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Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Harbor District
Susim Gedam, Engineering Manager III
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RE: Port of Hueneme North Terminal Berth
Deepening and Wharf 2 Improvements Project
– Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2026020073
GTS # 07-VEN-2026-00673

Dear Susim Gedam:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The Project proposes the upgrading of Port of Hueneme to address aging infrastructure. More specifically, the Oxnard Harbor District (OHD) proposes to deepen Berths 4 and 5, adjacent to Wharf 2 to deepen the Port's North Terminal to approximately -40 feet mean lower low water (MLLW). The project is a key element of the infrastructure development envisioned in the OHD's 2020 Strategic Plan and is Item C12 of the PACED Program to modernize and deepen the North Terminal. Sediment dredged and removed from the berths may be beneficially used to nourish Hueneme Beach, either by beach placement, subject to meeting applicable physical and chemical criteria. If dredged sediment is found unsuitable for beach nourishment activities, it will be placed in a trench to be excavated in Channel A or at an existing, permitted CAD site in the harbor.

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. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

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

As a reminder, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date.

The proposed project is not anticipated to change existing vehicle cargo throughput and therefore will not result in an increase in operational vehicle trips or VMT. However, during the most intensive construction phase, up to 20 construction workers are anticipated to be on site per day which will result in approximately 40 daily vehicle trips (one inbound and one outbound trip per worker). On average, construction employment will be approximately 10 workers per day, or 20 daily vehicle trips. Construction would cause limited, temporary effects on local roadways to and from the Port via designated haul route connecting to US-101 located approximately 7.7 miles from Project Site. Most construction activities would occur during standard daytime hours (8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday-Saturday). One phase (dredging and knockdown) would require 24-hour operations, excluding holidays unless approved.

All construction haul vehicles accessing the State Highway System must use routes approved by Caltrans. Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods for the construction phase and operation phase. Construction truck loads should be covered with a tarpaulin cover.

The applicant shall ensure that construction-related traffic does not adversely impact operations on the State Highway System. All temporary traffic control within or affecting state highways shall comply with the most current edition of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Caltrans standards. The applicant shall ensure that public safety and mobility are maintained during construction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph Jamoralin, the project coordinator, at (805) 732-8047 and refer to GTS # VEN-2026-00673.

Sincerely,

Anthony Higgins

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Cc: State Clearinghouse