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RE: Berths 121-131 Container Terminal
Redevelopment Project
SCH # 2014041050
Vic. LA-110/PM R1.467
GTS # LA-2026-05041-EIR/EIS

Dear Lisa Ochsner:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The proposed project consists of various improvements to an existing marine container terminal located at Berths 121-131 in the West Basin of the Los Angeles Harbor. In general, the proposed project would improve the container-handling efficiency and capacity by dredging and disposing of the dredged material, demolishing and reconstructing the wharf at Berths 126-129, relocating existing cranes to Berths 121-125, adding new, larger cranes at Berths 126-129, expanding the on-dock rail, installing electrically-powered, rail-mounted gantry cranes, and issuing a new 30-year entitlement.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. As a reminder, all environmental document should include Vehicle Miles Traveled. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/#guidelines-updates>

The Proposed Project is estimated to generate a daily Work VMT per employee of 9.1, which is below the applicable threshold of 15 and less than the APC daily work VMT per employee of 12.3. Therefore, the Project would not result in a significant impact pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b). VMT calculator results are consistent

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with PortTAM travel demand model outputs, confirming less than significant impacts under CEQA.

If needed, please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Any large-size truck trips should be limited to off-peak commute periods for the construction phase and operation phase. Construction truck loads should be covered with a tarpaulin cover.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin, the project coordinator, at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2026-05041-EIR/EIS.

Sincerely,



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