



Economic Alliance Houston Port Region

City of La Porte Annual Report
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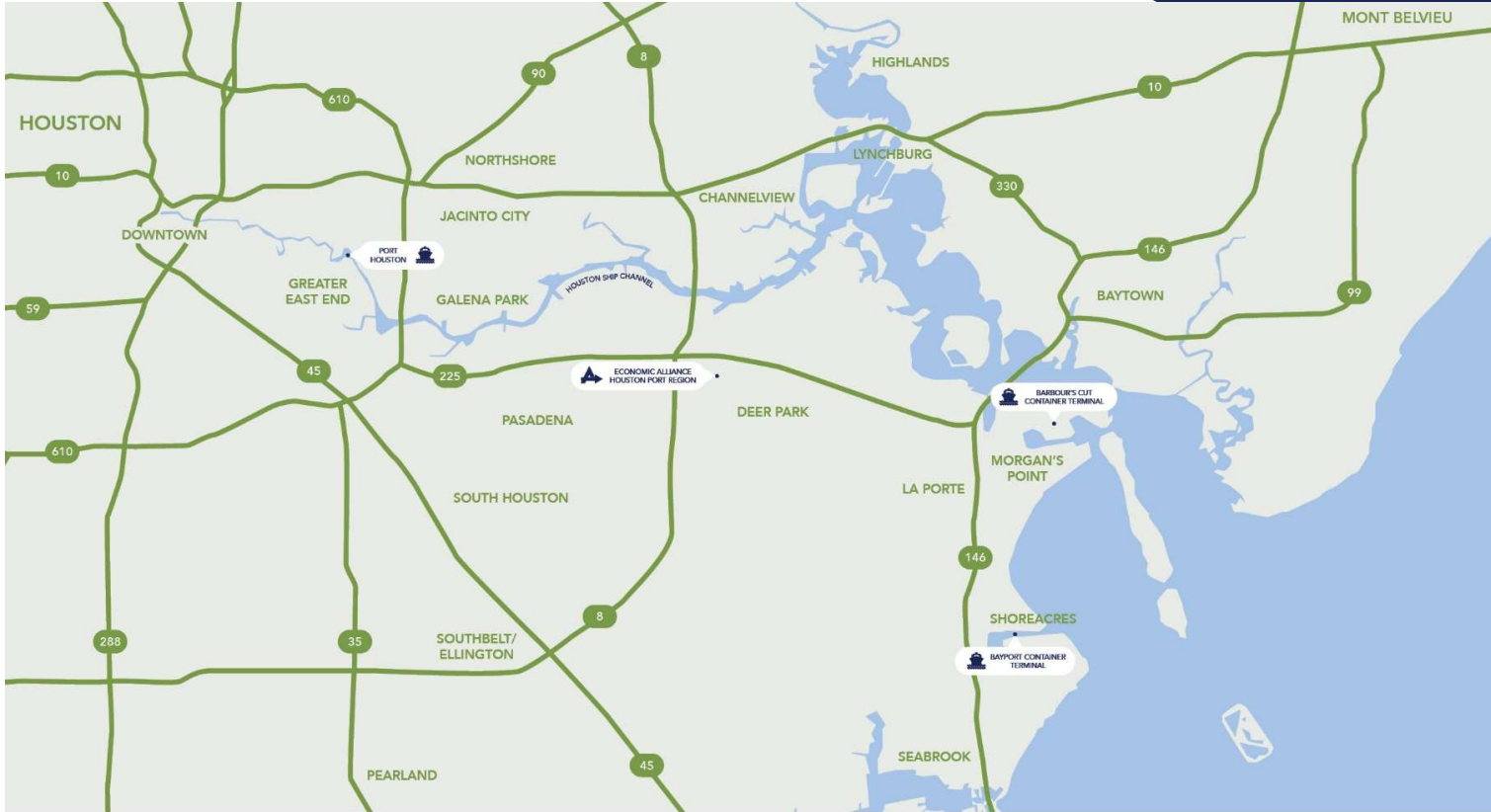
MISSION
MARKET AND GROW A VIBRANT
REGIONAL ECONOMY

