



## News Release

### **Port Holds Sept. 16 Hearing for Input on Rail Facility Issues to be reviewed in upcoming study of proposal**

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The Port of Long Beach will hold a second public hearing on September 16 to gather public input on a proposal for an "On-Dock Rail Support Facility" that would help increase the use of on-dock trains and reduce the need for as many local truck trips near the Port.

The hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 6 p.m. will be held at the Port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza in Long Beach, in order to gather comments and suggestions on what issues should be examined in a comprehensive environmental study of the proposal.

The On-Dock Rail Support Facility, proposed for the northern area of the Port, is designed to reduce train bottlenecks and provide for greater use of on-dock rail. Using trains to load and unload cargo within the Port significantly reduces trips by short-haul (drayage) trucks throughout the region.

The Port has released a "[Notice of Preparation](#)," on the proposal, the first step in the environmental review process. During the NOP phase, the public is invited to suggest issues to be examined in the draft Environmental Impact Report. The public and others will have the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation in writing (by mail or e-mail) or in person at the meeting.

The proposed On-Dock Rail Support Facility would potentially redevelop and expand an existing rail support facility in the vicinity of 9th Street and Pier B Avenue in the Port of Long Beach. Including new tracks, the new facility would stretch from the Alameda Corridor in the north end of the Harbor District to Ocean Boulevard at the Port.

View the [Fact Sheet](#).

The full Notice of Preparation is available online at [www.polb.com/railNOP](http://www.polb.com/railNOP).

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