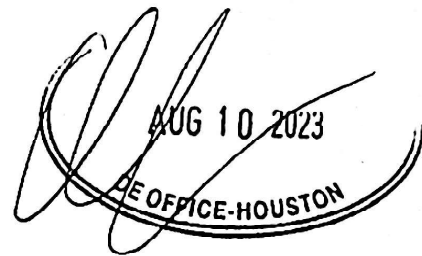


Eliza Paul
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Dear Ms. Paul:

On behalf of Port Houston, I want to express our firm support for the TXDOT 225 Redevelopment plan. The necessity to increase freight capacity and connectivity to the corridor is paramount to our region's growth.

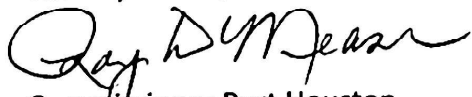
- Freight movement in the region continues to grow as petrochemical industry production expands and imports (driven by market forces) rise year over year. This has been clearly demonstrated by the 100% increases in containers through Port Houston from 2016 to 2022 (2 million TEU's to nearly 4 million TEU's).

Houston Ship Channel-related businesses generate more than \$439 billion in statewide economic value according to an economic impact study by Martin Associates in 2022.

- If freight capacity on our roadways is not expanded and regional growth is stifled due to congestion, we put at risk an additional \$200 billion in new economic value by 2032 (based on projections from the Martin Associates studies).

After reviewing TXDOT's seven proposed alternatives for redevelopment, we strongly support **Alternative #5**, which "*Adds Elevated Managed Lanes*", creates the capacity to meet growth, and successfully addresses Safety, Multimodal, Evacuation and Infrastructure needs.

Thank you for your consideration,



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