

**TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE**

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**PMO's Priority List of Transport Projects:**

- I've just briefed General Kellogg of the COO Infrastructure office on PMO's list of top projects for expedited approval and release of supplemental funds:
  - Maritime
    - **Electricity for Umm Qasr--\$6.0M:** This project will improve the port's electric system and connect the port to the main electric grid. Currently, the port's container cranes operate from diesel-powered generators.
    - **Security--\$6.5M:** This scope of projects will provide temporary and permanent physical barriers in areas around key port management and administrative/computer areas, container yards, lighting, medical facilities improvement and hazardous material and environmental control equipment.
    - **Container Cranes--\$3M:** Due to the increased volume of container cargo (military, commercial, humanitarian aid, and PMO projects), this scope of work comprises the refurbishment of 2 NELCON ship-to-shore cranes in the old port of Umm Qasr.
  - Aviation
    - **ANS Equipment and Services (VSAT/Communications) at Ar Rutbah and non-BIAP sites--\$4.5M:** The augmentation of the Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) equipment will strengthen the communications capability of civilian aircraft overflying Iraq. Because VSAT will enable radar coverage and voice between air traffic control and aircraft, it will strengthen flight safety throughout Iraq.
    - **BIAP Navigational Systems (RADAR and associate components)--\$23.4M:** These systems are essential to transfer navigational capabilities from mobile military assets to Iraqi-based air control.
    - **BIAP Infrastructure Construction (Lights/Signs)--\$14M:** In concert with the above programs (particularly ANS), this project will permit operations beyond basic daylight and favorable (VFR) weather conditions.
- **PMO Projects Already Under Way:** These are projects that are approved, funded, and about to be/already contracted.
  - **Dredging at Umm Qasr--\$3.5M:** This funding provides \$3.5M for enhanced and maintenance dredging near the mouth of the port complex and specific berths. Dredging project has been initiated, and dredging should start by Feb. 12th.
  - **Container Wagons--\$12M:** The IRR needs new container wagons to provide sufficient capacity for the projected increase in military, humanitarian relief, and commercial cargo expected from the revitalized ports of Umm Qasr and Khawr Az Zubayr.
  - **LPG Wagons--\$3M:** The IRR needs additional LPG capacity to accommodate increased LPG traffic within the country as more LPG production occurs.