INITIATIVES DRIVING GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, & POLICY



FOOTPRINT

Destination for Investment



250 Private Sector Members



13 Cities / Communities



Port Houston



Harris County



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT ACTIVITY – '08 to '23

EA Project Wins
Jobs and Capital Investment by Year



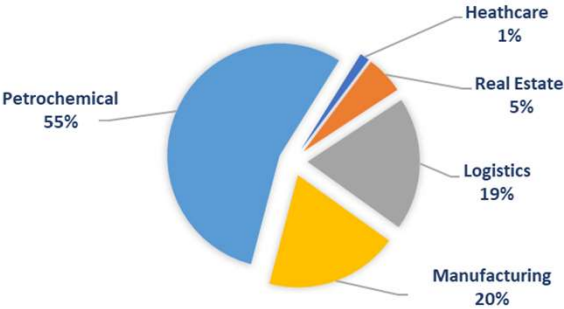
Wins

- 82
- \$18.8B Cap Ex
- 4,100 Jobs Created

Yearly Avg

- 5 Projects
- \$1.2B of Cap Ex
- 278 Jobs Created

PROJECTS BY INDUSTRY
'08 - '23





Industry

- 55% Petrochemical
- 20% Manufacturing
- 19% Logistics

WINS - 2023

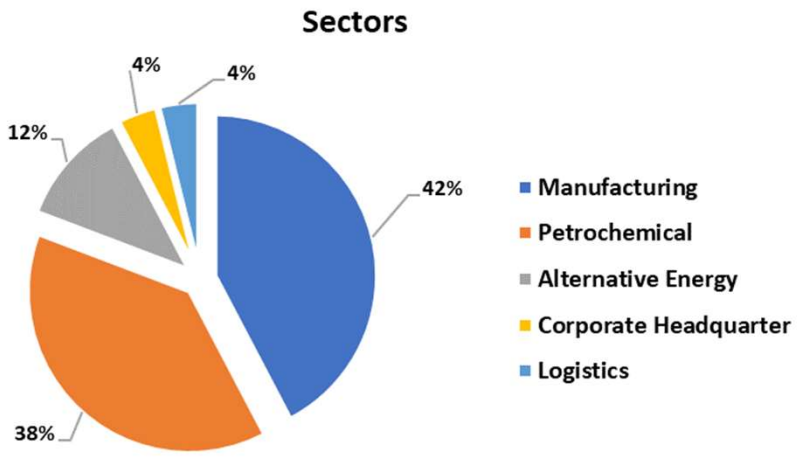
5 Wins total \$1B in capital investment, 318 direct jobs and 435 retained positions.

	JOBS CREATED	JOBS RETAINED	CAPITAL INVESTMENT
	60	NA	\$250M
	13	425	\$515M
	200	NA	\$150M
	30	NA	\$80M
	15	NA	\$10M
	318	425	\$1B

New to Texas

PROJECT PIPELINE – 2024

Industry Breakdown



26 Projects

- \$7.6B Cap Ex
- 4,509 New Jobs

- 42% Manufacturing
- 38% Petrochem
- 12% Alternative Energy
- 4% Logistics
- 4% Corporate Headquarter

Early stages of evaluating multiple locations across the Houston Port region/Ship Channel.

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FEDERAL FUNDED PROJECTS

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



Department of Energy



Health & Human Services



Department of Commerce

2 Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs (Exxon Chosen)

Site Upgrades - Natural Gas to Hydrogen

Equip Upgrades to Operations - Decarb and Emission Reductions

Reshoring of Medical Grade Man-Made Fibers

Investment in specialty chemicals for the U.S. Semiconductor Industry

\$2B+ Projects/Upgrades



FEDERAL PROJECT SUPPORT

Leverage EA resources to build resilient communities and enhance social, economic, and environmental conditions.
 (Part of Application)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/ ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IMPACTS

- Directly market career paths, job opportunities, skill enhancement to potential job candidates impacting economic opportunity and equity.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

- Leverage our membership base, municipal, utility and infrastructure contacts to provide solutions and support with issues while completing a major capital investment.

