



News Release

MEDIA ALERT: Port Hearing June 11

Public hearing to gather input on \$750 million project

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What:

The Port of Long Beach will host public hearings on a draft environmental impact report/ environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) for the Middle Harbor Redevelopment Project, a proposed \$750-million, 10-year project that would create about 14,000 new, permanent jobs and cut air pollution at two port terminals by 50 percent or more from existing levels.

When and where:

Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Long Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.

A second hearing will be Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St., Long Beach.

Why:

The Middle Harbor redevelopment plan proposes to reconfigure to two older, irregularly shaped container shipping terminals to create one rectangular-shaped facility that would operate in a more efficient and environmentally friendly manner. In addition to the thousands of new, permanent jobs, the project would also generate about 1,000 construction jobs a year during the 10 years of construction.

Background:

Updating the older terminals would enable the Port to fully implement the aggressive environmental measures in its Green Port Policy and Clean Air Action Plan, significantly cutting air pollution even as containerized trade increases. By expanding the Middle Harbor's on-dock rail infrastructure, and moving more cargo by rail directly from the waterfront, the project would take as many as 1,000 trucks a day off the road. The Middle Harbor environmental report was released May 19 for public review and comment through July 11.

More information:

The Middle Harbor draft EIR/EIS and Fact Sheet are available at the Port's web site, <http://polb.com/civica/Bulletin/>.

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