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Port Houston Sets New Records at Container Terminals

HOUSTON – Port Houston’s Barbours Cut and Bayport Terminals continue to grow, and gate transactions – which track the number of containers delivered or picked up at the terminals - recently reached new heights. Bayport Terminal completed a record 1,076 gate transactions in a single hour on November 11, 2019 and Barbours Cut Terminal achieved a new milestone in September, with 3,839 gate transactions in a single day. Another record: on August 28, the terminals reported a combined 11,081 completed gate transactions, the most ever in a single day for Port Houston. Port Houston’s efficiency continues at a high pace as well, as these terminals have established and maintained an average truck turn time of 39 minutes this year.

“Port Houston’s container business has experienced double digit growth every year since 2015, and that is made possible through the extraordinary efforts of our people,” said Jeff Davis, chief port operations officer. “These gate transactions represent one portion of a complex and efficient process to move containers through our terminals. Because of our incredible teams at those two terminals, we are able to continue to provide quality and dependable service while keeping up with the growth in business.”

Port Houston recently invested in state-of-the-art technology and equipment at its container facilities, including truck gate interchange technology updates. “Port Houston’s resources allow us to provide daily, consistent service – people, technology, and equipment to serve our users,” said Ryan Mariacher, director of container terminals for Port Houston.

Port Houston is ranked 6th in the U.S. for loaded containers, and is the fastest-growing of the top 10 container ports in the U.S.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals of the greater Port of Houston – the nation’s largest port for the foreign 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 total of $801.9 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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