BENEFITS/OPPORTUNITY ARTICULATION

- Provide opportunities to highlight environmental advancements, project benefits and opportunities to engage the new development through GCIF and Industrial Procurement Forums.





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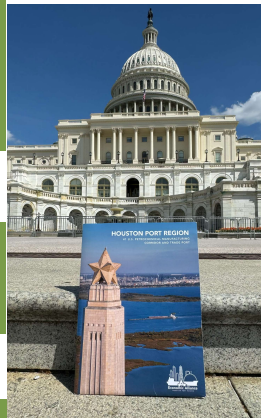
ECONOMIC ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP TEAM –
Deliver Federal Policy White Paper in D.C.

April 2024 DC Trip
52 Members Attended
46 Meetings across 2 Days



1

Houston Ship Channel
Supply Chain
Improvements



2

Petrochem Manufacturing
Regulations Impact



3

Community Colleges
Workforce Development
Support



4

Coastal Barrier Economic
Asset Protections



PUBLIC POLICY

ECONOMIC ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP TEAM – 2023 State Policy White Paper

Economic Alliance supports the funding and completion of transportation projects impacting the movement of product and people

- Beltway 8 Ship Channel Bridge and State Highway 225 – Funding and completion of all **8 direct connectors**.
- Engineer, fund and complete a **direct connector from State Highway 225 to Barbour’s Cut Blvd.**
- Fund the **San Jacinto River Bridge** replacement, Cedar Bayou Crossing, and Garth Road improvements.
- **Grand Parkway/99** – Southeast Section; segments A, B and C.

Economic Alliance
HOUSTON PORT REGION

HOUSTON PORT REGION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TEXAS 88th LEGISLATIVE SESSION

THE HOUSTON PORT REGION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTIC BASES IN THE WORLD.

Economic Alliance, representing over 200 private sector companies, Port Houston, 12 cities, Harris County and several educational institutions support policies that create an attractive business climate for business and skilled workers to grow.

Objectives of our 88th legislative session priorities are to highlight the following issues related to the Houston Port region:

- TCEQ SUNSET
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES
- ELECTRIC RELIABILITY
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/COLLEGES
- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
- TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
- ASSET PROTECTIONS

Economic Alliance asks for your insight and support to advance solutions that strengthen the long-term growth of the most sought-after region in the world for petrochemical, manufacturing, maritime and logistics operations.

TCEQ SUNSET
Support environmental policies that are conducive to creating economic opportunity and preserving a sound business environment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES
Support the creation of a new school property tax abatement program (Chapter 313) that attracts new investment and ensures our long-term competitiveness.

ELECTRIC RELIABILITY
Support solutions that improve the operational performance of our existing electric generation fleet and provide targeted incentives to attract new generation.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/COLLEGES
Continued support for the Texas Commission on Community College Finance revised model for funding community colleges.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
Support measures to ease the property tax burden and a complete reformation of the industrial and residential property appraisal system.
Maintenance of municipal authority and oppose any measure which jeopardizes the ability to make decisions that impact businesses and quality of life.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
Support the funding and completion of documented transportation projects impacting the state's most vital economic corridor.

ASSET PROTECTIONS
Support legislation to fund the design and construction of the Coastal Spine Project.



TRANSPORTATION/ INFRASTRUCTURE

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ECONOMIC ALLIANCE CONVENES local/state elected officials, Port Houston, petrochemical association partners and private sector members to **DELIVER TXDOT A PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST**

Impacting safety, mobility efficiency and environmental concerns related to the SH146/SH225/610/I10 transportation corridor.



Facilitate economic opportunity through the acknowledgment of Port Houston's unprecedented growth that has made it the nation's busiest port.

Enhance the Houston Port region's \$50 billion in manufacturing expansions, Port Houston's \$1B commitment to widen and deepen the Houston ship channel, and state/local investment to construct the \$2B Beltway 8 bridge and expansion of SH146.

