Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
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Port Community Advisory Committee Report

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I-710 DEIR: The June 19 meeting had a presentation by Ernesto Chaves of LA METRO on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) expansion Draft EIR. Highlights of the presentation:

- This portion of the project extends from the Port of Long Beach to the Pomona Freeway (SR-60). An additional stretch is planned for a new freeway from the Pomona Freeway to the Foothill Freeway (I-210) through South Pasadena. That would be addressed through a separate EIR sometime in the future.
- This EIR is some ten years in developments and goes through 15 cities, all of which are represented on the I-710 Project Committee. There are three basic variants being reviewed:
  1. No build (four lanes each direction),
  2. Widen to five lanes each direction, and
  3. Widen to five lanes each direction plus two additional lanes each way designated for a zero-emissions truck corridor.
- CalTrans released the Draft EIR June 29, the 60 day public comment period ends August 29. Public Study Sessions will be held on specific topics:
  2. August 2, 2012, Air Quality and Health Risk Assessment
  3. August 16, 2012, Community Impacts
- All three Study Sessions will be held 6pm - 9pm at Progress Park, 15500 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount CA 90723
- To view the Draft EIR/ EIS online and/or submit official comment go to the Caltrans website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/docs/710corridor

POLA Strategic Plan: An additional presentation was given by Cynthia Ruiz of the POLA on their new five year Strategic Plan. Input was given by PCAC members on the plan, in particular the Port’s cargo strategy, inclusion of a boatyard facility, and the role of PCAC in the Port’s outreach processes.

Action Items to be voted on at the next PCAC meeting:

1. **Election of PCAC Officers.** Nominations were taken for PCAC officers to be elected at the next meeting. Nominees are:
   - **PCAC Co-Chair:** June Smith (no in attendance), Jayme Wilson (not in attendance), Chuck Hart (not in attendance, Carrie Scoville (accepted nomination), and Kathleen Woodfield (not in attendance).
   - **PCAC Parliamentarian:** Pat Nave (not in attendance).

2. **VOPAK Relocation.** Vopak gave a presentation on their proposed relocation from Canal Street to Yacht St. on the East Basin. Vopak is a tank farm which supplies bunker fuel for marine vessels, jet fuel for LAX, and Sodium Hydroxide. They currently have several tanks facing Banning’s Landing at Berths 186-190. The proposal is to consolidate the current tank farm into 4 new MOTEMS compliant tanks at Berth 191-194 on the East Basin, and put in a green buffer on the west side facing Banning’s Landing. This proposal is supported by CD15, Communities for a Better Environment, and several trade unions.

Recommendation from the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee:
The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC support Vopak’s preferred reconfiguration project at Berth 191-194.

3. Quiet Zones. Recommendation from the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee:

WHEREAS, PHL, BNSF and UP trains move cargo on Terminal Island, intermodal yards and to and from the Port on rail lines that extend beyond the boundaries of the Port at all hours of the day and night; and
WHEREAS, trains are required to blow horns at at-grade crossings and as part of regular rail operations at levels that often exceed 100 decibels, which is well above the City’s 65-decibel noise limit and disruptive to residents in San Pedro and Wilmington; and
WHEREAS, a study commissioned by the Port in 2005 provided recommendations to reduce episodic noise related to Port activity including the development of Quiet Zones, which can eliminate the need to use train horns at at-grade rail crossings; and
WHEREAS, the Port is in the process of preparing a comprehensive update to the Port Master Plan which includes the construction of more rail lines and rail yards to accommodate a forecasted cargo volume 2 ½ times the existing level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that PCAC requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners to direct staff to establish Quiet Zones within the Port boundaries, and at at-grade railroad crossings within four miles of the Port boundaries that have a clear nexus to Port-related cargo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage the Board of Harbor Commissioners to establish a working committee to assist the Harbor Department in determining the improvements necessary to establish a Rail Quiet Zone in the Harbor area.
PCAC Subcommittees:

The San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan Subcommittee will be considering the proposed PBID expansion on the waterfront, and discussing the latest San Pedro projects at their next meeting July 11.

The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee reviewed PCAC funded projects underway:
- Plaza Park Phase I and II will be finished September 2012. Phase III will be done by January 2013.
- The Wilmington YMCA pool is scheduled to start August 2, 2012.
- The Wilmington Parkway should start by December, 2012.
- The Storm Drain Education programs starts in July, 2012.

The next EIR Subcommittee meeting will have a presentation on the Health Impact Assessment of the I-170 Corridor done by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

The Wilmington Waterfront Subcommittee will be considering an item in support of the Recovery At Sea, a potential new tenant at the former Colonial Yacht Landing facility in Wilmington.

A POLA Public Workshop on the Port Master Plan will be held Thursday, July 19, 6pm at Banning’s Landing.

Upcoming PCAC Meetings:

Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 17, 5:30-8pm, Bannings Landing, 100 E. Water St., Wilmington. The Action Items above will be voted upon, and the Informational Item on Recovery At Sea will be presented for discussion.

PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):
- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds, July 11, 5-7 pm, San Pedro Muni Bldg, #452
  - Proposed PBID expansion on the waterfront.
  - Status/discussion on the latest San Pedro Waterfront Projects.
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, July 12, 4:30-6 pm, San Pedro Municipal Bldg., Room 452
  - I-710 Corridor Health Impact Assessment presentation.
- **PCAC Steering Committee** – Tues, August 7, 6-7:30pm, Wilmington Sr. Center, 1371 Eubank at PCH, Wilmington.
- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – Tues, August 14, 5:30-7:30pm, Wilmington Sr. Center

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Acronyms:

BNSF - Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
CD15 - Los Angeles City Council District 15
EIR - Environmental Impact Report
I-710 - Interstate 710
LA METRO / METRO / MTA - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
PBID - Property Owners Business Improvement District
PCAC - Port Community Advisory Committee
PHL - Pacific Harbor Lines
POLB - Port of Long Beach
UP - Union Pacific Railway

CalTrans - California Dept. of Transportation
DEIR - Draft Environmental Impact Report
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement
I-210 - Interstate 210
LAX - Los Angeles International Airport
MOTEMS – Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards
PCH - Pacific Coast Highway
POLA - Port of Los Angeles
SR-60 - State Route 60
YMCA - Young Men's Christian Association