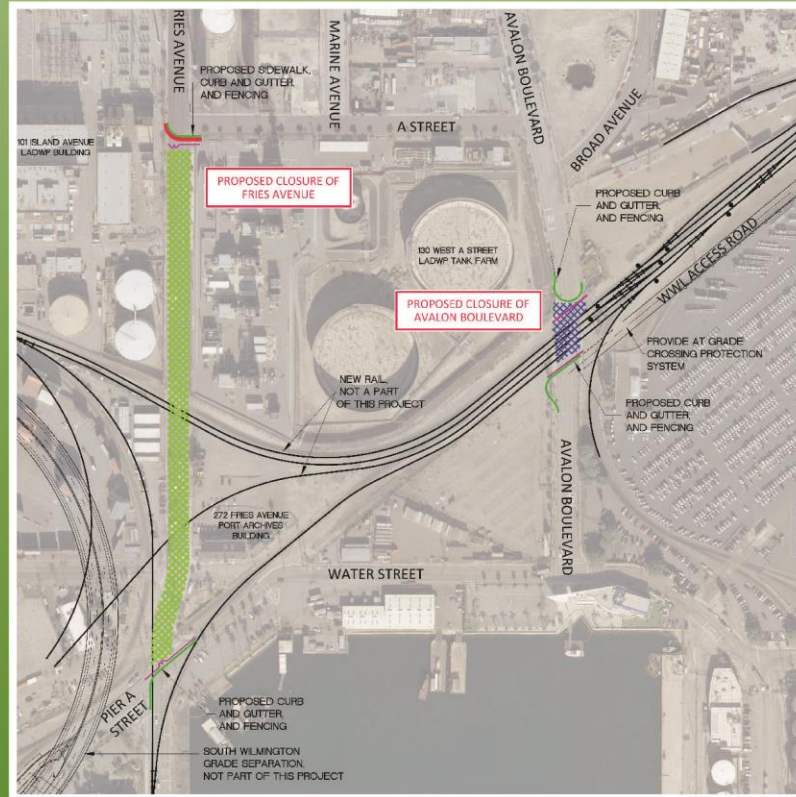


# AVALON AND FRIES STREET SEGMENTS CLOSURE PROJECT



Los Angeles Harbor Department  
April 22, 2014

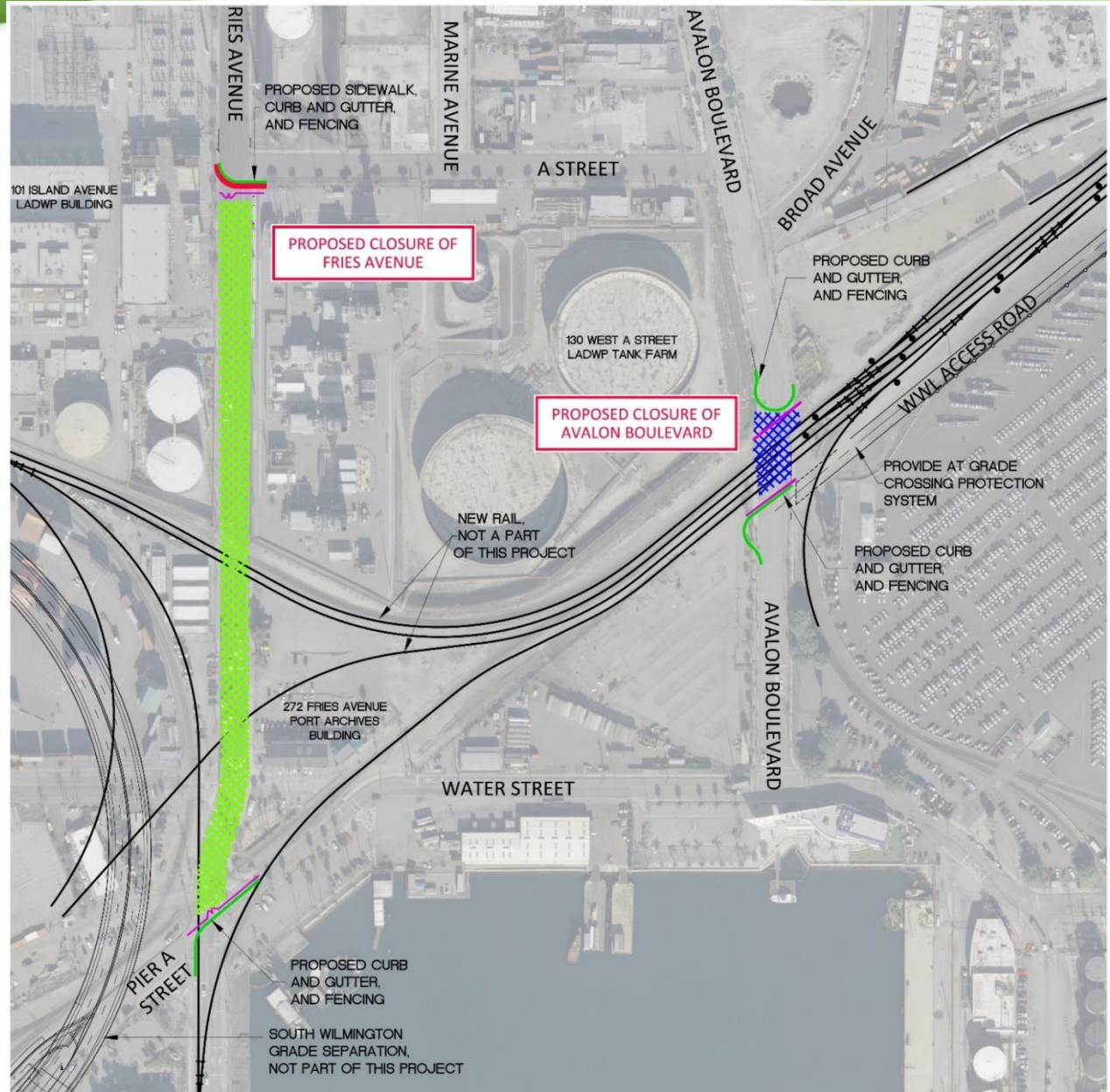
## PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Provide information about the proposed segment closures of Avalon Boulevard and Fries Avenue between Water Street and “A” Street (Proposed Project) and other related projects;
- Describe the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and the findings on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND);
- Obtain public comments on the IS/MND.

