



THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES

Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: MAY 9, 2014**

**FROM: GOODS MOVEMENT**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE  
TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION AND LOCAL MATCH FOR  
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT AREA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

**SUMMARY:**

In June 2009, the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approved a pedestrian bridge as part of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project. Staff has become aware of a State of California grant opportunity for this proposed pedestrian bridge, for which the application is due May 21, 2014. As such, staff seeks Board approval to submit a grant application to the State of California Department of Transportation, which requires a City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) minimum match commitment of 11.47% (\$1.376 million based upon an estimated total project cost of \$12.0 million). Formal project approval and funding will proceed separately through the Project Development Committee and Board.

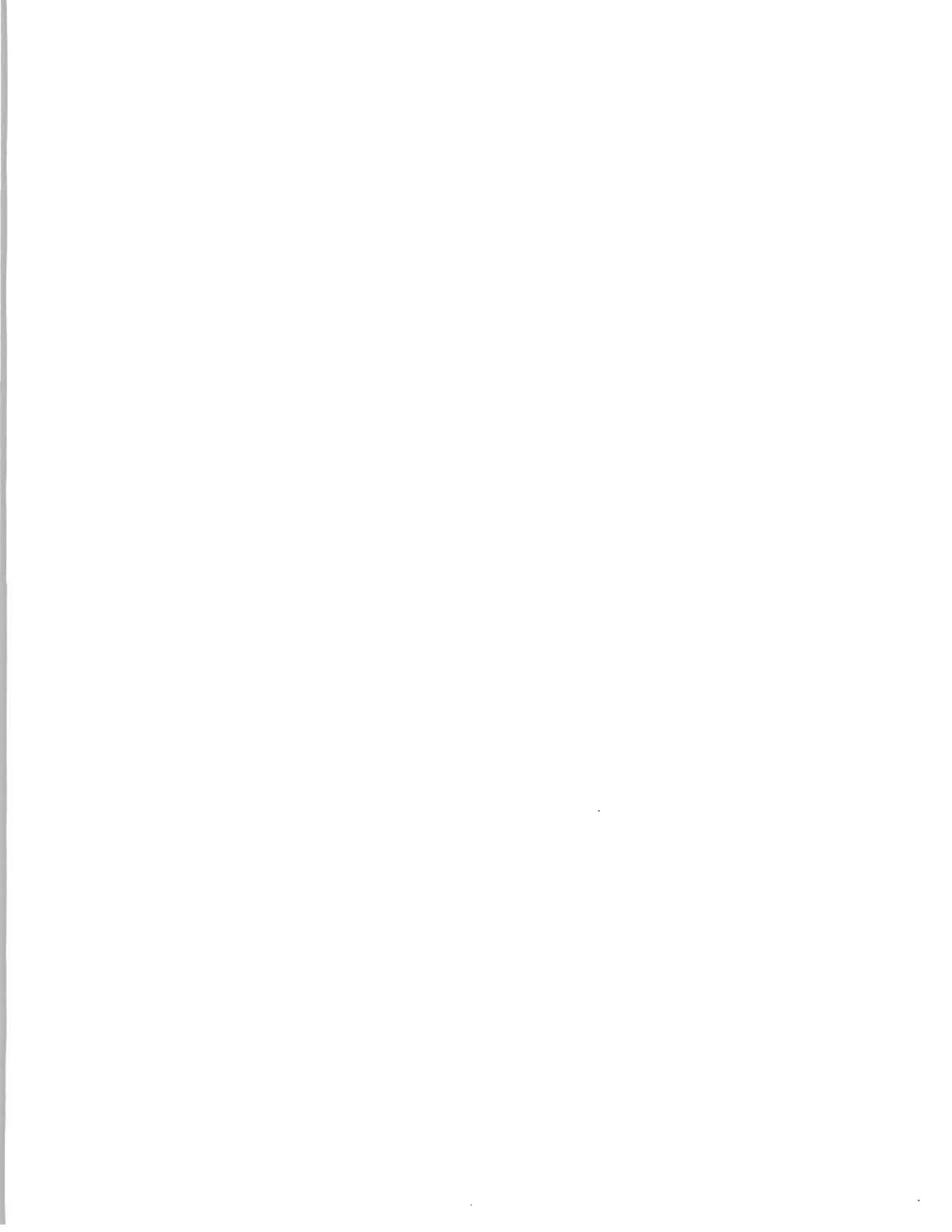
**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Authorize and direct the Executive Director to apply for funding from the State Transportation Program grant for the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department project related to the Wilmington Waterfront Area Pedestrian Bridge;
2. Authorize and direct the Executive Director to negotiate and return to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for consideration of the grant agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for any grant award; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

In July 2009, the Board approved the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project (Waterfront Project), and certified the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR; Resolution No. 09-6766; Transmittal 1). The Waterfront Project included a new pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of Avalon Boulevard, which would connect the community with the waterfront (Transmittal 2). The overall project development has been delayed partly due to on-



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going construction of several roadway, rail, and terminal projects in the vicinity of the Waterfront Project area.

Staff seeks Board approval to submit a grant application to the State of California Department of Transportation to partly fund the pedestrian bridge. The grant application requires a Harbor Department minimum match commitment of 11.47% (\$1.376 million based upon an estimated total project cost of \$12.0 million). As this funding opportunity arose in the last few weeks, it is not contained in the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 14/15 Harbor Department budget or current five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). If the project is ultimately approved by the Board, it would most likely be constructed over the next two fiscal years. The required funds for FY15, which would be less than \$12 million, are recommended to come from the "unallocated CIP funds" element of the proposed FY15 budget (which is currently proposed at an amount of \$19.978 million). The remaining budget would need to be programmed in FY16, subject to Board approval.

Should this project be awarded State grant funds (whether in the full or a lesser amount of what was requested), staff will seek a Board decision on approving the remaining amount of Harbor Department funds that would be necessary to implement the project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approving a grant application submittal and the required matching funds. The potential environmental impacts of the proposed pedestrian bridge were assessed in the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project FEIS/FEIR that was certified by the Board in June 2009.

As an activity for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Director of Environmental Management has determined the proposed action is exempt from CEQA in accordance with Article II, Section 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

Approval of the proposed grant application submittal will have no employment impact. The project associated with the proposed resolution is anticipated to have significant construction job impacts for the five-county region. The job impacts would be quantified if full funding approval is sought from the Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This project is not contained in the proposed FY15 budget. The required funds for FY15, which would be less than \$12 million, are recommended to come from the "unallocated CIP funds" element of the proposed FY15 budget (which is currently

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proposed at an amount of \$19.978 million). The remaining budget would need to be programmed in FY16, subject to Board approval.


**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed this matter and finds no legal issues present at this time.

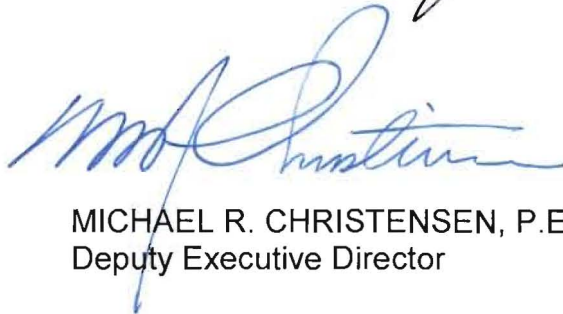
**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Wilmington Waterfront Development Project FEIS/FEIR Resolution No. 09-6766
2. Wilmington Waterfront Development Project Site Plan

FIS Approval:  (initial)  
CA Approval:  (initial)



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