



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

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2018

FROM: PLANNING AND STRATEGY

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ – ISSUANCE OF A LEVEL II NON-APPEALABLE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NO. 18-07) TO TRAPAC INC. TO RAISE TWO SHIP-TO-SHORE CRANES AT THE BERTHS 136-147 CONTAINER TERMINAL

SUMMARY:

Staff requests that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve a Level II non-appealable Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 18-07 to TraPac Inc. (TraPac) to raise two ship-to-shore cranes at the Berths 136-147 container terminal. Cranes 7 and 8 will be raised 24 feet to match the heights of the existing cranes. The crane raising will increase the apex when in working condition from approximately 215 feet to approximately 239 feet. The modifications to the two cranes will allow them to be able to handle the larger ships of over 14,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) moving into the transpacific trade. The Harbor Department is not responsible for any costs associated with this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Hold a public hearing for the proposed Coastal Development Permit No. 18-07, a Level II non-appealable permit;
2. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively and categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) and Article III Class 1(32) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
3. Find that the proposed project conforms with the Port of Los Angeles certified Port Master Plan;
4. Upon closure of the public hearing, resolve to approve the issuance of Coastal Development Permit No. 18-07, consistent with the project description listed on

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Application for Port Permit No. 180213-022, and designate the Director of Planning and Strategy to sign and issue said permit on behalf of the Executive Director; and

5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – TraPac is located at Berths 136-147 in the West Basin/Wilmington planning area of the Port of Los Angeles (Port) (Transmittal 1). TraPac underwent a major expansion project that includes wharf improvements, Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) installation, new terminal buildings and main gate, and automated backland infrastructure improvements. On March 21, 2013, the Board approved a non-appealable CDP No. 13-02 to TraPac to raise seven cranes by 22 feet. On October 16, 2014, the Board approved CDP No. 14-18 to raise an additional crane at the terminal. On July 21, 2016, the Board approved CDP No. 16-14 to raise and reposition another three cranes. TraPac is proposing to raise two additional cranes, Cranes 7 and 8, to match the heights of the existing cranes.

Project Description – TraPac is proposing to raise Cranes 7 and 8 by 24 feet. The existing leg supports will be cut and 24-foot leg extensions will be inserted. Each leg will be braced with diagonal supports under the crane’s portal beam for stability. The new maximum height when the crane is raised at-rest will be approximately 366 feet. The modifications to the two cranes will allow them to be able to handle the larger ships of over 14,000 TEU moving into the transpacific trade.

Should the Board approve the issuance of CDP No. 18-07, work is expected to begin in March 2018 and be completed in May 2018. TraPac will pay the full \$7 million estimated cost of the project.

Coastal Permit Requirements – The proposed project is a Level II non-appealable project in accordance with Section 6.4 of the Port Master Plan (PMP). A Level II permit is required for projects that: involve significant resources; cause major changes in land and/or water use and in the density or intensity of the use; have the potential of creating significant environmental impacts that can or cannot be mitigated; or are appealable. The proposed project needs a Level II CDP because raising and modifying two ship-to-shore cranes involves significant resources as outlined in Section 6.4.3 of the PMP (Transmittal 2).

Procedurally, a Level II non-appealable CDP requires a public hearing that is publicized at least 15 calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. A public notice for the proposed development was published on February 28, 2018 (Transmittal 3).

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The proposed project is consistent with the PMP and the Chapter 8 policies of the California Coastal Act (Coastal Act) of 1976, as amended. The project is located in Planning Area 2 of the PMP. The proposed project would not change or alter the use of the existing operations, which are consistent with the land use designations outlined in the PMP.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a Level II non-appealable CDP No. 18-07 to raise two ship-to-shore cranes at the Berths 136-147 container terminal, which is an administrative activity for which the underlying project includes modification of mechanical equipment that is accessory to the use of existing facilities and involve negligible expansion of use. Raising the two existing ship-to-shore cranes will not change or increase the capacity of the terminal since it will take more time for the modified cranes to move higher and further out when servicing the larger vessels. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively and categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f) and Article III, Class 1(32) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TraPac is responsible for all costs associated with modifying and relocating the cranes. The Harbor Department's TraPac Terminal will continue to be able to receive cargo and any associated revenues subsequent to the crane raising.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed this Board Report and determined that it raises no legal issues at this time.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Site Location Map
2. CDP No. 18-07
3. Public Notice

FIS Approval: MB (initials)
CA Approval: ML (initials)



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