



August 15, 2023

Eliza Paul  
District Engineer  
Texas Department of Transportation/Houston District  
7600 Washington Avenue  
Houston, TX 77007

Dear Ms. Paul:

On behalf of the city of Deer Park, 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,

Jerry Mouton  
Mayor  
City of Deer Park