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August 1, 2011

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE JOHN S. **GIBSON** BOULEVARD/I-110 ACCESS **RAMPS** AND SR 47/I-110 CONNECTOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Port of Los Angeles in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared a joint Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) to address the environmental effects of the John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Access Ramps and SR 47/I-110 Connector Improvements Project (hereafter "proposed project"). The project site is located at Southbound SR 47 approximately 0.3 mile east of Pacific Avenue Overcrossing to I-110 approximately 0.7 mile north of Channel Street Overhead in the city and county of Los Angeles (see attached map).

The proposed project involves widening of the SR 47/I-110 connector from 1 to 2 lanes, extending the additional general purpose lane on the northbound NB I-110 past the John S. Gibson Boulevard off-ramp, modifying the northbound ramps at the I-110/John S. Gibson Boulevard interchange, and improving the intersection of John S. Gibson Boulevard and the NB I-110 ramps. The proposed project would also include improvements to the existing drainage system and widening of the Pacific Avenue Undercrossing and the Channel Street Overhead. To abate existing and future traffic noise, soundwalls will be constructed.

The IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et.seg. and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15000 et.seq. This IS/MND includes a discussion of the proposed project's effects on the existing environment, including the identification of mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts. No significant effects that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level were identified. In accordance with the CEQA statutes and Guidelines, the IS/MND is being circulated for a period of 30 days for public review and comment. The public has an opportunity to provide written comments on the information contained within the IS/MND.

The 30-day review period will start on August 1, 2011 and end on August 30, 2011. A copy of the document is available for public review on the Port of Los Angeles' website at: http://www.portoflosangeles.org; Los Angeles Harbor Department Environmental Management Division at 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, CA 90731; Los Angeles City Library, San Pedro Branch at 931 S. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731; and Los Angeles City Library, Wilmington Branch at 1300 North Avalon, Wilmington, CA 90744.

Comments on the IS/MND should be submitted in writing prior to the end of the 30-day public review period and must be postmarked by August 30, 2011. Please submit written comments to:

Christopher Cannon, Director City of Los Angeles Harbor Department Environmental Management Division 425 S. Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731

Written comments may also be sent via email to ceqacomments@portla.org. Comments sent via email should include the project title in the subject line and a valid mailing address in the email.

Questions regarding this notice or the proposed project should be directed to Lisa Ochsner, CEQA Supervisor at (310) 732-3412.

Sincerely,

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Director of Environmental Management

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