

**CITY OF PORT ST JOE
ACTION PLAN LEADING TEAMS**

GOAL 1: Create and retain jobs while maintaining and improving the quality of life in the community.
LEADING TEAM: City Manager, Port Authority, Gulf County EDA, Pace Foundation, Christy McElroy

Objectives and Policies	Projects/Activities
OBJECTIVE 1.2: Improve transportation network facilities in order to attract new businesses, create new jobs and increase tax base.	
Policy 1.2.1: Support the Port Authority's efforts to obtain funds for dredging of the Ship Channel through continued coordination with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Governor's office and Legislative delegation.	Set up workshop with Port Authority, City Commission, County Administrator, St Joe Company, Preble-Rish Engineering to get update on the port activities Explore recent federal appropriations bill funding transportation improvements??? \$
Policy 1.2.2: Support the Port Authority's efforts to maintain the Port designation as an "emerging Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)" by FDOT which provides a link to federal and state funding for the Port.	
Policy 1.2.3: Continue to support the efforts of the Port Authority and the Gulf County Economic Development Alliance (EDA) to market the port as a location for bulk, container or vehicle shipments to and from the region	
Policy 1.2.4: Continue to pursue FDOT's release of grant funds to restore rail service to the City of Port St Joe to serve the Port facilities and promote general economic development in the community.	
Policy 1.2.5: Continue to coordinate with FDOT and the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (NWFTCA) to ensure alignment of the Gulf Coast Parkway provides the most direct route from the City to I-10.	Check with Steve Norris on status of the proposed facility and the proposed alternatives.
Policy 1.2.6: Explore and pursue opportunities with FDOT to strengthen the transportation system and grow the economy utilizing Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and other FDOT funding and support programs.	PACE proposed Gateway Boulevard Corridor to connect the proposed Gateway Project Site with SR 71 and Port facilities – Comprehensive Plan amendment needed to allow proposed Gateway Project.
Policy 1.2.7: Continue to support the operation of the AN Railway as a regionally important Port to Rail component to link the port with the national rail system.	
Policy 1.2.8: Participate in Sister City or Sister Port programs with developing ports in South and Central America.	Not a priority at this time