



**Maritime
Administration**

July 16, 2020

Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration (MARAD), announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review and comment. The DEIS has been developed to assist in the evaluation of the anticipated application(s) to DOT for Federal funding being developed by the City of Long Beach for the Port of Long Beach (POLB or Port) in support of the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Project (Project). The applicant proposes the construction and operation of the 12th street alternative, which would include the reconfiguration and expansion of the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility located at the Port of Long Beach in California. The purpose of the proposed project is to: (a) Provide a sufficient facility to accommodate the expected demand of cargo to be moved via on-dock rail into the foreseeable future; (b) maximize on-dock intermodal operations to reach the long-term goal of 30 to 35 percent of cargo containers to be handled by on-dock rail; (c) provide a facility that can accept and handle longer container trains; and (d) provide a rail yard that is cost effective and fiscally prudent. The proposed Project would be constructed in three phases over an estimated seven years and has an estimated opening year of 2025. The DEIS, supporting materials, and comments may be viewed at the Federal Docket Management Facility website: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number MARAD-2019-0109.

The Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published in the *Federal Register* on July 8, 2020. MARAD invites public review of the DEIS, and encourages comments relating to the substance of that assessment and the proposed Project. We will hold a virtual informational open house and scoping meeting that can be accessed live online or by telephone. The open house and scoping meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Written and verbal comments will be accepted during the open house and public meeting and comments may be made throughout the review period ending August 31, 2020. Any information that is submitted with your comments will be retained and shall be publicly available for viewing.

- The virtual open house and public meeting will be held on July 28, 2020. Open House: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Public Meeting 6 pm to 8 pm. (Pacific)
- The events can be accessed online via WebEx using the WebEx link below to connect. When you connect through the WebEx link, you will be provided a telephone number or have the option to have WebEx call you.
 - <https://icfmeetings.webex.com/icfmeetings/j.php?MTID=mf970a0b7ff857fb947ccd92ac701d634>
 - WebEx password: POLB
 - Event number: 160 225 3493
- Please only use the telephone number provided below if you are not going to connect using the WebEx Link. After calling into the number below you will be prompted to enter the access code below.
 - 1-855-282-6330



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Those wishing to make verbal comments during the public meeting may register by email at Alan.Finio.ctr@dot.gov. Please including your full name, contact information and affiliation with your request. Individuals that have not registered ahead of time will be given the opportunity to make statements after registered participants have finished We encourage you to submit comments regarding this project anytime during the DEIS review period to the Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility. If you do so, please include your name and address, and docket number (MARAD-2019-0109). To make sure your comments are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them using **only one** of the following means by the close of the DEIS review period on August 24, 2020:

- By Mail: Docket Management Facility (MARAD-2019-0109), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001
- By FAX: To the Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2251.
- Electronically (preferred to expedite processing): Through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number MARAD-2019-0109.

If you have questions about the proposed Project, you may contact Alan Finio, Office of Environment, Maritime Administration, at (202) 366-8024 or by email at Alan.Finio.ctr@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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