Air Cargo and Shipping

Introduction

Airports and air cargo facilities play a critical role in supporting the movement of goods throughout Tennessee and around the world. Airports help businesses move products quickly and receive time-sensitive materials needed to keep operations running smoothly. This connectivity supports industries such as logistics, distribution, manufacturing, and e-commerce by strengthening supply chains and improving access to markets. The connectivity provided by aviation infrastructure and air cargo operations helps businesses remain competitive while contributing to economic growth across the State.



Fredrick W. Smith International Airport (MEM)

Home of FedEx's Global Super Hub

According to other reports included in the EIS update, MEM generates $10.5 billion in economic output and supports 63,386 jobs. With much of its impact driven by the FedEx global "Super Hub." Making MEM the world's third-busiest cargo airport, FedEx is a major center for air cargo, logistics, and supply chain activity, supporting jobs across warehousing, distribution, manufacturing, transportation, and professional services. The hub processes more than 500,000 packages per hour, with approximately 30% destined for international markets, and its global flight network helps move goods efficiently between major markets worldwide, reinforcing Memphis' position as a leading logistics and trade hub.

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Tri-Cities Airport (TRI)

Streamlining Cargo Movements with Efficient Service

TRI supports regional and international freight movement through its Air Cargo Logistics Center, which offers customs services, Foreign-Trade Zone benefits, and aircraft support services that help businesses efficiently distribute goods. The airport's Foreign-Trade Zone designation provides customs duty advantages and inventory management benefits that can reduce operating costs for importers, exporters, manufacturers, and distributors. The airport's U.S. Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry facilitates local customs processing for imported goods, helping businesses streamline freight operations and reduce transportation time and costs. Having imports processed through TRI rather than a larger port of entry allows businesses to move goods more quickly and cost-effectively, supporting regional economic growth and strengthening the area's connectivity to global markets.





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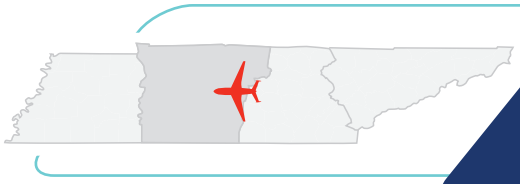
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Smyrna Airport (MQY)

Connecting Manufacturing to Markets

Nissan's manufacturing operations in Smyrna have helped make Tennessee a major automotive manufacturing hub, supporting thousands of jobs and generating significant economic activity throughout the State. The company's success relies on an extensive network of airports and aviation services that facilitate business travel, workforce mobility, and the movement of time-sensitive parts and personnel. Air transportation provides a critical link in Nissan's supply chain by allowing for the rapid delivery of equipment, technical staff, and company executives when immediate support is required. These connections that are made possible by airports like MQY, help minimize delays, maintain efficient manufacturing operations, and ensure the company can respond quickly to needs from customers, suppliers, and internal operations.





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Conclusion

Air cargo plays an important role in the Tennessee's economy, and the movement of freight would not be possible without the State's airports. MEM is home to the FedEx SuperHub, making it the second busiest cargo airport in the world. TRI processes freight quickly, allowing businesses to have a competitive advantage. And MQY is making Smyrna a leader in the automobile industry. Together, these airports support the State's economy, support business growth, and make Tennessee a leader in air cargo.



