman

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Benjamin J. Tarbutton  
Secretary and Treasurer

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**November 17, 2025**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The full Chief Executive Officer's Report was included in the Board package.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Poitevint made remarks on the challenging time we have right now for business. He asked, "what should we do?" He stated that we should focus on the little things. Focusing on the little things will help us remain elite. Chairman Poitevint further reflecting on the sage advice of an old friend who was very successful despite not starting his career with much in terms of wealth. This friend attributed his long-term success to having focused on the little things which, in turn, made his company ready for the big things. The GPA will follow this same advice.



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement – Ocean Terminal - Georgia Power Company**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** GPA is the owner of certain real property referred to as Ocean Terminal located in Savannah, Georgia (the “Property”). In accordance with a Project Agreement between GPA and Georgia Power Company dated January 18, 2024 (the “Project Agreement”), Georgia Power has completed construction of a new substation and transmission line over, under, and across certain portions of the Property. GPA assumed ownership of the substation upon its completion, and Georgia Power retains ownership of certain equipment located in, and adjacent to, the substation (the “GPC Equipment”). GPA desires to grant a non-exclusive easement to Georgia Power to construct, use and maintain the GPC Equipment and transmission line, and to repair and maintain the substation, as set forth in the Project Agreement. The term of the easement will be twenty-five (25) years. If Georgia Power abandons the easement for a continuous period of twelve (12) months, all easement rights and privileges will cease and revert to GPA. GPA will have the right to use the easement area for any purpose not inconsistent with the rights granted to Georgia Power.

A copy of the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is attached for approval.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** The Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is in keeping with current policy.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The new substation and transmission line are necessary to provide electricity for new and existing improvements located at Ocean Terminal.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer  
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Christopher Novack, Vice President of Engineering and Facilities Maintenance

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Power Company in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Griff Lynch".

Griff Lynch  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement - Chatham County - Georgia Power Company**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** GPA is the owner of certain real property referred to as Parcels 1 and 7 located at the Savannah River International Trade Park in Chatham County, Georgia (the "Property") and leases the Property to Target Corporation. Georgia Power previously installed certain electric utility facilities at the SRITP leading from the 150' Access and Utility Easement along International Trade Parkway to the Property for the purpose of providing electric utility service for the Property. At Georgia Power's request, GPA recently granted permission to Georgia Power to complete a survey of the existing facilities in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Right of Entry Agreement. The survey work is complete and GPA and Georgia Power desire to enter into a non-exclusive easement agreement to document the existence and location of the facilities and allow Georgia Power to construct, operate and maintain the facilities. GPA has the right to use the easement area for any purpose that does not interfere with Georgia Power's easement rights. The term of the easement will be twenty (20) years. All such rights will revert to GPA if Georgia Power abandons or fails to maintain or operate the facilities for a continuous period of twelve months.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** The Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is in keeping with current policy.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Georgia Power's facilities are necessary to provide electric utility service for Parcels 1 and 7 at the SRITP, currently leased to Target.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer  
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Christopher Novack, Vice President of Engineering and Facilities Maintenance

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Power Company in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

*Attachment*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** Easement Agreement | Georgia Department of Transportation | Chatham County, GA  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** GPA owns certain real property referred to as Ocean Terminal located in Savannah, Georgia (the “**Property**”) and has constructed a roadway and exit ramp for the purpose of providing vehicles exiting Ocean Terminal with a direct connection to US17/I-16 Connector/SR 404 (“**OT Exit Road**”). The Georgia Department of Transportation (“**GDOT**”) assumed full ownership and responsibility for future maintenance and repair of the OT Exit Road upon completion of construction. A portion of the OT Exit Road owned by GDOT is located on GPA’s Property. GPA has agreed to grant a permanent, non-exclusive easement to GDOT for the sole purpose of placing a portion of the OT Exit Road on the Property and providing all necessary maintenance, repair, and replacement work for that portion of the OT Exit Road located on the Property. The term of the easement will be perpetual as long as the OT Exit Road remains in GDOT’s ownership. If GDOT abandons the easement for a continuous period of six (6) months, all easement rights and privileges will cease and revert to GPA. GPA will have the right to use the easement area for any purpose not inconsistent with the rights granted to GDOT.

A copy of the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is attached for approval.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** The Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is in keeping with current policy.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The OT Exit Road is part of the improvements to Ocean Terminal.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer  
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Christopher Novack, Vice President of Engineering and Facilities Maintenance

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Department of Transportation in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority

