THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE ODESSA DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Odessa district totals 310,000 jobs, worth $22 billion in income and $43 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Odessa district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Odessa economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Odessa district generates 10,790 jobs. Warehousing and Storage is the largest employer in freight transportation in the district, followed by Trucking. Other freight modes and handling activities, including couriers and messengers, support activities to transportation and warehousing, the U.S. Postal Service, rail, and pipeline transportation also have impacts in the district.

Direct Employment by Mode

-**Postal Service**: 540
-**Rail**: 40
-**Water**: 210
-**Warehousing and Storage**: 4,390
-**Couriers and Messengers**: 190
-**Truck**: 4,660
-**Pipeline**: Total: 10,790

Moving the Goods, Fueling the Economy

The top five commodities by tonnage moving on the Texas Multimodal Freight Network in the district are:

- **Brine, water** (269M Tons)
- **Nonmetallic minerals** (64M Tons)
- **Clay, concrete, glass, stone** (3M Tons)
- **Waste or scrap materials** (3M Tons)
- **Petroleum or coal products** (2M Tons)
The information provided comes from the TxDOT Economic Role of Freight in Texas Study and represents year 2018.

Economic Impact of Freight in the Odessa District

**Annual Impact of Direct Freight Employment**
- 16,900 jobs
- $1.3 billion in income
- $1.3 billion in Gross Regional Product

**Total Annual Economic Impact of Freight**
(Total impacts of freight employment plus direct impacts of freight-dependent industries)
- 112,000 jobs
- $10.5 billion in income
- $22.8 billion in Gross Regional Product
- $4.4 billion in Federal, state and local tax

#### Economic Importance of Freight in the Odessa District

**Freight supports**
- 36% of district jobs

**Freight-supported jobs generate about**
- 48% of district wages

**Freight-dependent businesses generate about**
- 53% of district Gross Regional Product

#### Freight Moving in the Odessa District

732 million tons of freight worth $20.5 billion originated in, was destined for, or moved within the district. Inbound freight represents imports into the district; outbound freight represents exports from the district; and, within movements represents freight that both originate and terminate in the district.

#### Movement in Tons and Value

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