



News Release

Ports Examine New Zero-Emission Technologies Aiming to nurture next generation of goods movement vehicles

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The Long Beach and Los Angeles Boards of Harbor Commissioners met jointly for a special workshop Thursday, July 7, to identify opportunities to move forward with a demonstration of zero-emission technologies in the neighboring ports.

"The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has expressed a great deal of interest in a demonstration of zero-emission technology. And for good reason," said Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners President Susan E. Anderson Wise. "It represents an opportunity to lead, once again, and to reduce air pollution even more than we have under the Clean Air Action Plan."

"I am pleased with the extensive dialogue and proposed next steps that were explained and discussed at the workshop," said Los Angeles Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski. "With the input that we've received, the staff of the two ports can move forward to continue the process of advancing zero-emissions technologies."

Thursday's discussion focused on ways to evaluate and eventually make commercially viable promising zero-emission technologies such as electric and fuel cell-assisted drayage trucks, locomotives with linear synchronous motors, and electric and fuel cell-assisted cargo-handling equipment. To download the "Roadmap for Zero Emissions-- Overview," [click here](#).

To see the archived webcast of the July 7 Special Board Workshop, go to [Zero Emissions Workshop Video](#).

The ports have been researching and testing various options to move cargo containers using zero-emissions technologies for about five years, and will continue their focused demonstration testing with the goal of implementing solutions near term.

The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are the No. 1 and No. 2 busiest container seaports in North America, respectively. The two ports combined move more than \$350 billion worth of goods and materials annually and sustain hundreds of thousands of jobs in Southern California.

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