

# Port project improves traffic, air quality

## New Ocean Blvd. roadway:

- Cuts air pollution by 350 tons a year
- Saves motorists \$22 million a year in fuel expenses
- Reduces traffic delays by 5,600 vehicle-hours a day
- Reduces fuel consumption by more than 9,300 gallons a day



The Ocean Boulevard improvement project eliminates two traffic signals to speed drive time between Long Beach and San Pedro.

**D**riving between Long Beach and San Pedro is now a lot easier, thanks to a \$65-million Port project to improve Ocean Boulevard at Terminal Island. The new roadway opened in late March after two years of construction.

The new, raised, freeway-like roadway eliminates two traffic signals and

allows east-west traffic to move non-stop between the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Navy Way. The result is improved traffic flow and reduced air pollution from idling vehicles.

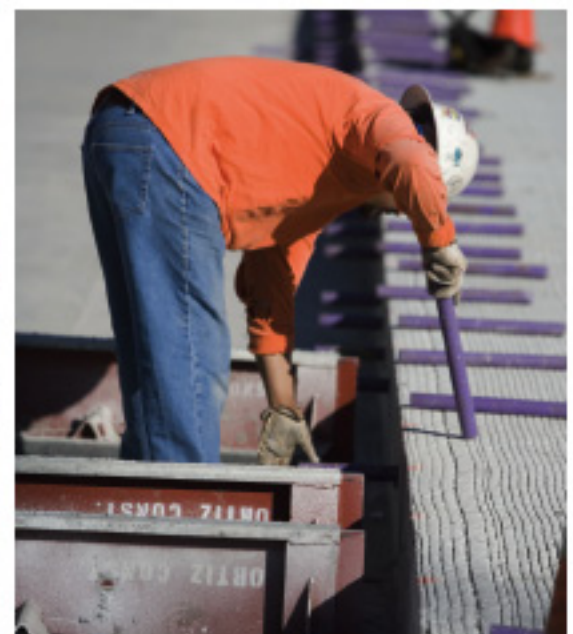
"This is an important project for the community," said Harbor Commission President James C. Hankla. "The time it takes to travel across

Terminal Island from downtown Long Beach is now a lot shorter and there will be less pollution in the region because of dramatically reduced idling."

The project is one of many Green Port Policy initiatives to improve the environment and community, Hankla said.



The Port, CalTrans and other agencies contributed funding for the project.



Ortiz Enterprises was the prime contractor.