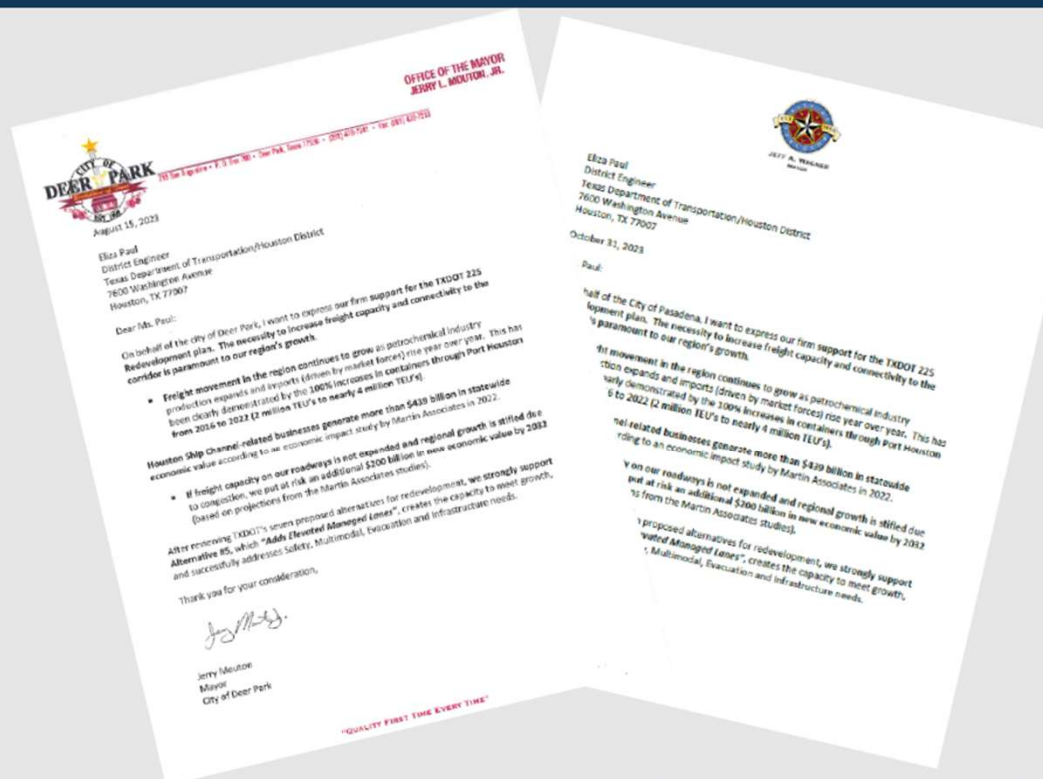


TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

Support Letters

22 Support letters were received to date for Alternative #5, Elevated Managed Lanes

City of Pasadena
City of Deer Park
City of Morgan's Point
City of South Houston
City of Baytown
City of Seabrook
City of Pearland
Port Houston
Economic Alliance Houston Port Region
East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHMA)
ILA South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District
West Gulf Maritime Association (WGMA)
BayTran
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
Galveston Economic Development Partnership
CenterPoint Energy
BIC Alliance
Turner Industries
LBC Tank Terminals
Tri Con Holdings, Inc.
Methodist Hospital – Clear Lake
Lee College



TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE



Recommended Alternative

7 Conceptual Alternatives

0. No-Build
1. Reconstruct to Current Standards
2. Add General Use Lanes
3. Add Elevated Freight Truck Lanes
4. Add Elevated High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes
5. Add Elevated Managed Lanes
6. Convert General Use Lane to Truck Lane
7. Convert General Purpose Lane to Managed Lane

Detailed Evaluation

3 Viable Alternatives

0. No-Build
3. Add Elevated Freight Truck Lanes
4. Add Elevated High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes
5. Add Elevated Managed Lanes

Refinement

Recommended Alternative

Elevated Structure with 2 Lanes in Both Directions

We are here

*No-Build Alternative (0) is carried through each level of screening as a baseline comparison.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

Recommended Alternative



How could the elevated lanes be used?

