

# SR 404 Spur/US 17 at Savannah River Crossing

## FACT SHEET

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### Port of Savannah

The Port of Savannah is the fastest growing port in the nation and a significant economic engine for the Savannah region, Georgia, and the rest of the Southeast. Georgia's deepwater ports support more than 500,000 jobs and \$122 billion in annual revenue to the state's economy.<sup>1</sup>

### The Issue

The SR 404 Spur/US 17 Bridge carries US 17 across the Savannah River, and it also serves as a gateway for ships calling on the Port of Savannah's terminals, located upriver from the bridge. With a vertical clearance of 185 feet, the bridge effectively limits passage from an ever-larger generation of ships seeking to navigate beneath the bridge to access the Port.

### Project Purpose

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT), in partnership with the Georgia Ports Authority, is examining future, long-term improvement alternatives to replace the SR 404 Spur/US 17 Bridge.

### Next Steps

Georgia DOT will assess the impacts (e.g., environmental) of the long-term alternatives and provide an opportunity for public input. There is no timeline or funding currently identified for a preferred alternative.

### Short-Term Solution

Concurrently, Georgia DOT is moving forward with a maintenance project to replace the existing cables, bridge bearings, and joints and explore raising the bridge profile for additional clearance. Visit:

<https://us17sr404-0019219-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/>



As of May 2021, the largest container ship to call on the Port of Savannah was the CMA CGM Marco Polo (shown above). Ever-larger ships are becoming increasingly common on the world's oceans. Photo by Stephen Morton/Georgia Ports Authority

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.terry.uga.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/GA-Ports-2019-final.pdf>

#### MORE INFORMATION

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