



A fresh look at *Port Transportation*

**THE ISSUE**

The growth in the U.S. manufacturing sector being energized by the shale gas revolution and the Panama Canal expansion project are creating new opportunities for import and export growth. In Texas alone, 84 chemical industry projects have been announced amounting to more than \$50B in new capital investment and 100,000 new Texas jobs.

New Texas regulations allow for the Port of Houston to remain a competitive choice for shippers.

**BENEFITS OF THE NEW PORT TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS**

- Encourages investment in state of Texas
- Makes Texas ports competitive with other states
- Grows business for our ports
- Improves truck safety
- Reduces road infrastructure impact
- Reduces traffic impact
- Improves logistics efficiency by 10 percent (Polyethylene industry)
- Reduces vehicle emissions and fuel consumption

**PORT TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS**

The Gulf Coast of Texas is at the epicenter of the chemical industry expansion with the Port of Houston playing a critical role in the success of this new import and export growth.

This new regulation helps modernize and drive efficiency in shipping in the Port of Houston and along the Gulf Coast. It reduces the number of trucks on the road by filling permitted loads to the maximum capacity, which reduces vehicle emissions and helps to reduce road wear and tear in the region. It also ensures:

- Future competitiveness of the Texas Gulf region, the Port of Houston and the international crossings
- Increased safety and productivity for container trucks
- Decreased road consumption associated with the growth in Texas manufacturing as a result of the Texas shale gas revolution

Before Port Transportation Corridors, the Port of Houston was the only major port that could not handle fully loaded containers due to its most restrictive road weight limits - CA, LA, AL MS, FL, GA, SC, NC, VA, NJ and NY already allowed fully loaded containers to access their ports. Texas business was at a competitive disadvantage without access for fully loaded containers to the Port of Houston.

Port Transportation Corridors provide the solution to this problem by reducing logistics costs for Texas business, while improving safety and reducing impact on public road infrastructure.

**THE PORT OF HOUSTON IS:**

1st in U.S. imports

2nd in U.S. exports

7th in U.S. container shipments

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Coalition for Transportation Productivity estimates Houston would have lost 1M TEU (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit) of business over the next decade without a Port Transportation Corridor.