The elevated lanes could be in the center of the roadway or between the frontage roads and general-purpose lanes.

The recommended alternative proposes to reconstruct the current facility to meet current design standards.

Elevated Lanes | 2 Additional Lanes in Both Directions



Truck Only

Trucks would be allowed to use the elevated lanes.

HOV

Transit or high occupancy vehicles (HOV 2+) would be allowed to use the elevated lanes.

Managed

Trucks, HOV, transit passenger and/or other vehicles could be allowed to use the elevated lanes at certain times of the day.

Add Elevated Managed Lanes



**Elevated managed lanes could be in the center or between the frontage road and general use lanes.*

Upcoming Major Projects in the PEL Study Area



NEPA Process & Preliminary Design



I-610E Ship Channel Bridge

Agency: TxDOT

Scope: Development of the schematic design and environmental studies for the reconstruction and raising of the I-610E Ship Channel Bridge (Sidney Sherman Bridge).

Estimated Start of Schematic and Environmental Studies: Fall 2024

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2 Billion

Detailed Design



SH 225 and Beltway 8 Interchange

Agency: Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA)

Scope: Development of the detailed design, specifications, and costs for constructing 8 director connectors at SH 225 and Beltway 8 in support of the HCTRA's Ship Channel Bridge Program.

Estimated Letting: Summer 2024

Estimated Construction Cost: \$310 Million

Detailed Design



SH 225 Overlay

Agency: TxDOT

Scope: Re-paving of SH 225 from Beltway 8 to East Boulevard.

Estimated Letting: Summer 2025

Estimated Construction Cost: \$11 Million



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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DIRECTLY MARKET CAREER PATHS and **JOB OPPORTUNITIES** to address attrition, skill enhancement, and demand **TO POTENTIAL JOB CANDIDATES.**

- Leverage partnerships with EHCMA and 9 community colleges to recruit and train a qualified workforce
- Filling a key role with industry partners in identifying and prioritizing the high-demand, high-paying careers



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION WORKFORCE - To close the skilled worker gap and connect economic opportunities in the Houston Port region.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES '23

ECONOMIC ALLIANCE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES '23



HOSTED 3 SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS - 8 MANUFACTURING DAYS WITH 8 COMPANIES/4 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SINCE 2016
PROVIDED SCOPE OF
CAREER PATHS AND JOB
OPPORTUNITIES TO
54,000+
STUDENTS





QUALITY OF LIFE

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ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND SAN JACINTO TEXAS HISTORIC DISTRICT PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS for Q of L projects.



PROJECTS AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS

\$63K

- 9 projects/capital campaigns. Impacting residents/organizations located in Pasadena, Pearland, Morgan's Point, La Porte, Shoreacres and Precinct 2 at large.

BEAUTIFICATION/COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

\$38K

- Pasadena Mini-Murals on Signal Boxes
- Restoration of the Pearland Depot
- City of Morgan's Point Storage Tank Rehab/Logo
- La Porte Gold Star Families Memorial Monument
- Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto Monument
- Shoreacres Gateway Flag Pole

CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS/COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECTS

\$25K

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – Various Elementary Schools in Precinct 2.
- The Imelda Assistance Fund - Grant money to nonprofit organizations that provide services to individuals.
- The Bridge Over Troubled Waters (The Bridge) –
- Campaign to build a new center for children and youth of domestic violence victims.





INSIGHTS/THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

GULF COAST INDUSTRY FORUM

ECONOMIC ALLIANCE'S LARGEST EVENT of the year bringing industry, government, and community stakeholders.



Gulf Coast Industry Forum
AN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE HOUSTON PORT REGION EVENT

2023

850
ATTENDEES

21
SPEAKERS &
PANELIST

35
EXHIBITORS

- **10,500 attendees at the Pasadena Convention center over 14-years including 2 State of Texas Governors, U.S. Senators and Congressmen, CEO's, Plant Managers and Local Officials.**





Thank You!

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