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MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Eliza Paul  
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Texas Department of Transportation/Houston District  
7600 Washington Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Paul,

On behalf of the East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA), 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.

EHCMA is a coalition of 118 plant sites at one of the largest petrochemical complexes in the world, managed by corporations that are dedicated to providing jobs, upholding environmental standards and providing a better quality of life for their neighbors in and around the Greater Houston area. This is why we support the TXDOT Redevelopment Plan:

- 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 TEUs to nearly 4 million TEUs).
- 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.

Sincerely,



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**Executive Director**

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