



City of South Houston

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Texas Department of Transportation/Houston District
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Dear Ms. Paul:

On behalf of the City of South 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 that \$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,

Joe Soto
Mayor