

PORT OF LOS ANGELES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRAFFIC SUBCOMMITTEE
Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Minutes
July 15, 2009

ATTENDEES:

COMMITTEE/PCAC MEMBERS

Patrick Wilson, Chair
Donna Ethington, Voting Member
Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Lanny Nelms, Voting Member
John Schafer, Voting Member

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lou Baglietto

POLA Staff
Harry Hunold, Port Police

MEETING LOCATION: Banning Residence Museum, 401 E. "M" St., Wilmington, CA

- A. Call to Order: 8:10 a.m., Patrick Wilson, Subcommittee Chair
- B. Sign-In/Introductions
- C. Approved Agenda
- D. Approved Minutes of the May 20, 2009 Traffic Subcommittee Meeting
- E. POLA Updates:
 - Presentation / Discussion from Desert Express: Postponed
Jackie Mattare, President and owner of Desert Express Trucking, will present his proposal for the "Wilmington Grain" project to the Subcommittee at their October Subcommittee meeting. The project is for a proposed rail transfer facility in Wilmington with a number of silos for the storage and distribution of the grain.
 - ILWU (Dispatch Hall) Project Update:
Back in May, Michael Galvin, from the POLA Real Estate Division, sent out an electronic copy of the new location for the ILWU Dispatch Hall in Wilmington that showed the layout, the entrances and the exits for the Hall. Ms. Ethington still has major concerns about the design of the gate layouts, the traffic patterns, and the volume of traffic in this location.
- F. POLA Update/Discussion:
 - SR-47 Heim Bridge Replacement and Expressway
On behalf of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, Lou Baglietto gave a brief update on the project.

The Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement and the SR-47 Expressway Project is a joint partnership between Caltrans and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA). The proposed project will replace the seismically deficient Schuyler Heim Bridge over the Cerritos Channel, adding a four-lane elevated roadway connection to Alameda Street, to bypass three signalized intersections and five at-grade railroad crossings. The project will provide an alternative route from Terminal Island, a major generator of port-related truck traffic, and provide direct access to local distribution centers and warehousing facilities in the South Bay area, as well as I-405 and SR-91. It will also relieve congestion on the Harbor Freeway and the Long Beach freeway.

Presently, Caltrans has already certified the EIS/EIR. ACTA is waiting for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to approve the certification of the document.

Donna Ethington, stated for the record that after reviewing the document and the comments that had been submitted, she did not find any comments from the Port of LA suggesting that the intersection at Henry Ford should be improved or corrected. Lou Baglietto stated that he would look for a letter.

- Cerritos Channel Rail Bridge
The Cerritos Rail Bridge is a conceptual project that would add two additional rail tracks to the existing two-track lift bridge over the Cerritos Channel that links Terminal Island to the Alameda Corridor. The additional tracks will enable them to accommodate the increase in containerized cargo that is forecasted for the next ten to fifteen years. It will also improve efficiency and the flow of trains.

ACTA has advertised for an environmental design consultant. The project still has to go through a full environmental process, so there will be a Notice of Preparation, a draft EIR, and a Final EIR. There will be ample opportunity to make comments and provide input.

- West Thenard Track Connection - Phase 2
The West Thenard Track Connection Project, is one of several Corridor projects added to the program by ACTA, the Ports and the Railroads in 2001. The Phase 2 Connection which is underway will allow trains from Terminal Island to access the Phase I Connection to the Watson Yard. It will also serve as an alternative emergency connection to the Corridor. Phase II is designed to allow the rail cars from Long Beach to transect over to the Harbor Sub and to also rejoin the Alameda Corridor. Property negotiations and utility relocation planning are underway. The Project is expected to begin late 2009, and be completed by 2011.

G. Public Comment:

- Staffing Subcommittees:

Since there are several subcommittees that have agreed to meet on a quarterly basis, Port staff should be available to meet 4 times a year with those Subcommittees.

Staff should be available by phone and e-mail to respond to PCAC inquiries in a timely manner so that tangible information is available for subcommittee meetings which would be every three months.

H. Agenda Items for Next Subcommittee Meeting: October 21, 2009

- Desert Express
- ILWU Questions regarding the Dispatch Hall
- Schuyler Heim Bridge / FHWA Decision Update / Funding for Project
- Update on Proposed Internal Road Motion for Pier A Yard
- Sound Wall for Pier A Yard and Marinas
- San Pedro Waterfront EIR
- APL NOP
- Staffing for Subcommittee

I. Adjournment: 9:20 a.m.

Patrick Wilson, Chair
PCAC Traffic Subcommittee

Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant