

Savannah, Georgia:

Gateway to the World?

Why Crane Worldwide's Expansion to Savannah is Creating Huge Buzz

Many have said that after its upcoming port expansion, Savannah, Georgia, will become the South's gateway to the world.

But they're wrong.

With the advantages the upgraded port will bring, there's a good chance Savannah will become the gateway to the world for not only the South, but for the entire United States.

As construction takes place, Crane Worldwide Logistics will hold a re-grand opening of its 250,000 sq. ft. facility in June, positioning the company to become the port's premier freight forwarder.

In 2017, the Port of Savannah was responsible for 10 percent of U.S. containerized exports with that figure expected to grow.

Set to become the third-largest port on the U.S. East Coast, the "Big Berth/Big Ship" program will enable the Port of Savannah to handle up to six 14,000 teu vessels at once by 2024, according to the Georgia Ports Authority.

Construction will include the deepening of the Savannah River to 47 feet at mean low water, which could be completed as soon as 2020. The Georgia Ports Authority is also expected to expand Savannah's ship-to-shore cranes to 37, which will also include the replacement of 14 older models, among many other upgrades.

- Most monthly arrivals of all East Coast ports (35)
- Over 11,000 trucks per day
- 2 class-1 railroads on dock
- Single Terminal: No need to switch terminals
- All-gray chassis fleet

Of its many features, this facility will host 35 monthly arrivals - the most of all East Coast ports, with a capability of more than 11,000 trucks per day. It will also be recognized as the first port of call on the East Coast for most Asia services.



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Clients know the potential problems that often arise when shipping in and out of well-known megaports such as the Port of Los Angeles.

Between the world's worst traffic congestion and mounting backlogs, there are plenty of reasons for shipments to become delayed at major ports like Los Angeles, giving Savannah a strong appeal that could cut time and costs.

"The types of issues you will see at Los Angeles' port typically are related to backlogs, which can delay shipments for days," said District Director of Savannah Kellie Robertson.

"In addition to great leadership, Savannah is very efficient and well-run. Shippers can get in and out of the port quickly."

Robertson says Savannah will be highly sought because the city has strategically engineered not only the port's expansion, but also its network of roads.

Drivers would typically be required to go through several stoplights in order to leave the port, creating backups and delays.

"They opened a road that goes directly to the port and created a bypass to give easy access to two

SAVANNAH: SECOND-BUSIEST U.S. CONTAINER EXPORTER



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interstates and two railroads."

The Savannah Port is now only four hours away from major hub markets such as Atlanta, Orlando, Florida and Charlotte, and North Carolina.

Clients are beginning to realize the true supply chain values potential from this massive expansion.



Want to learn more? Get in touch with our logistics experts while there's still time.

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