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Navy Base Intermodal Facility and Barge Program South Carolina Ports Authority

The South Carolina Ports Authority assumed the Navy Base Intermodal Facility project in 2021. To accelerate the construction of the project to make it available to the newly completed Hugh Leatherman Terminal, the South Carolina Legislature, SC Department of Commerce, Palmetto Railways and the SC Ports Authority agreed to transfer the project to the Port Authority to complete the design and construct the project. The South Carolina Ports Authority added several project components both at the new Leatherman Terminal and the Wando Welch Terminal in Mt. Pleasant to facilitate a barge service to transfer containerized freight between the two port terminals and the intermodal facility. The State Legislature allocated \$550 million for this project and on July 1, 2021, the SC Ports Authority took responsibility for the project.

The presentation will provide a summary of the project history and its role in the overall process of moving international freight, both imports and exports through the facilities in Charleston, and will focus on the actual execution of the project from 2021 to today, including the current state of construction.