



THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2024

FROM: PORT POLICE

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND
THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR INTEROPERABLE
RADIO COMMUNICATION**

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for the purpose of enabling continued interoperable radio communication. The Harbor Department and the LAPD, in fulfilling their respective public safety, law enforcement, and emergency management missions, frequently conduct coordinated responses and participate in joint operations. Interoperable radio communication is essential for sharing critical information and for affecting command and control when conducting these operations. Moreover, both parties would like to enable continued interoperable radio communications through coordination and information sharing with regard to the radio communication and system technical information necessary to maintain radio communications and plans.

The intent of this MOA is to memorialize the understanding between the Harbor Department and the LAPD with respect to the information exchange necessary to facilitate continued interoperable radio communication. The MOA shall be in effect for three years. The MOA is administrative in nature and there will be no financial impact to the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

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 the proposed MOA between the Harbor Department and the LAPD;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the MOA; and

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4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context - The Harbor Department and the LAPD, in fulfilling their respective public safety, law enforcement, and emergency management missions, frequently conduct coordinated responses and participate in joint operations. Interoperable radio communication is essential for sharing critical information and for affecting command and control when conducting these operations. Interoperable radio communication is essential for sharing critical information and will be made possible through coordination and information sharing with regard to the radio communication and system technical information necessary to maintain radio communications and plans.

On January 14, 2021 the Harbor Department and LAPD entered into a three-year MOA to formalize information exchange necessary to facilitate continued interoperable radio communications. The MOA expired March 3, 2024.

This proposed MOA is for a three-year term and results in the Harbor Department and LAPD granting permission to each other to use radio channels or talk groups for which they are the controlling authority. The use of these radio channels or talk groups will be limited to communications with units or dispatchers and will only be used during emergency response or preplanned joint operations. Other general responsibilities and stipulations are detailed in the MOA.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of an MOA for a three-year term for continued interoperable radio communications which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The authorization of this MOA will have no financial impact, as the proposed MOA is administrative in nature establishing interoperable radio protocols between the Harbor Department and LAPD.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the subject Memorandum of Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Memorandum of Agreement

FIS Approval: JS (initials)
CA Approval: SO (initials)


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