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Jeff port gets \$10M to help meet 'global demand'

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The U.S. Department of Transportation announced nearly \$500 million in grants for infrastructure projects nationwide - including a \$10 million grant for improvements at Ports of Indiana-Jeffersonville. The grant will fund rail and road construction at the port, to help it "meet increasing global demand for agricultural commodities and other bulk materials." The project description from the Department of Transportation says it includes a nearly mile-long rail siding extension to allow rails to carry a 90-car unit train to the port. A new rail-to-barge facility will be developed, as well as other transportation needs. It also includes a truck-to-rail facility to accommodate increasing commercial traffic that's expected when the East End Bridge opens. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$17 million. U.S. Rep. Todd Young said the project will give Hoosiers a competitive business edge by connecting rail, road and waterways. "The pieces continue to fall in place for Southern Indiana, with speeding development at River Ridge and now this major infrastructure project," Young said Thursday. "These are big wins, and perhaps our biggest opportunities for economic growth and job creation in the region yet." U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly also praised the announcement, saying the grant will benefit the port and "the surrounding communities as they continue efforts to improve the area's infrastructure." [Jeff port gets \\$10M to help meet 'global demand'](#)

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