



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

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2019

FROM: CARGO MARKETING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND COPENHAGEN MALMÖ PORT FOR THE COLLABORATION ON INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and Copenhagen Malmö Port (CMP) to collaborate on innovation and sustainability. This agreement, effective for five years, further solidifies the Harbor Department's relationship with CMP and the mutual interest in promoting efficient and sustainable goods movement. The proposed MOU is for the collaboration of ideas between the two Ports; therefore, funding by the Harbor Department is not required. The MOU, executed on November 15, 2019, requires approval and ratification by the Board.

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 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Copenhagen Malmö Port;
3. Ratify the Executive Director's execution of the Memorandum of Understanding; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background and Context – The Harbor Department is committed to developing innovative, and sustainable operations that benefit Southern California’s economy and quality of life. In order to accelerate the Port of Los Angeles’ sustainability goals, it is essential to remain on the forefront of new technologies and new ways of working. Strong relationships with other Ports allows for this cooperative information-sharing of ideas to develop technologies for a more sustainable future.

CMP, a full-service port, is the largest port operator in the Öresund, Denmark region. In the past, the Harbor Department and CMP have cooperated to share information regarding respective port operations, and implementation of environmental technologies. Examples of this information sharing are in the areas of Alternative Maritime Power, or ship-to-shore power technology, and digitizing the supply chain. Both ports are striving for best practices to improve global market competitiveness, efficiency, and environmentally friendly “green port” practices.

The proposed MOU will promote cooperation and best practices in the sustainable operation of international seaports through discussion, consultation, and the exchange of knowledge and ideas between both Ports. The MOU, effective for five years, will set forth both Ports’ intent to further cooperate in the future.

The proposed agreement is for the collaboration of ideas between two Ports; therefore, funding by the Harbor Department is not required.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of a proposed MOU between the Harbor Department and Copenhagen Malmö Port for the collaboration on sustainability and environmental issues, 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 proposed agreement is for the collaboration of ideas between the Harbor Department and CMP, therefore, no funding is required.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTAL:

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Harbor Department and Copenhagen Malmö Port



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FIS Approval: MB
CA Approval: gme



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