THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF SH 225 CORRIDOR IN TEXAS

Freight Activity Along SH 225

Freight-intensive industries are those industries whose cost to move goods comprise a higher-than-average portion of their business costs. The SH 225 Corridor connects the dense, downtown area of Houston (with the largest concentration of freight-intensive industries), with the eastern and southeastern suburbs, which also have relatively high concentrations. Nearly 1,400 freight-intensive businesses are located along the SH 225 Corridor. These businesses are major producers, consumers, and/or generators of goods along the corridor. These industries generate and attract 59 million tons of freight, annually.

Freight-intensive industries along SH 225 employ 31,000 people annually. The largest industries are in the following sectors:

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SH 225 by the Numbers
- 59 million tons of freight generated and attracted by the freight-intensive industries
- $20.7 billion worth of freight
- 1,400 freight-intensive businesses generating 31,000 jobs
- Total annual economic impact of 57,000 jobs, $4.4 billion in income, $7.2 billion in Gross State Product and $1.2 million in tax

The information provided comes from the TxDOT Economic Role of Freight in Texas Study.
Critical Intermodal Connectors

Intermodal connectors are key local roads providing last-mile connections between SH 225 and local businesses enabling the timely and reliable delivery of goods. Major freight shippers linked to SH 225 include the Shell Deer Park Chemical Plant and Refinery, GATX Terminals Corporation, and Phillips Pipeline Company. SH 225 also provides access to port facilities along the Houston Shipping Channel and intersects two FMCSA Designated Hazardous Materials Route.

Economic Impact of Employment in the Freight-Intensive Industries

The total annual economic contribution (direct plus indirect plus induced) from employment in the freight-intensive industries along the SH 225 Corridor represents:

- **57,000** jobs
- **4.4 billion** in personal income
- **7.2 billion** in gross state product
- **1.1 billion** in tax revenues which includes
  - **614 million** in Federal taxes
  - **509 million** in state/local taxes

Source: Cambridge Systematics analysis using TREDIS

Role of the SH 225 Corridor

Connects major generators of freight and economic activity in the:

- Energy industry
- Manufacturing industry
- Chemical industry
- Terminals along the Houston Ship Channel