



## News Release

# Motorists Urged to Avoid Terminal Island

## Trucks backed up on roadways into center of ports complex

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Because of heavy truck traffic, motorists are urged to avoid roads into Terminal Island until further notice, including the I-710 southbound, SR-47 southbound and Ocean Blvd. westbound. The congestion is due to hundreds of trucks lined up, attempting to enter the Ports' Truck Tag Replacement Center on Terminal Island.

Law enforcement agencies are assisting in efforts to divert traffic.

Wednesday was the beginning of a new electronic gate access system at the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. To enter shipping terminals, trucks need to be equipped with radio frequency identification tags.

About 80 percent of trucks are entering the cargo terminals without any problems.

Trucks unable to enter were originally referred for help to the Truck Tag Replacement Center on New Dock Avenue. Due to the unexpectedly high volume, trucks are now being urged to come back on another day.