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Intermodal Project Taking a Fast Track

Rail project expected to be economic boost

Potential \$3 billion impact for Wharton from transfer station, restored lines

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WHARTON – A transfer station and industrial park being built by Kansas City Southern Railroad Co. and CenterPoint Properties about 10 miles north of Wharton, will mean an influx of jobs, population and economic growth for the area. “There will be about 700 to 1,000 jobs when that facility is open near Kendleton in a couple of years,” said Mike Sizemore, spokesman for KCS. “Over the course of this project in the next five to 10 years, they are expecting 3,000 jobs at that facility.”

Rail center may generate 2,000 jobs

By Don Munsch, **Houston Business Journal**

A national rail line today announced construction plans for a large distribution park and rail facility that will bring up to 2,000 jobs and spark significant economic development in far west Fort Bend County. In making the announcement, an official with Kansas City Southern railroad hesitated to pinpoint an exact impact figure, but using conservative economic multipliers said "it would not be a stretch" to say the development will bring more than \$1 billion in economic impact to the area immediately west of Rosenberg and east of Wharton.