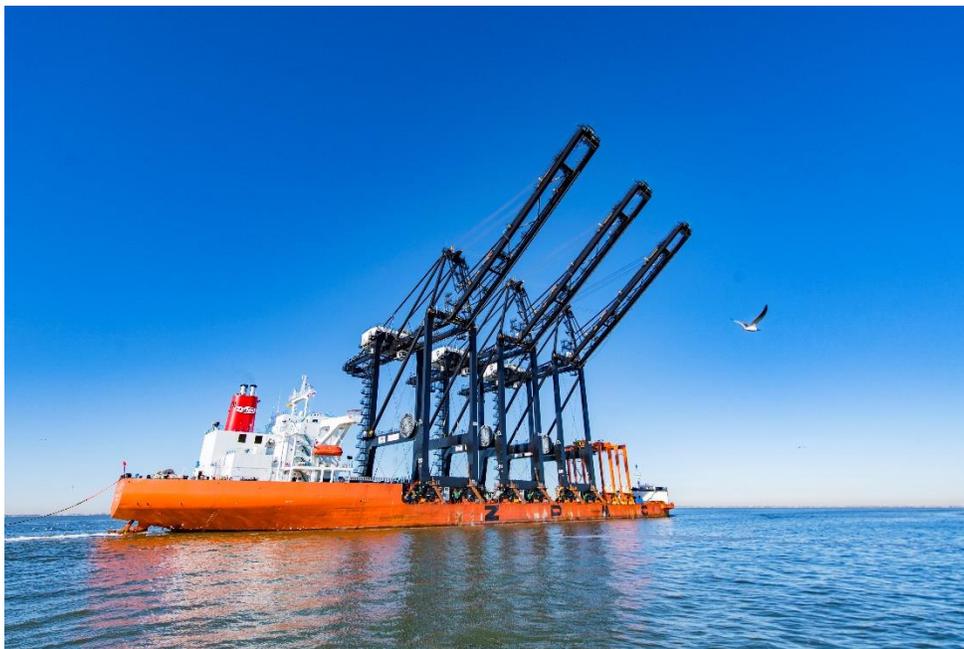




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Port Houston cargo continues record pace Container volume up 37 percent compared to same month last year



HOUSTON – Container volume at Port Houston in February totaled 271,399 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs), which is 37 percent more than the same month in 2021. In the first two months of 2022, container volume at Port Houston totaled 594,826 TEUs, an increase of 31% year-to-date.

“This is the biggest February Port Houston has ever seen in terms of containers. In response to this strong growth, we are accelerating projects at our container terminals, like opening additional gates at our Barbour’s Cut Container Terminal,” Port Houston Executive Director Roger Guenther said. “The arrival of three new neo-panamax ship-to-shore cranes at our Bayport Container Terminal in February will allow us to work larger ships than ever before, which is another way we are well poised for the future of container shipping,” Guenther said. “Those new cranes are expected to be fully operational by mid-April of this year.”

Other measures are being considered to reduce long dwell on containers, which adds pressure on space at the terminals as they move the record number of boxes. Guenther called for collaboration to increase efficiency.

“We are asking importers to expedite the pickup of containers and for exporters to work closely with their carriers to improve schedules and delivery to maintain a fluid environment,” Guenther said. “We are doing what we can to expedite movements as well. Starting in March we are waiving dockage for ships waiting at anchor that have a berth and are just waiting for gang assignments. This will accelerate the working of vessels to push cargo through the system quicker.”

Steel moving through Port Houston’s multi-purpose facilities cargo is also steadily increasing. Steel imports are up 167 percent this month compared to February of last year, a positive sign for the energy sector.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area’s largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 public and private terminals, collectively known as the Port of Houston, is the nation’s largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.35 million jobs in Texas and 3.2 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$339 billion in Texas – 20.6 percent of Texas’ total gross domestic product (GDP) – and \$801.9 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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