



News Release

Port Seeks Public Input on Rail Facility Proposal Suggested issues to be reviewed in upcoming environmental study

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The Port of Long Beach will begin public hearings this week on a proposal that would help increase the use of "on-dock" trains and reduce the need for as many local truck trips near the Port.

The Port will host the first of two public hearings at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at Long Beach City Hall, to gather comments and suggestions prior to an environmental review of the proposed "On-Dock Rail Support Facility." The second hearing will be September 16 at the Port.

The On-Dock Rail Support Facility, proposed for the northern area of the Port, is designed to reduce train bottlenecks and provide for greater use of on-dock rail. Loading and unloading cargo within the Port significantly reduces trips by short-haul (drayage) trucks throughout the region.

The Port has released a "Notice of Preparation," on the proposal, the first step in the environmental review process. During the NOP phase, the public is invited to suggest issues to be examined in the draft Environmental Impact Report. The public and others will have the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation in writing (by mail or e-mail) or in person at two evening meetings:

- 6 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, at Long Beach City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, 90802
- 6 p.m., September 16, at the Port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, 90802

The proposed On-Dock Rail Support Facility would potentially redevelop and expand an existing rail support facility in the vicinity of 9th Street and Pier B Avenue in the Port of Long Beach. Including new tracks, the new facility would stretch from the Alameda Corridor in the north end of the Harbor District to Ocean Boulevard at the Port.

The full Notice of Preparation is available online at www.polb.com/railNOP.

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