

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Port of Long Beach Certified Port Master Plan, as amended, notice is hereby given to all interested persons and organizations that a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (CEQA SCH #2016111014) and Application Summary Report for Harbor Development Permit Application #19-035 are available for review, and that the City of Long Beach, a municipal corporation, acting by and through the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners (Port of Long Beach), will conduct a public hearing on **September 12, 2022**, to consider certification of the Final EIR, recommended Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Application Summary Report, and issuance of Level III Harbor Development Permit #19-035 for the:

PORT OF LONG BEACH DEEP DRAFT NAVIGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CHANNEL DEEPENING PROJECT

The United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Port of Long Beach propose the Deep Draft Navigation Feasibility Study and Channel Deepening Project (Project) to improve safety and navigation efficiencies for container cargo and liquid bulk vessels at the Port of Long Beach. The Project would deepen the entrance to the Main Channel (the Approach Channel through Queens Gate) from a depth of -76 feet to -80 feet mean lower low water (MLLW); widen portions of the Main Channel (bend-easing) to a depth of -76 feet MLLW; construct an approach channel and turning basin to Pier J South to a depth of -55 feet MLLW; deepen portions of the West Basin and West Basin Approach to a depth of -55 feet MLLW; deepen two additional locations within the harbor to a depth of -55 feet MLLW: the Pier J Slip, including berths J266-J270, and berth T140 on Pier T. Structural improvements would be made to the Pier J breakwaters at the entrance of the Pier J Slip to accommodate deepening of the Pier J Slip and Approach Channel to -55 feet MLLW. To accommodate electric dredging equipment, an electrical substation would be constructed land-side at Pier J. Dredged material generated by the Project would be placed either at a nearshore placement site, an ocean-dredged material disposal site (ODMDS) (LA-2 and/or LA-3), or a combination of the two. If construction schedules align, dredged material may be used to fill the Pier G South Slip.

The Port of Long Beach has completed a Final EIR, as the lead agency pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code Sections 21000, *et seq.*, California Code of Regulations Sections 15000, *et seq.*) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project, in conjunction with the Final Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR) with Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), prepared by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The Application Summary Report for Harbor Development Permit Application #19-035 is Appendix L of the Final IFR EIS/EIR. The Final IFR-EIS/EIR also contains responses to all comments received during the public review period of October 25, 2019 to December 9, 2019, which can be found in Appendix O of the Final IFR EIS/EIR.

Document Availability: The Final IFR- EIS/EIR can be electronically accessed online on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website at: <https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-Studies/Port-of-Long-Beach-Deep-Draft-Navigation-Study> or via the Port of Long Beach website at <https://www.polb.com/ceqa>.

In addition, a physical copy of the document will be available for viewing at the following locations:

Port of Long Beach Administration Building
Long Beach Civic Center
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Billie Jean King Main Library
200 West Broadway
Long Beach, California 90802

San Pedro Regional Branch Library
931 Gaffey Street
San Pedro, California 90731

Wilmington Branch Library
1300 North Avalon Boulevard
Wilmington, California 90744

Public Hearing (Virtual): The Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings are currently being held virtually via teleconference; members of the public can observe the meeting via webcast. The Board of Harbor Commissioners will conduct the public hearing on this item at their regularly scheduled meeting on:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Public Comment during the Public Hearing: Members of the public are invited to participate in the public hearing and provide comment on this item via teleconference. Individuals wishing to comment are encouraged to submit public comment requests by 1:15 p.m. on the day of the Board of Harbor Commissioners' meeting by calling (562) 714-9893 or by emailing bhc@polb.com. Please provide your full name and telephone number for a return call, and specify you would like to comment on the "Deep Draft Navigation" Public Hearing. You will be called during the meeting on the item you specify.

On the day of the public hearing, members of the public who desire to comment on this item during the hearing may call in after 1:15 p.m. as long as they call the number provided below on or before one minute after the item is called. Please remain on the line and Port staff will provide additional instructions prior to opening the line for your public comment. Calls will be addressed in the order they were received. If you do not answer when called, Port staff will move on to the next public speaker.

Dial-In Telephone Number: (408) 418-9388

Meeting Number: 2496 893 7350 #

Attendee ID: If you do not have an Attendee ID, please press #

Each speaker will be given 3 minutes to address the Board of Harbor Commissioners; the 3 minutes may be reduced at the discretion of the Board based on the number of speakers. Please make sure you are in a quiet room, as our teleconferencing system will amplify any extraneous sounds or voices. Also, please lower the volume of your webcast to avoid possible audio feedback.

Interpretation Services: If you require special accommodations or interpretation services to participate in the public hearing, please contact the Environmental Planning Division at (562) 283-7100 or via email to ceqa@polb.com at least three working days (72 hours) prior to the hearing to ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the hearing.

Servicios de interpretación: Si necesita alojamiento especial o servicios de interpretación para participar en la audiencia pública, comuníquese con la División de Planificación Ambiental al (562) 283-7100 o por correo electrónico a ceqa@polb.com al menos tres días (72 horas) antes de la audiencia pública para garantizar que se puedan hacer arreglos razonables para proporcionar accesibilidad a la audiencia.

Americans with Disabilities Act: The Port of Long Beach provides reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearing, please contact the Environmental Planning Division at least three full working days (72 hours) prior to the hearing.

For Project Information: For more information on the Project, please contact Justin Luedy, Senior Environmental Specialist, at ceqa@polb.com and include in the subject line: "Deep Draft Navigation," or call (562) 283-7100.

Signed: 
Matthew Arms, Director of Environmental Planning

Date: 8/11/22