At 11:00 AM EDT, Tropical Storm Barry has now formed in the Gulf of Mexico with a maximum sustained wind of 40 mph with higher gusts. The center of the tropical storm is located 95 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River. Barry is moving toward the west near 5 mph, and this motion is expected to continue through today. Barry is forecast to become a hurricane Saturday morning and make landfall in central or southeastern Louisiana. A Hurricane Watch is in effect for the mouth of the Mississippi River to Cameron, LA. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for the Louisiana coast from the mouth of the Pearl River to Morgan City.

The storm is forecast to drop 24 inches of rain in southeast Louisiana and southwest Mississippi by July 13. The storm is expected to continue to rain as the storm moves north into the Mississippi Valley. Seven Louisiana coastal parishes are under voluntary evacuation. The Governors of Louisiana and Mississippi have issued Emergency Declarations and Louisiana is expected to submit a Presidential Emergency Declaration later today.
Emergency Response Team (ERT) Activations

- Region VI, ESF-1, activated to the Regional Response Control Center (RRCC) in Denton, TX on July 11 at 12:00 PM EDT
- Region VI ESF-1, activated to the Louisiana State EOC
- S-60 will activate the Routing Assistance Hotline Friday, July 12
- FEMA Region VI is at full activation – DOT’s RETREP is supporting from Region VI headquarters in Denton, Texas

FAA

- Beginning 24-hour operations at 8:00 AM EDT on July 11
- Personnel from the Air Traffic Organization are deploying to New Orleans, LA and Austin, TX to assist in the planning of air operations in support of response and recovery efforts
- Crisis Response Working Group (CRWG) meeting at 2:00 PM EDT on July 11 to review the status of FAA preparations and NAS impacts
- Facilities in the threat area attaining Readiness Level Bravo
- No limiting factors

Bravo – implement actions to protect personnel and facilities, maintain communications checks, distribute or relocate emergency food, water and recovery equipment, distribute or relocate repair parts, provide fuel for facility backup power equipment, consider dispersal of FAA aircraft, disseminate warnings and evacuation orders, provide survival information and assistance to FAA employee/dependents, initiate CRWG meetings, review post disaster plans, notify operations center when measures are complete, prepare emergency cadres for relocation, submit daily situation report, prepare alternate command and control facilities.
FHWA

- Preparedness activities are underway at Texas DOT and Louisiana DOTD in advance of Potential Tropical Cyclone Two
- Texas DOT District Offices are reviewing hurricane response plans
- Texas DOT has standing contracts in place for responders (trailers with beds, hot showers, food prep/service)
- No limiting factors

FMCSA

- Issued "weather alert" to all FMCSA personnel assigned in the impacted area
- Employees will monitor the storm activities and have been briefed on their COOP plan and telework agreements
- Will issue Regional Emergency Declaration on July 11, 2019 for the following states: AL, AR, FL, GA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MS, MO, OK, TN, and TX
  - Declaration will provide hours of service relief to responders
- No limiting factors

MARAD

- Ready Reserve Force (RRF) vessels in the affected region have implemented Heavy Weather Mooring plans
- Division of Gulf Operations are authorized telework through July 15
- USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) New Orleans set Port Condition Whiskey July 10
- USCG COTP Port Arthur set Port Condition X-Ray on July 10 for Port Arthur, TX, Port of Beaumont, TX, Orange, TX, Sabine, TX, and Lake Charles, TX
  - Port Condition Yankee, which closes the port to incoming traffic, is anticipated later today, July 11
- No limiting factors

Port Condition Whiskey: open to all commercial traffic. All oceangoing barges and their supporting tugs and all self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500 GT to report their intention to depart or remain in port.

Port Condition X-Ray: open to all commercial traffic. All remaining in port must submit checklists to the COTP for approval. Individually assess vessels desiring to remain in port

Port Condition Yankee: Vessel traffic/facility control measures in effect. Establish a Safety Zone controlling vessel movements and activities as appropriate. COTP approve or direct, as necessary, final mooring arrangements for vessels remaining in port.
PHMSA

- All offices in the potential impact area are on alert; will coordinate with regulated entities as the storm intensifies
- Regional Field Offices are prepared to assist federal, state, local partners and provide regulatory relief when requested
- Coordinating with DHS, DOE, and sharing regular updates with the Defense Logistics Agency and TSA on pipeline infrastructure
- No limiting factors

FRA

- FRA Administrator opened the emergency relief docket on July 11
- FRA staff in the potential impacted areas have been notified of the pending storm
- FRA Regional management teams in affected areas have established communication lines with carriers for designated reporting
- Railroads with operations and infrastructure in the areas projected to be impacted have initiated implementation of contingency plans
- Amtrak service adjustments:
  - San Antonio, TX – New Orleans, LA
    - Train 1 and 2 service ending in San Antonio; no alternate transportation
  - Jackson, MS – New Orleans, LA
    - Train 58 and 59 service ending in Jackson; no alternate transportation
  - Meridian, MS – New Orleans LA
    - Train 19 ending in Atlanta, GA; no alternate transportation
- Amtrak monitoring service adjustments and coordinating with local officials as required

FTA

- All appropriate notifications to FTA leadership and cadre members was made
- Awaiting status of transit agencies preparation efforts in the affected areas
- New Orleans RTA and Baton Rouge running buses in lieu of their street cars due to flooding; full service dependent upon power and receding flood waters