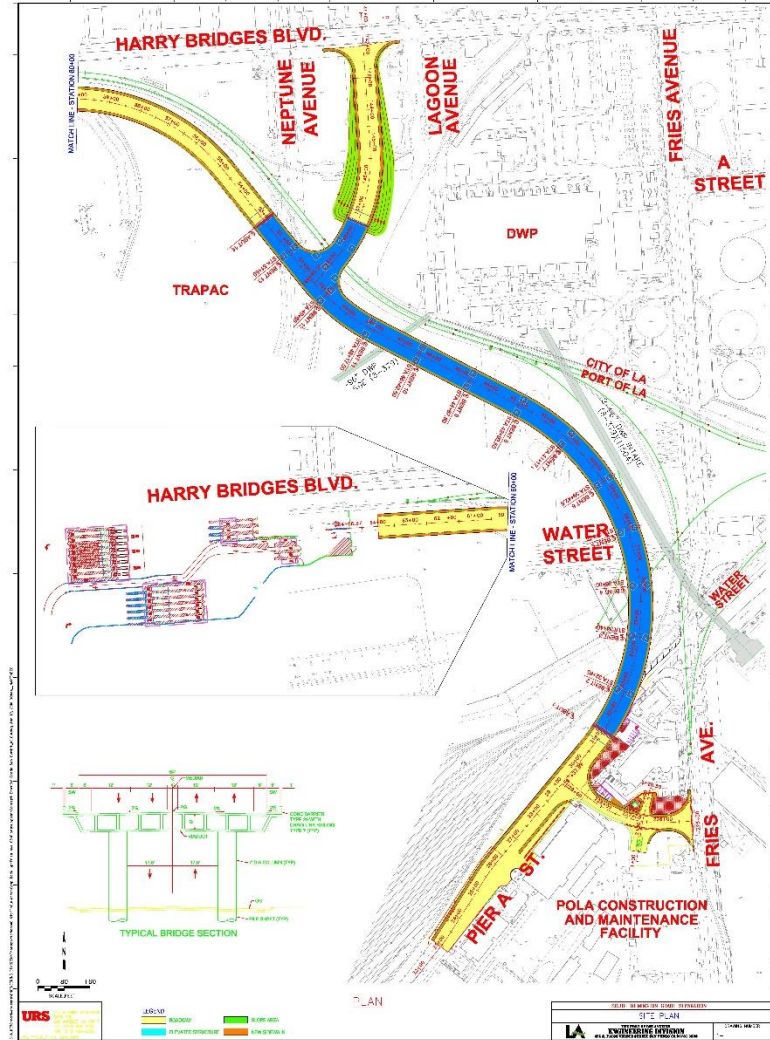
# PROJECT LOCATION



# PROPOSED PROJECT ELEMENTS



# RELATED PROJECT: SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SEPARATION



# PROPOSED PROJECT PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

- Minimize rail traffic delays by permanently closing the at-grade crossings on segments of Avalon Boulevard and Fries Avenue to enable improved rail operations for the West Basin area rail customers.
- Maintain sufficient access and circulation (via private driveways or other means) to adjacent parcels with sufficient crossing protection.
- Provide safe and permanent closures using cul-de-sacs, fencing along the rail tracks, and signage to slow/re-direct traffic.
- Closure would only occur after completion of the South Wilmington Grade Separation Project to ensure adequate vehicular and pedestrian access to the Wilmington Waterfront.
- The project would not interfere with approved future plans for the Wilmington Waterfront Development.

# PROJECT BENEFITS

- Safety:
  - Pedestrians
  - Vehicles
- Traffic:
  - Eliminate lengthy train blockages at existing roadways
  - Minimize rail traffic delays
  - Compliance with California Public Utilities General Order 135 rule
- Air Quality:
  - Eliminating lengthy blockages and minimizing rail traffic delays reduces air emissions from idling
- Noise:
  - Eliminates train horn sounding at crossings



# CEQA PROCESS

- An Initial Study (IS) / Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project.
- The IS/MND was released for public review from April 4 – June 4, 2014.
- Public Meeting – April 22, 2014
- Final IS/MND will be prepared that includes responses to comments
- BHC Hearing and Adoption– Anticipated in August 2014



# FINDINGS OF THE IS/MND

## No Impacts

- Population
- Housing
- Recreation
- Mineral Resources

## Less than Significant After Mitigation

- Cultural Resources
  - CR-1
  - CR-2

## Less Than Significant

- Air Quality
- Aesthetics
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Noise
- Public Service
- Transportation & Traffic
- Biological Resources
- Geology & Soils
- Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Land Use & Planning

# AVAILABILITY OF THE IS/MND

## Local Libraries

- San Pedro City Library
- Wilmington City Library

## Website

- Port website at <http://www.portoflosangeles.org>

## POLA office

Environmental Management Division  
Port of Los Angeles  
222 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite # 1080  
San Pedro, CA 90731

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

## EMAIL

- Email your comments to [ceqacomment@portla.org](mailto:ceqacomment@portla.org). Include a valid mailing address in the email and “Avalon & Fries Street Closure IS/MND” in the subject line.

## MAIL

Submit comment card or letter by mail to the following address:

Christopher Cannon  
Director of Environmental Management  
Port of Los Angeles  
425 S. Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE IS/MND  
WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> , 2014.**

# PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT

- Written comments on Draft IS/MND accepted via comment card
- Oral comments on Draft IS/MND limited to 3 minutes each (please fill out and submit a speaker card)
- All public comments will be considered and included in the Final IS/MND
- All correspondences will be recorded
- Spanish translation is available.