**SUBJECT:** Property Resolution – Chatham County, Georgia

**DATE:** January 27, 2026

**ISSUE:**

GPA proposes to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with SunCap Property Group, LLC (“SunCap”) to sell a portion of real property containing approximately 1.24 acres located at the former “Megasite” in Chatham County, Georgia (the “Property”), for a purchase price to be determined by an appraiser selected by the Authority (the “Agreement”). SunCap has deposited initial earnest money in the amount of \$50,000.00, currently held in escrow. SunCap intends to purchase certain land adjacent to the Property and has agreed to obtain a survey of the Property and a subdivision/recombination plat combining the Property with the adjacent parcel (the “Adjacent Property”). The closing is conditioned upon (a) SunCap’s receipt of a wetlands or streams impact permit issued by USACE, (b) SunCap’s conditional use approval of its intended development of the Property, (c) SunCap obtaining fee simple title to the Adjacent Property, and (d) approval by GPA’s Board and the Governor, Auditor and Attorney General of the State of Georgia. GPA is authorized to sell property which it determines is not required for port or warehouse operations or for the future expansion of the State system of docks, provided that any sale is first approved by the Governor, Auditor, and Attorney General of the State of Georgia. Attached for approval is a Resolution to declare the Property to be surplus, to approve the executed Purchase and Sale Agreement, and to empower the President and Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer, of the Authority to execute any closing documents necessary to effect the closing of the sale of the Property, subject to the prior approval of the Governor, Auditor and Attorney General, as evidenced by their signatures attached to the Resolution.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The sale of the Property requires approval of a Resolution by the Georgia Ports Authority and prior approval of the Governor, Auditor and Attorney General of this State.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The sale price of the Property will be fair market value, as determined by an appraiser selected by the Authority, less any fee obligations of the Authority at closing, with an initial earnest money deposit in the amount of \$50,000.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer  
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Authority approve the attached Resolution (i) declaring the Property to be surplus; (ii) that the property may be sold for a price equal to fair market value as determined by a certified appraisal in accordance with a fully negotiated Purchase and Sale Agreement; and (iii) authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer, of the Authority to execute any and all closing documents necessary to effect the sale of the Property having first received approval the Governor, Auditor and Attorney General of the State of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
President and Chief Executive Officer



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Monthly Purchasing Requests**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of purchase requests in an amount of \$500,000 or greater is presented by staff for approval.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** For the period, there are two (2) capital purchases and eight (8) operating purchases for a total of \$24,817,695.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority approves ten (10) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President and CEO*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Capital/Operating Purchases Report**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of capital and operating purchases between \$100,000 and \$500,000 is presented by Staff for information.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling \$100,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** For the period, there were no (0) capital purchases and fifteen (15) operating expenses totaling \$ 3,496,800.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:** This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President and CEO*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** Port Security Grant (Round 25 – IJ #1) – Savannah, Georgia  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** The Department of Homeland Security FEMA Grant Programs Directorate has awarded the Georgia Ports Authority a Port Security Grant for a Savannah project in the amount of \$514,266. The *Cybersecurity Resiliency and Redundancy for Critical Supply Chain Communication (IJ #1)* project will utilize diverse internet connectivity to enhance cybersecurity infrastructure.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more. These projects are in keeping with the established policy to enhance productivity, safety, and security.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The cost for the above project is estimated to be \$685,687. The grant funding is 75% or \$514,266 and the Georgia Ports Authority required cost share is 25% or \$171,421. The required cost share and a contingency of \$68,569 will be comprised of Internal Capital Budget funds.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer  
Bill Sutton, Chief Information Officer  
Kevin Doyle, Vice President of Protective Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority authorize the President & Chief Executive Officer to award contracts and/or purchase orders in accordance with the contracting and purchasing policies of the Georgia Ports Authority and establish a total budget up to \$754,256 for the Port Security Grant (Round 25) the *Cybersecurity Resiliency and Redundancy for Critical Supply Chain Communication* project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
President & Chief Executive Officer



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Port Security Grant (Round 25 – IJ #3) – Savannah, Georgia**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** The Department of Homeland Security FEMA Grant Programs Directorate has awarded the Georgia Ports Authority a Port Security Grant for a Savannah project in the amount of \$991,480. The *Garden City Terminal Cyber Secure Video Management System Equipment (IJ #3)* project will utilize AI-enabled cameras and supporting IT infrastructure to enhance Garden City Terminal surveillance, cybersecurity, and interagency integration.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more. These projects are in keeping with the established policy to enhance productivity, safety, and security.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The cost for the above project is estimated to be \$1,321,974. The grant funding is 75% or \$991,480 and the Georgia Ports Authority required cost share is 25% or \$330,494. The required cost share and a contingency of \$132,198 will be comprised of Internal Capital Budget funds.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer  
Bill Sutton, Chief Information Officer  
Kevin Doyle, Vice President of Protective Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority authorize the President & Chief Executive Officer to award contracts and/or purchase orders in accordance with the contracting and purchasing policies of the Georgia Ports Authority and establish a total budget up to \$1,454,172 for the Port Security Grant (Round 25) the *Garden City Terminal Cyber Secure Video Management System Equipment* project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Port Security Grant (Round 25 – IJ #4) – Savannah, Georgia**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** The Department of Homeland Security FEMA Grant Programs Directorate has awarded the Georgia Ports Authority a Port Security Grant for a Savannah project in the amount of \$995,510. The *Ocean Terminal Cyber Secure Video Management System Equipment (IJ #4)* project will utilize AI-enabled cameras and supporting IT infrastructure to enhance Ocean Terminal surveillance, cybersecurity, and interagency integration.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more. These projects are in keeping with the established policy to enhance productivity, safety, and security.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The cost for the above project is estimated to be \$1,327,347. The grant funding is 75% or \$995,510 and the Georgia Ports Authority required cost share is 25% or \$331,837. The required cost share and a contingency of \$132,735 will be comprised of Internal Capital Budget funds.

