



Los Angeles Board
Of Port Commissioners,
And
Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director
P.O. Box 151
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September 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Letter of Support, San Pedro Waterfront Project EIR

Dear Port Commissioners and Executive Director Knatz:

The Coastal Conservancy has been pleased to work with the City of Los Angeles, the Port and local organizations in the effort to provide public waterfront access and improve connections between the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington and the waterfront.

Coastal Conservancy staff has reviewed the San Pedro Waterfront Project Draft EIS/EIR. The Conservancy fully supports the key features for public access improvements, particularly the inclusion and commitment to the California Coastal Trail, a statewide mandate, and the extension of the Port's Waterfront Promenade.

While drafting the San Pedro Waterfront plan, Port Executive Director Knatz met with local organizations, Conservancy staff and consultants and we are pleased that many of the most consequential recommendations from these conversations – including the Coastal Trail, inland connections to the waterfront and sustainability features in project elements such as “green roofs” on parking structures – have been incorporated into the project.

Also, at a time when alternative transportation to reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions has become a critical part of any California planning proposal, the provision for extension of the Red Car line is a commendable step toward this regional and statewide goal.

We look forward to working with the Port, City, and local organizations in the Harbor Area to help implement the public access improvements identified in the Project. We invite you to contact us to discuss project implementation opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Schuchat".

Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer,
Coastal Conservancy

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