



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2013

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH HARBOR DEPARTMENT FOR SHARING SECURITY-RELATED INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY THE PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) is seeking to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Long Beach Harbor Department (POLB) for the purpose of sharing security-related information. As a Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) regulated entity, the Harbor Department is required by the United States (U.S.) Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) to have an agreement in place with tenants and/or other governmental entities for projects involving layered security practices that ensure there are protective measures in place to guard the phases of transit, overseas and on U.S. shores.

The intent of this MOA is to memorialize the understanding between the Harbor Department and POLB with respect to sharing security-related information for the purpose of satisfying the requirement to do so by FEMA.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the City of Long Beach Harbor Department for sharing security-related information as required by the Port Security Grant Program;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – FEMA’s PSGP requires agreements between those MTSA regulated entities participating in layered security practices which ensure there are protective measures in place to guard the phases of transit, overseas and on U.S. shores.

The Harbor Department has been increasing and enhancing its grant funded fiber optic network over the past five years in order to improve the surveillance system throughout the Port of Los Angeles. The most recent phase, completed in August 2013, involved a network capable of linking camera feeds between the Harbor Department and POLB. Each entity will determine and mutually agree upon which camera feeds will be shared. The proposed MOA (Transmittal 1) is required to share security-related information between the two entities. It further authorizes the Harbor Department and POLB to collaborate and share information by participating in joint security assessments, conducting joint security planning, and, where appropriate, submitting joint grant applications for port security and other relevant grants.

The MOA has been reviewed by the POLB’s City Attorney and Security Division, as well as the Long Beach Police Department. Once the Harbor Department approves the MOA, the item will be scheduled on the POLB’s Commission agenda. The MOA will continue in effect until terminated by either party.

The port-wide surveillance system will continue to be configured to provide optimal surveillance and domain awareness in an attempt to further prevent, mitigate, and respond to any threat or emergency within the San Pedro Bay Port Complex.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a MOA with POLB for the purpose of sharing security-related information as required by FEMA. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

This Board action will have no employment impact.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed MOA memorializes the framework with respect to the sharing of security-related information between the Harbor Department and POLB for the purpose of satisfying the PSGP requirements established by FEMA. The MOA also outlines the responsibility of the Harbor Department and POLB as it relates to indemnification.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the MOA as to form and legality.

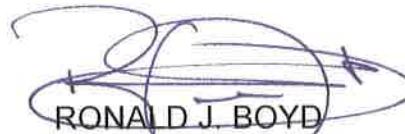
TRANSMITTAL:

1. Memorandum of Agreement

FIS Approval: WR (initials)
CA Approval: Jme (initials)



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