**STAFF CONTACT:** James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer  
Bill Sutton, Chief Information Officer  
Kevin Doyle, Vice President of Protective Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority authorize the President & Chief Executive Officer to award contracts and/or purchase orders in accordance with the contracting and purchasing policies of the Georgia Ports Authority and establish a total budget up to \$1,460,082 for the Port Security Grant (Round 25) the *Ocean Terminal Cyber Secure Video Management System Equipment* project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
President & Chief Executive Officer



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Garden City Terminal | Gate 1 Access Modifications**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:**

The final component of the Georgia Department of Transportation's Last-Mile program is nearing completion with the expected opening of the Brampton Road Connector in the spring of 2026. This project will provide truck traffic a more direct route to Garden City Terminal Gate 3 from Interstate 516 and significantly reduce traffic impacts to the local roadway network. The Brampton Road Connector also provides the opportunity for the Georgia Ports Authority to modify the ingress/egress to Gate 1 by re-routing, resulting in reducing container traffic on State Road 25, eliminate a traffic signal and a railroad crossing.

This modification will be completed without interrupting container operations at Garden City Terminal and the funding for the project is currently budgeted within the GPA's internal capital budget.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations and customer service at the GPA's Garden City Terminal.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Expenditures up to \$2,950,000 from the Georgia Ports Authority internal capital funds are required for the Garden City Terminal Gate 1 Access Modifications project

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Christopher B. Novack, P.E., VP of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance  
Edward McCarthy, Chief Operating Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project in accordance with GPA Purchasing procedures, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$2,950,000 for the Garden City Terminal Gate 1 Access Modifications project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** Colonel's Island | Northside Parcel Raising | Phase 2  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:**

During the unfortunate events of Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and Hurricane Irma in 2017, Colonel's Island Terminal experienced significant flooding damage to automobile units that were stored on forty (40) acres of paved property known as Parcels 3D and 3E. These two parcels, built in 1992, have an average elevation of 7.0 feet above mean sea level while the surrounding parcels average near 10.0 feet above mean sea level. During the hurricane events, Parcels 3D and 3E received the most flood damage due to the low elevations compared to other adjacent parcels.

In order to mitigate the low elevation of Parcels 3D and 3E, it has been determined to raise the two parcels approximately three (3) feet to match the surrounding parcels. This requires significant fill material and redeveloping the parcels in order for them to continue to operate as a storage facility for import and export vehicular cargo. It is proposed to complete the project in two phases. Phase 1 was approved by the Board in December 2024 and is currently progressing well with an expected completion in March, 2026. This request is for the completion of the second phase that equates to approximately 20 acres and should be complete by October 2026.

The funds necessary for this project totals \$8,800,000 that includes \$6,490,943 of federal reimbursement through the federal government's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program with the remaining funds from the GPA's internal capital budget.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations and customer service at the GPA's Colonel's Island Terminal.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Expenditures up to \$8,800,000 that includes \$6,490,943 of federal reimbursement through the federal government's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program with the remaining funds from the GPA's internal capital budget.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Christopher B. Novack, P.E., VP of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$8,800,000 for the Colonel's Island Northside Parcel Raising-Phase 2 project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
President & Chief Executive Officer



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Customer Access Portal**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** The operation of the GPA's container terminal business requires replacement of the current aging Customer Access Portal.

This system will support Customers, including Trucking Companies and Beneficial Cargo Owners, accessing operations information such as container availability and replaces an existing system. This project includes the configuration, integration and implementation of the system.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** This project is in keeping with established policy to maintain reliable and relevant information technology systems supporting the mission of the GPA.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Expenditures of \$2,500,000 over the next 3 fiscal years from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the Customer Access Portal System.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Patrick M Bukowski, Director of Information Technology

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$2,500,000 for the Customer Access Portal System.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*



**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority  
**SUBJECT:** **Optical Character Recognition (OCR) System**  
**DATE:** January 27, 2026

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**ISSUE:** The operations planned for Ocean Terminal require additional functionality to support the safe and efficient handling of containers throughout the facility.

This project includes the configuration, integration and implementation of the system to support vessel operations with Ocean Terminal serving as the initial phase.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** This project is in keeping with established policy to maintain reliable and relevant information technology systems supporting the mission of the GPA.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Expenditures of \$1,460,000 over the next 3 fiscal years from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the OCR System for Ocean Terminal.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Patrick M Bukowski, Director of Information Technology

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$1,460,000 for the Ocean Terminal OCR System.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*