



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JUNE 12, 2014

FROM: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ – ISSUANCE OF A LEVEL II NON-APPEALABLE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NO. 14-08) TO APM TERMINALS TO RAISE 14 EXISTING CRANES AND EXTEND EACH BOOM AT BERTHS 401-404

SUMMARY:

APM Terminals (APMT) is seeking to raise 14 existing cranes by approximately 32 feet and extend each boom by approximately 10 feet in order to service larger ships at Berths 401-404 more efficiently. Staff is recommending that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 14-08, a Level II non-appealable permit for the proposed project.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Hold a public hearing for the proposed Coastal Development Permit No. 14-08, a Level II non-appealable permit;
2. Find that the proposed project conforms with the certified Port Master Plan and find that this project will have no significant adverse environmental impacts as provided in the California Environmental Quality Act;
3. Upon closure of the public hearing, resolve to approve the issuance of Coastal Development Permit No. 14-08, consistent with the project description listed on Application for Discretionary Project No. 131029-140, and direct the Director of Planning & Economic Development to issue said permit; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – APMT leases approximately 484 acres and operates a container terminal at Berths 401-404 (Transmittal 1). Currently, APMT has 14 cranes that are 272 feet tall and can lift up to almost 135 feet.

Scope of Work – APMT proposes to raise the 14 existing cranes by approximately 32 feet and extend each boom by approximately 10 feet (Transmittal 2). The proposed project will increase the height of the crane apex from 272 feet to 304 feet and the height of the boom when it is stowed from 344 feet to 376 feet. Raising the cranes and extending the boom will allow the cranes to service larger vessels more efficiently, without the need to wait for low tide or add additional ballast.

Should the Board approve the issuance of CDP No. 14-08, project construction is expected to begin in the Fall of 2014 and be completed in 2016 (Transmittal 3). APMT would be responsible for the full \$35 million 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 of Los Angeles's certified 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 is a Level II CDP because significant resources are involved.

Procedurally, a Level II non-appealable CDP requires a public hearing that is noticed at least fifteen calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. A public notice for the proposed development was published on June 4, 2014 (Transmittal 4).

The proposed project has been found to be consistent with the PMP and the Chapter 8 policies of the Coastal Act of 1976, as amended. Located in Planning Area 3 of the PMP, APMT is consistent with its Container land use designation. The proposed project to raise the cranes and extend the booms is consistent with Section 30708 of the Coastal Act and Policy 2.1 of the PMP which requires port-related development give highest priority for the use of existing land within harbors to port purposes such as cargo operations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the issuance of a Level II, non-appealable CDP to raise 14 existing cranes by approximately 32 feet and extend each boom by approximately 10 feet. The proposed crane modifications would not result in an increase in terminal capacity or operational activities due to reduced dock crane productivity and vessel berthing space and would therefore, not result in significant environmental effects related to air quality, traffic, hazards, and other resource areas. Construction activities would be minimal and phased over time and would not require any in-water construction or ground disturbance. As such, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action, which involves the modification of mechanical equipment accessory to the use of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of use, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article III, Class 1 (32) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

The project associated with the proposed CDP will support approximately 390 one-year equivalent direct jobs in the five-county region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the CDP is a procedural requirement for the proposed project to continue to proceed. APMT will pay for the construction costs for the proposed project of \$35 million.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

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

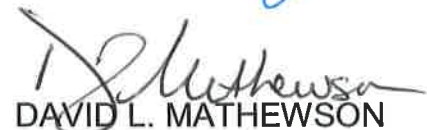
TRANSMITTALS:

1. Site Location Map
2. Crane/Photo Drawing
3. CDP No. 14-08
4. Public Notice

FIS Approval:  (initials)
CA Approval:  (initials)



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