



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2014**

**FROM: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ – ISSUANCE OF A LEVEL II NON-APPEALABLE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NO. 14-18) TO RAISE ONE CRANE AND LENGTHEN THE BOOM AT THE TRAPAC TERMINAL (BERTHS 136-147)**

**SUMMARY:**

TraPac Inc. (TraPac) is proposing to raise one crane by approximately 24 feet and lengthen the boom by approximately 16 feet in order to service larger container vessels at Berths 136-147 more efficiently. The proposed project is the financial responsibility of TraPac because TraPac owns the crane. Staff is recommending that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve a Level II non-appealable Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 14-18 for the proposed project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Hold a public hearing for the proposed Coastal Development Permit No. 14-18, a Level II non-appealable permit;
2. Find that the proposed project conforms with the certified Port Master Plan and find that this project will have no significant adverse environmental impacts as provided in the California Environmental Quality Act;
3. Upon closure of the public hearing, resolve to approve the issuance of Coastal Development Permit No. 14-18, consistent with the project description listed on Application for Port Permit No. 140730-089, and direct the Director of Planning & Economic Development to issue said permit; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – TraPac is located at Berths 136-147 in the West Basin/Wilmington planning area of the Port of Los Angeles (Port) (Transmittal 1). TraPac is undergoing a major expansion project that includes wharf improvements, Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) installation, new terminal buildings and main gate, and automated backland infrastructure improvements. On March 21, 2013, the Board approved a non-appealable Coastal Development Permit (CDP No. 13-02) to TraPac to raise seven cranes by 22 feet. To further support this expansion project, TraPac is proposing to raise one additional crane and lengthen the boom.

Scope of Work – TraPac is proposing to raise one crane by approximately 24 feet and lengthen the boom by approximately 16 feet. The existing leg supports will be cut and a 24-foot leg extension will be inserted. Each leg will be braced with diagonal supports under the crane's portal beam for stability. A boom extension, three junction boxes, access stairway, elevator, and electrical wires will be installed. Transmittal 2 shows the heights of the modification work to be performed. Raising the crane and lengthening the boom will allow the crane to service larger vessels more efficiently, without the need to wait for low tide or add additional ballast to the ships.

Should the Board approve the issuance of CDP No. 14-18, work is expected to begin in the Fall 2014 and be completed in Spring 2015 (Transmittal 3). TraPac will pay the full \$1.5 million estimated cost of the project.

Coastal Permit Requirements – The proposed project is a Level II non-appealable project in accordance with Section 6.4 of the Port of Los Angeles's certified Port Master Plan (PMP). A Level II permit is required for projects that involve significant resources; cause major changes in land and/or water use and in the density or intensity of the use; have the potential of creating significant environmental impacts that can or cannot be mitigated; or are appealable. The proposed project is a Level II CDP because crane modification projects have the potential to create significant impacts on the Port or the surrounding environment as outlined in Section 6.4.3 of the PMP.

Procedurally, a Level II non-appealable CDP requires a public hearing that is noticed at least fifteen calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. A public notice for the proposed development was published on October 1, 2014 (Transmittal 4).

The proposed project has been found to be consistent with the PMP and the Chapter 8 policies of the California Coastal Act (Coastal Act) of 1976, as amended. Located in Planning Area 2 of the PMP, this project is consistent with its Container land use designation. The proposed project to raise the crane and lengthen the boom is consistent with Section 30708 of the Coastal Act and Policy 2.1 of the PMP which requires port-related development be given highest priority for the use of existing land within harbors to port purposes such as cargo operations.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the issuance of a Level II, non-appealable CDP to raise one crane by approximately 24 feet and lengthen the boom by approximately 16 feet. The proposed crane modifications would not result in an increase in terminal capacity or operational activities due to reduced dock crane productivity and therefore would not result in significant environmental effects related to air quality, traffic, hazards, and other resource areas. Construction activities would be minimal and would not require any in-water construction or ground disturbance. As such, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action, which involves the modification of mechanical equipment accessory to the use of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of use, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article III, Class 1 (32) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

The project associated with the proposed CDP will support 12 direct and 10 secondary one-year equivalent jobs for the five-county region.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

TraPac will fully bear the \$1.5 million cost to raise the crane and lengthen the boom, which will support the Port's operational capability to accommodate larger container vessels.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed this report and determined that it raises no legal issues at this time.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Site Location Map
2. TraPac Crane Modification Plan
3. CDP No. 14-18
4. Public Notice

FIS Approval: eg (initials)  
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