

TALKING POINTS FOR  
SPEAKERS/ WRITTEN COMMENTS:  
MIDDLE HARBOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**1. Business reasons to support:**

- As with any business it is imperative to have continuous improvement and operational enhancements and Port facilities are no different.
- The Middle Harbor facilities are outdated and require upgrades to improve efficiencies and performance which will also allow for the incorporation of environmental measures to reduce air emissions.
- Growing our ports in a clean, responsible manner is critical to growing the Southern California and national economies. However, more importantly it is critical to improving our air quality.
- The improvements analyzed in the draft EIR are over due. The proposed improvements will allow the Port to remain competitive in the market and keep up with terminal upgrades and efficiencies being conducted across the Industry, across the country, and internationally. The sooner, the better to allow for the implementation of measures to reduce air emissions.
- The document meets and in many instances exceeds CEQA and NEPA Requirements.

**2. Measures reducing air emissions:**

- Lower-emission switching locomotives
- Cleaner, alternative-fuel-powered cargo equipment
- Vessel Speed Reduction program requirements
- Use of low-sulfur fuels for ship' main and auxiliary engines
- Use of Shore side power vessels at berth. The construction of intermodal rail which will reduce truck trips up to 1,000 per day.
- I recommend the document carefully consider the possibility of diversion of cargo without the implementation of these needed improvements.
- The document clearly articulates and should further reinforce the fact that the NO Project alternative is highly detrimental as the environmental impacts are even greater than with the proposed project.

### **3. Economic benefits:**

- The economic benefits derived from the proposed plan are critical and should more strongly be reinforced in the document taking into consideration the looming recession.
- The San Pedro Bay Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are major economic drivers to this region, providing approximately 500,000 jobs in the greater five county region and more than 1 million jobs nationally.

This project will:

- Create about 14,000 permanent jobs in Southern California
- Generate 1,000 temporary construction jobs during the next 10 years

### **4. In Closing:**

- This document reinforces that the Port, by constructing this project, is complying with its responsibility under the State Tidelands Trust, which requires the Port to support commerce and invest its revenues to redevelop facilities to ensure operational efficiencies, the use of latest technology, and to maintain the economic vitality of the Port while maintaining the quality of life for those most impacted by its operations.
- We believe that we have a common goal of growing our ports to reduce congestion and improve efficiencies, thereby reducing emissions.
- The proposed project represents an important “green growth” initiative to provide more efficient goods movement through the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and we are pleased to offer our support.
- The “no project” alternative clearly shows a detriment to air quality in the local community and the region as cargo volumes increase without any mitigation.
- We need to Grow Green and it should be a Top Priority.
- Doing nothing is not an option.
- We look forward to supporting your efforts to move these projects forward.
- I/ We support this project.