

**DATE: APRIL 9, 2026**

**FROM: WORKFORCE & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 23-9961 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE GOODS MOVEMENT WORKFORCE TRAINING FACILITY**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 23-9961 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) regarding state funds for development and construction of the Port of Los Angeles Goods Movement Workforce Training Facility (Training Facility). The Agreement previously approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) is set to expire on July 31, 2026. The CWDB and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) seek to amend the Agreement and extend the term to June 30, 2028. Extending the term of the Agreement is necessary for CWDB to provide \$20 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 and \$20 million in FY 2026-2027. The Harbor Department will continue to be financially responsible for the payment of any costs not covered by state funds accepted under the Agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 23-9961 with the California Workforce Development Board;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 23-9961 with the California Workforce Development Board;

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4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute any future amendments to Agreement No. 23-9961 to account for revised project schedules, and/or revised project costs, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION:**

Background – POLA is America’s largest container port by volume, handling 10.2 million TEUs in 2025. Based upon a 2024 analysis, staff estimates the cargo throughput at POLA supports more than 186,000 jobs (about one in twelve jobs) in the City of Los Angeles and supports 1,034,000 jobs (or one in eight jobs) in the five-county Southern California region, and 2.7 million jobs nationally.

Maintaining POLA’s role as an economic and job creation engine, while navigating a rapidly changing maritime shipping industry, is the key to the future of POLA and the region. Investment in human capital is a critical component of this effort. In support of this role, the Harbor Department is committed to developing new and innovative ways to develop a workforce training environment that supports workforce development in the San Pedro Bay community and across the entire goods movement sector in the Southern California region.

With 15,000 longshore workers, 20,000 daily truck trips to the Port complex, and nearly 2 billion square feet of commercial warehousing space in the region, POLA is a focal point of the region’s large goods movement workforce.

Training Facility in San Pedro Bay – The 20-acre training facility located within the Port complex is being developed in coordination with the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU), the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), and the CWDB. This first in the nation facility will provide training in longshore, trucking, and warehousing occupations. The facility has two goals. First, it will replicate the various work environments in maritime and goods movement to provide a safe training environment for workers to receive training. Second, the state of the art facility will serve as a public resource where workers across the region can train on how to operate, maintain, and repair zero emission cargo handling equipment and Class 8 trucks. This facility is central to ensuring that this industry’s transition to zero emission and does not leave incumbent workers and potential new workers behind.

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California State Budget – In June 2022, the California State Legislature adopted the State of California’s FY 2022-2023 budget, which was soon signed into law by Governor Newsom. The adopted budget included \$110 million for construction of the Training Facility provided in the following three annual installments:

FY 2022-2023: \$30 million  
FY 2023-2024: \$40 million  
FY 2024-2025: \$40 million

The CWDB required the execution of the Agreement to begin the annual transfer of state funds to the Harbor Department. The Harbor Commission approved the Agreement in 2023 with a term ending July 31, 2026. Since that time, the Legislature and the Governor’s Office have adjusted the installment schedule to the following:

FY 2022-2023: \$30 million  
FY 2023-2024: \$40 million  
FY 2025-2026: \$20 million  
FY 2026-2027: \$20 million

The FY 2026-2027 allocation is subject to approval of funds in the budget for those fiscal years.

As the Agreement is set to expire on July 31, 2026, the CWDB seeks to amend the Agreement to extend the term of the Agreement. An extension of the Agreement term will allow CWDB to provide the installments due in FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of the Amendment to the Agreement with the CWDB regarding state funds for development of the Campus. This action is limited to the acceptance of grant funds, which is an administrative activity. CEQA environmental clearance and land use entitlements are required to be approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners under a separate action(s) before project construction begins. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed Amendment to the Agreement will enable the Harbor Department to accept the remaining \$40 million in funding from the State of California, via the CWDB, for use in the development and construction of the Training Facility.

The total cost of the Training Facility was originally estimated at \$150 million of which \$110 million will be provided by CWDB under the Agreement. The Harbor Department

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will continue to be financially responsible for the payment of any costs not covered by state funds accepted under the Agreement. Funding in the amount of \$150 million for the Training Facility has been budgeted within Account 161305(Construction-in-Progress), Division 00000 (Harbor Global), Project 2568400 (Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach Goods Movement Workforce Training Facility). The Harbor Department is continuing to coordinate with its consultants, the ILWU, and the PMA on final estimated costs.

The funds under the Agreement are a direct transfer from an appropriation line in the California State Budget and has been and will be recorded within Account 77020 (State Capital Grants) as follows:

FY 2022-2023: \$30 million  
FY 2023-2024: \$40 million  
FY 2025-2026: \$20 million  
FY 2026-2027: \$20 million

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Amendment to the Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney as to form and legality.


**TRANSMITTAL:**

- 1. State of California Standard Agreement Amendment STD 213A with the California Workforce Development Board; and the City of Los Angeles, Harbor Department.

FIS Approval: JS  
CA Approval: JC



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