



From the Bridge

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This is an exciting time at the Port of Long Beach. In the past several months we have reached several major, far-reaching agreements that will improve the environment while retaining the Port's economic strength, which has become central to the economies of Southern California and the nation.

The developments of the past few months have been truly historic: At no other time in the Port's history have so many different entities – ports, private businesses, environmental regulatory agencies, industry stakeholders and more – come together to forge such important partnerships.

The largest of these partnerships is the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, featured on Page 1. This sweeping plan brings together the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles with the highest-level federal, state and local regulatory agencies, who participated in its development.

We've also sought input from the public, industry representatives, environmental groups and more. We've set the bar high – a 50 percent reduction in harmful pollutants in five years – but I have every confidence that by working together, we'll get there.

I'm just as proud of the partnerships we've forged at the Port of Long Beach with our business customers, including the "green" lease agreements featured on Pages 2 and 3. The leases call for environmental improvements that will reduce pollution by 90 percent or more at two of the Port's largest container terminals.

Our most important partnership, however, is with the greater Long Beach community. One in eight jobs in Long Beach (and more than 316,000 in Southern California) are dependent on Port operations. Through strong partnerships with our many stakeholders we can ensure the Port's economic vitality continues, while improving the environment and the health of our communities.



International Transportation Service, Inc. has signed one of the Port's

Port Signs Landmark

Historic agreements to cut pollution by 90%

The Port of Long Beach has signed landmark agreements that will reduce air pollution by 90 percent at two container terminals. These "green" lease agreements will serve as a model for the future as the ports implement the San Pedro Bay Clean Air Action Plan.

This spring the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners approved changes to a long-term lease agreement with Matson Navigation Co./SSA Marine that will cut air pollution through the use of environmentally friendly technologies such as shore-side electricity (known as "cold-ironing") and a new generation of cleaner cargo-handling equipment at the Pier C container terminal.

Soon after it agreed to the Matson/SSA accord, the Board approved a new lease agreement with International Transportation Service, Inc., (ITS) that will bring similar "green" provisions to the ITS facility at Pier J.

"The Port isn't a regulatory agency, but we do have the power within our lease agreements to negotiate clean-air measures," said Harbor Commission President James C. Hankla. "With these leases we worked together with two of our biggest customers to find the clean-air solutions that worked best at those terminals."

Under the leases, the Port and two terminal operators have agreed to invest millions of dollars in electrical infrastructure for ships at berth, improved dockside rail capabilities, new cargo equipment and other environmental upgrades.