

LEVEL I COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2022

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

**ISSUED: LEVEL I COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 22-01 TO THE CITY
OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT FOR A TEMPORARY
CARGO SUPPORT FACILITY AT THE FORMER LAXT RAIL LOOP**

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 agenzized 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. 22-01 on January 27, 2022.

CDP No. 22-01 City of Los Angeles Harbor Department – Cargo Support Facility
at the Former LAXT Rail Loop on Terminal Island

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

COASTAL PERMIT CONTEXT

CDP No. 22-01 (Transmittal 2) allows the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) to improve the property inside the former LAXT Rail Loop for temporary use as a cargo support facility. Work includes clearing or grading approximately 36.6 acres and the placement of approximately six inches of crushed miscellaneous base. Other site

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improvements include, but are not limited to, safety fencing, a rock drainage trench for infiltration, and an access roadway.

Consistent with President Biden's Executive Order 14017 and California Governor Gavin Newsome's Executive Order N-19-21 to identify sites to address short-term storage needs of the goods movement supply chain, the Harbor Department will develop the interior of the LAXT loop as a temporary cargo support facility. This location is in Planning Area 3 of the PMP, which is the primary planning area dedicated to container operations, and the use is consistent with the underlying City of Los Angeles zoning of Qualified Heavy Industrial (QM3-1). While the operation of a cargo support facility is consistent with the maritime support land use identified in the PMP for a portion of the former LAXT rail loop, the PMP designates the remainder of the vacant site for potential future liquid bulk uses. In order to swiftly provide the urgent short-term storage needed to respond to the global supply chain crisis, this CDP will authorize the use of the project site with a special condition limiting the cargo support facility to a one-year entitlement in order to address the global disruptions of the goods movement supply chain.

The Director of the Environmental Management Division has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15269(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II Section 1, of the Los Angeles city CEQA Guidelines.

The estimated project cost is \$300,000 would be paid by the Harbor Department.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Site Map
2. Coastal Development Permit No. 22-01

CA Approval: SO

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