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Director of Environmental Management Los Angeles Harbor Department 425 S. Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731





RE: Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach Goods Movement Workforce Training Facility – Notice of Preparation of an EIR (NOP) SCH # 2024020298 Vic. LA-47/4.068, LA-103/0.041 GTS # 07-LA-2024-04447

Dear Director of Environmental Management:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Proposed Project would include the construction and operation of a training facility for current and future workers in the maritime and goods movement industries at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The Proposed Project's construction would include site preparation such as grading, compacting, and paving as well as the construction of buildings, utilities, and accessory structures to support workforce training activities. The Los Angeles Harbor Department is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facilities are SR-47 and SR-103. After reviewing the project's NOP, Caltrans has the following comments:

- Caltrans requests that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) include a Transportation Impact Study that includes:
  - A VMT analysis, mitigation measures such as Transportation Demand Management (TDM), and Transportation System Management (TSM).
  - A queuing analysis at the off-ramps and turning pockets at the SR-47/SR-103/Pier A Way/ Henry Ford Ave interchange to make sure that traffic doesn't back up to the mainline and that the storage for the turning pockets is adequate.
  - A multi-modal (Biking, Walking, Bus, Transit, etc.) access/conflict analysis if the Project will generate pedestrians and/or bicyclists. Provide Complete

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Street Access (ADA curb ramps, sidewalks, bike lanes, high visibility crosswalks, APS, LPI, etc.).

 Project coordination in the area (especially if constructed at the same time as the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project) is needed to make sure that traffic handling (e.g., detours, lane reduction/closure, etc.) doesn't negatively impact the surrounding communities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

Caltrans looks forward to reviewing the forthcoming EIR. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04447.

Sincerely,

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