

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the Long Beach Cruise Terminal Improvement Project

This serves as the City of Long Beach's (City) Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Long Beach Cruise Terminal Improvement Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Long Beach Cruise Terminal Improvement Project

Project Location: Regionally, the project site is located in the southern portion of the County of Los Angeles and in the southwest portion of the City of Long Beach (City) in the Port of Long Beach (POLB). The POLB is located in San Pedro Bay and the project site is specifically located at Pier H within the Queen Mary Seaport at 231 Windsor Way, Long Beach, CA 90802, adjacent to RMS Queen Mary. The Long Beach cruise terminal is located at the south end of the Long Beach Freeway (Interstate 710), directly across Queensway Bay from downtown Long Beach.

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802

Project Description: The project applicant, Carnival Corporation & PLC, is proposing to make improvements to its facilities at the Long Beach cruise terminal to accommodate a new and larger class of cruise ships capable of holding approximately 4,008 passengers, to safely moor the larger cruise ships at the existing berth, and to improve existing safety at the berth related to ocean swells. The proposed maritime and onshore improvements would entail all actions and activities necessary to safely accommodate the larger vessel and the associated increase in passenger numbers. Maritime improvements include dredging the existing berth to a deeper depth (approximately 33,250 cubic yards of dredging volume) and constructing two mooring dolphins and associated catwalks, a passenger walkway bridge extension, and fender replacements. Onshore improvements include expanding an existing parking garage, filling an abandoned tunnel, and reconfiguring traffic lanes near the parking garage. The project would require Site Plan Review from the City of Long Beach and a Harbor Development Permit and New Water Lease Agreement from the City of Long Beach Harbor Department.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City. Copies of the Initial Study, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting materials are available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor, Long Beach, California 90802;
- Alamitos Neighborhood Library, 1836 East Third Street, Long Beach, California 90802; and
- City of Long Beach Website: http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp.

For questions regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration contact:

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Public Review Period: **Begins – June 20, 2019**

Ends – July 19, 2019

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not identified on any list enumerated under Government Code Section 65952.5.

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the public review period as cited above**, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please submit your written comments to Ms. Amy L. Harbin, AICP, at the address cited above.