

LEVEL I COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT

DATE: JUNE 2, 2020

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

ISSUED: LEVEL I COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 20-05 TO LOS ANGELES REGION INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY (LA-RICS) TO CONSTRUCT MONOPOLE AT PIER 400

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the certified Port of Los Angeles Master Plan (PMP), the Executive Director is designated 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). Examples of Level I CDPs include, but are not limited to: minor grading, paving, lighting, fencing, installation of structures such as modular offices/buildings, storage buildings, restroom facilities, floating docks, and guard houses; demolition of wharves, buildings, tanks, or exterior equipment; removal of pipelines; and major building renovations. 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 agendized 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. 20-05 on May 26, 2020.

CDP No. 20-05 LA-RICS – To construct a monopole at Pier 400

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

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COASTAL PERMIT CONTEXT

CDP No. 20-05 (Transmittal 2) allows the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS) to construct a monopole adjacent to the existing Los Angeles Department of Water and Power substation on Pier 400 as outlined in Application for Port Permit (APP) No. 191217-181. The proposed project includes the construction of a 100 foot-tall monopole, with a 25-foot lightning rod, for a total height of 125 feet above ground level, built on a 28-foot by 28-foot block foundation with 12 long term evolution (LTE) panels near the top of the monopole to handle broadband communication. In addition to the monopole, six cabinets housing electronic equipment and batteries, a 35-kilowatt diesel generator, and a 300-gallon fuel tank will be installed atop the block foundation. A 12-foot-high security fence will surround the monopole, cabinets, generator and fuel tank. The project also includes trenching for power and fiber cables and the installation of lighting, signage and other ancillary features.

Public safety agencies for 88 cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County currently use a patchwork of forty aging radio networks across the county. LA-RICS was established pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement dated January 2009, for the purpose of coordinating governmental services to establish an area-wide interoperable public safety communications network commonly known as LA-RICS, which would replace the current aging system.

As part of this buildout, LA-RICS has identified a gap of coverage at the Port of Los Angeles and would like to construct two new Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) facilities, one near Pier 300 and one near Pier 400. The proposed two PSBN facilities will ultimately be incorporated into the Federal First Responder Network Authority's (First Net) national PSBN that will be operated and maintained by FirstNet's Federal contractor, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a subsidiary of AT&T, Inc. The national PSBN will provide police and firefighters priority and preemption, which gives them the capability to send and receive large amounts of data even when the commercial broadband system is overloaded. LA-RICS will initially be installing fourth generation (4G) LTE wireless broadband technology.

To date, LA-RICS has incurred approximately \$160,000 in design costs for the two sites. An additional \$500,000 per site is budgeted for construction costs. Federal grant funding expires June 30, 2020 and LA-RICS has indicated that they could cancel the two proposed sites if the grant funding is not received. The grant is predicated on receiving permit approvals such as this CDP before award.

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The Director of the Environmental Management Division has determined that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article III Class 3(4), Class 3(6), Class 4(7), and Class 4(12) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines. The Executive Director has found this proposed project to be in conformity with the Port Master Plan and the California Coastal Act.

The project cost is estimated at \$500,000 and to be paid by LA-RICS.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Site Map
2. Coastal Development Permit No. 20-05

CA Approval: _____

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