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Port Houston Rings in New Year with Massive Growth Container volume up 27% in January



HOUSTON – Port Houston maintained momentum during the first month of 2022 following its busiest year in history for containers. Records show container volume in January totaled 323,427 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) which is 27 percent more than the same month in 2021. This is the biggest January ever for Port Houston containers.

“Following a busy holiday season, Port Houston expected large numbers of containers to continue into 2022 as importers pushed orders at origin prior to the Lunar New Year when factories in Asia traditionally close down for the holiday period and Texas exports of petrochemical and other products ramped up production to meet demand overseas. We have therefore accelerated expansion projects at

our container terminals to meet the fast growing demand,” Port Houston Executive Director Roger Guenther said.

Port Houston’s multi-purpose facilities cargo also continued to climb in January. Steel skyrocketed by 188 percent during the first month of the year and auto units increased 82 percent.

“We are not immune to many of the challenges faced in the industry today, but we are facing these challenges head on. At our container terminals we are adding yard space, opening additional gates, widening road access to our facilities and developing our workforce pipeline to handle the business,” Guenther said. “This preparedness from our team, coupled with the arrival of three new neo-panamax ship-to-shore cranes at our Bayport Terminal in February, puts us into position to meet future demand and continue being a leader in the industry.”

Looking ahead, The Houston Ship Channel Expansion, also known as Project 11, is also underway. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently awarded Port Houston \$142,515,000 as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. That funding will be utilized to complete the expansion into energy terminals and the two container terminals to accommodate 15,000 TEU class, neo-panamax vessels.

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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