



## **Port Seeks Public Comment on Pier S Development Project** Input, “scoping” meetings to help formulate environmental report

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The Port of Long Beach is seeking public input in advance of environmental studies that will examine a proposed container terminal development project at Pier S on Terminal Island.

With the release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) this week, the Port will solicit public input in writing and with two public “scoping” hearings February 12 and February 22. Comments received from the public during the “scoping” phase will be considered as the Port prepares its Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

“We encourage members of the public to let us know what issues they think are important to include in our EIR,” said Robert Kanter, the Port’s director of planning and environmental affairs. Further opportunities for public comment, Kanter noted, will also be available upon release of the draft EIR and before any decisions are made by the Port’s governing body, the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

The Pier S Development Project proposes to construct a 160-acre, environmentally friendly containerized cargo terminal to meet consumer and business trade demands. The project also proposes improvements to the Back Channel waterway to increase navigational safety.

The project would adhere to all environmental measures contained in the Port of Long Beach Green Port Policy and San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, including on-dock rail, a “green lease” to require environmental compliance from the terminal operator, an electrical substation for shore-side electricity, alternative-fuel powered cargo equipment, “green” truck programs to phase out older, dirtier trucks and more.

The Port and the Army Corps of Engineers (the two lead agencies for the project) will solicit public comment at two meetings: February 12 at Cesar Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave. at 7 p.m., and February 22 at Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. The Port is also accepting public comments in writing, though March 14, at 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, CA, 90802 (attn: Dr. Robert Kanter, Director of Planning).

The Notice of Preparation for the project and initial studies are available on the Port’s web site at [http://www.polb.com/environment/environmental\\_documents.asp](http://www.polb.com/environment/environmental_documents.asp)

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