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IGR/CEQA No. 070714AL, DEIR
 Berth 136-147 Container Terminal Project
 Vic. LA-110 / PM 2.77
 SCH #: 2003104005

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 Los Angeles Harbor Department
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Dear Dr. Appy:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project is to expand the Berths 136-147 Terminal by 57 acres by 2015 (Phase I), and by an additional 10 acres by 2025 (Phase II), and constructing an inter-modal rail facility in the terminal, and constructing a 30-acre buffer area at the northern boundary of the terminal.

We concur that mitigation measure Trans #7 at Figueroa Street/C-Street and I-110 ramps be implemented to mitigated the significant impact. The project proposes to signalize this intersection, provide dual northbound left-turn lanes from northbound Figueroa Street to the I-110 northbound on-ramp, and re-stripe the eastbound shared left-through-right lane to an exclusive right turn only lane.

The proposed project site is about a block from State Route 110. The traffic study accompanying the proposal includes traffic impact analysis for local arteries. It does not address nearby freeway facilities. From Table 3.10-3, the project would generate 207/210 trips during AM/PM peak. Many of these trips would utilize the freeway facilities.

We notice on Table 3.10-7 2038 Intersection Level of Service analysis that the LOS, Level of Service, at Harbor Blvd. and Swinford Street/SR-47 ramps is F. Caltrans recommends the applicant to mitigate this intersection and to pay equitable share responsibility traffic impact fees at the time of permit issuance. Please reference the Department's Traffic Impact Study Guide on the Internet at

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/operationalsystems/reports/tisguide.pdf>

You may apply the formula on page 2 of Appendix B (Methodology for Calculating Equitable Mitigation Measures) to set aside this Transportation Impact Fee for future State Highway improvement projects. The City may need to adjust its fee for this purpose.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful that projects need to be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. Thank you for the opportunity to have reviewed this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 897-3747 or Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to IGR/CEQA No. 070714AL.

Sincerely,



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