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## News Release

### Public Input Period Extended for Rail Facility Study

Comments now accepted through March 13

Jan. 27, 2017

The Port of Long Beach has extended the comment period on a draft report studying a proposed rail support facility that would increase the use of "on-dock" trains, moving cargo more efficiently while making operations more sustainable.

The public is invited to submit written comments until March 13. The previous deadline was Feb. 13.

An additional public hearing has also been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Tepechi Restaurant, 1430 Santa Fe Ave., in Long Beach. The Port has hosted two public hearings on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility: on Jan. 11 at Silverado Park and on Jan. 18 at the Port Interim Administrative Offices.



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The rail yard would be operated by Pacific Harbor Line, which provides short haul rail transportation switching services, railroad track maintenance and train dispatching services under contract to the Port. Pacific Harbor Line is the first railroad in the nation that has converted its entire fleet to clean diesel locomotives that reduce air pollution and save fuel.

To view a project fact sheet, read the draft EIR and see a video about the proposed facility, go to [www.polb.com/PierB](http://www.polb.com/PierB). The draft EIR analyzes the impacts of the proposed development, and the mitigation measures that would be used to address those impacts.

Comments can be made in person at the public hearing or sent in writing to Heather Tomley, Director of Environmental Planning, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815 or [heather.tomley@polb.com](mailto:heather.tomley@polb.com).

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*Photo caption: Pier B at the Port of Long Beach.*

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