

**DATE: JANUARY 21, 2026**

**FROM: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ – FIRST AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 24-10058 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GO-BIZ) TO EXTEND THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD FOR THE UNIVERSAL TRUCKING APPOINTMENT SYSTEM PROJECT**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of an Amendment to the Universal Trucking Appointment System (UTAS) Grant Agreement No. 24-10058 with the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to extend the project performance period end date from March 3, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

The UTAS project is one of three projects funded under the California Containerized Ports Interoperability Grant Program (Program) and is designed to support the collaborative development of a port-wide trucking appointment system for the San Pedro Bay Ports.

The requested extension will allow sufficient time to complete remaining project activities and align implementation milestones with the recently revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), while ensuring full compliance with GO-Biz grant requirements. The proposed Amendment does not modify the project scope, deliverables, or total grant funding amount, and will not result in any additional financial impact to the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department or Port of Los Angeles).

**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;

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2. Approve an Amendment to the Universal Trucking Appointment System Grant Agreement, Agreement No. 24-10058, with the California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development to extend the project performance period end date from March 3, 2026 to June 30, 2026;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Amendment and the Board Secretary to attest to the Amendment on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background and Context – Through the California Budget Act of 2022, the California Governor and the California Legislature are investing in strengthening the state’s supply chain following the COVID-19 pandemic, which exposed inefficiencies in California’s goods movement system. As part of this effort, in 2023, the state allocated \$27,000,000 to provide direct grant support to containerized ports via the California Containerized Ports Interoperability Program.

GO-Biz determined five California containerized ports to be eligible applicants to the Program: Port of Hueneme, Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles, Port of Oakland, and Port of San Diego. These ports reached a MOU on April 26, 2023, that launched the “California Port Data Partnership” to support improved freight system resilience, goods movement efficiency, emissions reductions, and economic competitiveness.

On July 11, 2024, GO-Biz announced a grant award of \$7,950,000 to the Harbor Department for the implementation of three projects under the Program: (1) California Ports Mobile Application, (2) UTAS with Artificial Intelligence (AI) Enhancement Project, and (3) Carbon Intensity Gateway (collectively, Projects). The Projects represent significant enhancements to the Port of Los Angeles’ data portal, delivered through the Port Optimizer™, and require coordinated planning and interoperability between the two San Pedro Bay Ports.

The UTAS with AI Enhancement module is a port-wide appointment system designed to streamline the ability for the port drayage community to make appointments across the San Pedro Bay Port Complex. The UTAS is a second phase of the Port’s Universal Appointment System, an appointment system currently in development that integrates transparent cross-terminal scheduling with near real-time container tracking data provided by the Port Optimizer™ Track and Trace system.

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On October 22, 2024, the Board approved Resolution No. 24-10443 and UTAS Grant Agreement No. 24-10058, between the Harbor Department and GO-Biz to fund the UTAS project, which included a remaining task of the San Pedro Bay Ports to finalize the UTAS MOU attached as Exhibit H, defining technical requirements, shared roles and responsibilities.

Since Board approval of the UTAS Grant Agreement, the San Pedro Bay Ports have undertaken extensive inter-port coordination to address complex technical, operational, and governance requirements, including the finalization and execution of the final UTAS MOU. The final UTAS MOU was approved by the Board on January 6, 2026, reflecting completion of key foundational work necessary to advance UTAS implementation.

Completion of these interdependent coordination and technical alignment activities was critical to ensure the UTAS project could proceed in a manner consistent with GO-Biz program objectives and long-term operational sustainability and, required additional time beyond the originally anticipated schedule to complete.

Approval of this Amendment (Transmittal 1) will authorize the Harbor Department to extend the performance period for the UTAS project, enabling sufficient time to complete remaining project activities and maintain alignment with GO-Biz grant requirements and project objectives.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of an Amendment to extend the performance period for the UTAS project, 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:**

Approval of the proposed Amendment to extend the performance period for the UTAS project will not impact the Harbor Department's FY2025/26 adopted budget as the funding has already been approved as set forth in Resolution No. 24-10443 and UTAS Grant Agreement No. 24-10058.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

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

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. First Amendment to Agreement No. 24-10058

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CA Approval: 

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