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SAN PEDRO WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BEGINS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The long awaited San Pedro Waterfront project is stepping closer to becoming a reality with the opening of the scoping period of the environmental review process today, December 22. A public meeting on the project will be held at 6 p.m. on January 23, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro. Public comments will be taken throughout the 66-day scoping period, which ends on February 28, 2007.

The San Pedro Waterfront Project spans the area along the Port's Main Channel from the Vincent Thomas Bridge to Berths 49-50, south of 22nd Street. The plan moving into the environmental process includes a grand promenade linking the network of public open spaces and the community; an expanded Red Car route; new cruise ship facilities; increased public access to the waterfront from both the land and water; and enhanced visitor-serving commercial opportunities within Ports O' Call, complementary to those found in downtown San Pedro.

The San Pedro Waterfront project includes linkages from the water to downtown San Pedro, transportation improvements, promenade areas, plazas, parks, and landscape and hardscape areas. The key components of the project are construction of a North Harbor Promenade, construction of a Downtown Harbor Promenade, construction of a Downtown Water Feature, enhancements to the existing John S. Gibson Park, construction of a Town Square at the foot of 6th Street, construction of a 7th Street Pier, construction of a Ports O' Call Promenade, development of California Coastal Trail along the waterfront, construction of additional cruise terminal facilities, construction of a Ralph J. Scott Historic Fireboat Display, and relocation of the Catalina Cruises Terminal and the SS Lane Victory.

Information on the project is available on the Port's website at www.portoflosangeles.org.

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