

LEVEL I COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT

DATE: JUNE 17, 2022

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF
THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS**

**ISSUED: LEVEL I COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 22-05 TO THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE SR-47 VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE &
FRONT STREET/HARBOR BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE
RECONFIGURATION PROJECT**

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the approved Port of Los Angeles Master Plan (PMP), the Executive Director is designated with the authority to approve or deny applications for Level I Coastal Development Permits (CDP), but these CDPs only become effective when the permits are reported in writing to the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board). No Board action is required. Additionally, the PMP provides that a Level I CDP that is being reported to the Board can be stayed if any two Board members so request. In this case, the CDP would be agendaized for the next regular Board meeting and would require Board action to be approved or denied.

PERMIT ACTIONS

The Executive Director issued Level I CDP No. 22-05 on June 16, 2022.

CDP No. 22-05 Port of Los Angeles – SR-47 Vincent Thomas Bridge & Front St./ Harbor Blvd. Interchange Reconfiguration Project

The project location for the approved CDP is identified on the attached map (Transmittal 1).

COASTAL PERMIT CONTEXT

CDP No. 22-05 (Transmittal 2) allows the Port of Los Angeles to make street improvements within the California Coastal Zone as part of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) SR-47 Vincent Thomas Bridge & Front St. / Harbor Blvd. Interchange Reconfiguration Project (Project). The overall project scope includes

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reconfiguration of existing on-off ramp systems by Caltrans and local roadway improvements. Improvements within the Coastal Zone include the following:

- Widening Harbor Blvd/Front St. cross-section to accommodate additional turning movements at Front/Knoll and Harbor/Swinford ramp terminus intersections;
- Adding sidewalk and 5-foot bike lanes along Harbor Blvd/Front St. where feasible;
- Adding ADA-compliant curb ramps and crosswalks at Pacific/Front, Knoll/Front, and Harbor/Swinford following Complete Street guidelines;
- Realigning Knoll Dr. to add a new turn pocket for westbound entrance;
- Landscaping, irrigation, pavement overlay, curb and gutter improvements, improved drainage, street lighting, and upgraded signal modifications.

All storm water runoff within the Coastal Zone will be captured by a City of Los Angeles storm drain. Additionally, no trees will be removed within the Coastal Zone.

This Project is separate from the Front Street Beautification Project (CDP 13-06) which includes landscape, irrigation, hardscape, and pathway lighting improvements along the eastern stretch of Front Street from Pacific Avenue to the Vincent Thomas Bridge and is scheduled to begin construction prior to the end of 2022.

Harbor Department staff attended 11 public meetings in San Pedro and Wilmington to discuss the proposed Project. During these public meetings, the Port received 19 written and verbal comments in support of the project for providing safer traffic movement. There were no comments in opposition to the project.

These proposed improvements will be made to existing roadways identified in the PMP. They will improve traffic safety, reduce truck delays, and improve bike and pedestrian access to the Port, which supports the adjacent land uses of "Container" and "Open Space" identified in PMP Planning Areas 1 and 2. As a result, this Project is consistent with the PMP.

The Environmental Management Division has reviewed the proposed project and determined it was previously assessed in the State Route 47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact that was certified by State of California Department of Transportation on March 8, 2019 (EA 31850/EFIS 0715000304/SCH# 2018101003).

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The estimated project cost for the project scope of work located within the California Coastal Zone is \$9 million and to be paid by The Port of Los Angeles.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Site Map
2. Coastal Development Permit No. 22-05

CA Approval: SO

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