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**Port Replenishing  
Beach At Peninsula**

The Port of Long Beach will be building an underwater berm of sand to stem erosion and protect a narrow stretch of beach on the Peninsula of east Long Beach from winter storms. The joint project involving the port and the city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine calls for 100,000 cubic yards of clean, high-quality sand to be placed in the waters off the beach between 60th and 69th Place.

Barges will be used to deposit the sand more than 1,000 feet offshore, between mid-October and at least mid-November.

"A partnerships such as this is certainly welcome between the port and city," said Long Beach City Councilman Frank Colonna, whose 3rd District includes the Peninsula. Colonna, who also chairs the council's Harbor Tidelands Committee, added, "It is a fine example of how we can benefit from port activities, especially when it comes to adding high-quality sand to beaches that are constantly facing erosion problems."

The port's sand will be barged to the Peninsula from a \$70 million dredging and wharf construction project in the West Basin, south of the former naval complex on Terminal Island. "This is perfectly clean sand - sand from the West Basin that is best suited for the Peninsula beach, in terms of grain size," said Ari Steinberg, the port's program manager for the naval complex construction.

**Beach replenishment**

The Peninsula stretch of beach is exposed to waves coming around the city's breakwater. The waves erode the beach, moving some of the sand west. In the past, the city has had to dig sand from the western beaches and move it back to the Peninsula.

"Creation of the berm will do two things," said Dennis Eschen, the Maintenance and Development Bureau superintendent for the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. "It will cause

the waves to break further off shore, so there is less erosion. And eventually, we expect the sand from the berm to migrate up to the beach."

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