

## Message from Maritime Director Bryan Brandes

“Season’s greetings! 2022 has been a year of transition and recovery, and we have great optimism for 2023. I thank everyone for their perseverance and commitment to keep business moving and working! We appreciate your continuing confidence in the Port of Oakland and choosing to maintain your business with us. Your contribution in moving cargo through Oakland and the region continues to be very essential. My colleagues and I extend our warmest wishes to you, your family, and friends for a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy, brighter New Year!” ●



## State says ‘yes’ to \$175 million to upgrade Oakland Seaport gateway

### Investment is one of many projects to promote goods movement fluidity and sustainable cargo growths

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) this month approved \$175 million in funding today for the 7th Street Grade Separation East Project (Project). The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) partnered with the CTC and the City and Port of Oakland to advance this high-priority goods movement project into construction. The Project will realign and reconstruct a primary trucking and access gateway into the Port of Oakland. The reconstructed access into the Oakland Seaport will relieve truck and vehicle congestion, increase safety and provide flexibility for seaport cargo operations. The Project includes a shared bicycle/pedestrian pathway for public access to Middle Harbor Shoreline Park and will increase efficiency, foster sustainability and support the entire Northern California economy.

“We would like to thank the state for approving \$175 million to advance the 7th Street Grade Separation East Project. The project will improve port operations and safety, and also provides a new high-quality bicycle and pedestrian pathway → 02

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connecting the community to the waterfront and recreational facilities. The project includes greening requested by the West Oakland community to reduce impacts of goods movement and improve public health,” stated Alameda CTC Chair John J. Bauters.

“This action by the CTC allows us to move this critical project into construction in 2023 and is a great example of partnership to leverage local, regional and state funding to deliver transportation improvements that benefit not only the residents of Alameda County, but the entire Northern California mega-region,” stated Alameda CTC Executive Director Tess Lengyel.

“We are grateful to the CTC for approving the funding of the 7th Street corridor project; it is a critical access artery for the Port of Oakland and essential to efficient and safe goods movement,” said Barbara Leslie, President of the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners.

“The modernization of this gateway into the maritime area will enhance the flow of traffic in and out of the port, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by curtailing the time trucks spend here, which is important for public health,” stated Port of Oakland Executive Director Danny Wan. “As we build for the next generation, improving infrastructure around the port supports safer transportation, improved operations, jobs and positive economic impact.”

The Alameda County Transportation Commission will manage the project with financial and engineering support from the Port of Oakland. Other project partners include the Federal Highway Administration, the California Transportation Commission, the California Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, BART, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the City of Oakland and several utility agencies.

The CTC’s approval of the \$175 million in state funding from the Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridors Enhancement Program will allow the 7th Street Grade Separation East Project to go to construction in 2023. Additional information about the project can be found [HERE](#).



**Rendering of 7th Street grade separation project improvements**



**Wan Hai Lines has added a new and larger containership to its vessel calls at Oakland. We were pleased to welcome the Wan Hai A07 to the Port recently for the first time. The ship can carry the equivalent of 13,100 twenty-foot containers.**

*Photo courtesy John Perry*



# 2022:

## The Year in Review



The year's end is a time to review and reflect. It's also an opportunity to get caught up on any news you missed in 2022. Here we look back at the stories that made the **Maritime Newsletter** this year. Simply click on the month to access that issue.

## JANUARY

**Port of Oakland hit record import volume in 2021**

**New queuing process for container vessels expands to the Port of Oakland**

**White House calls out Port of Oakland as part of supply chain solution**

**Port of Oakland launches program to expedite ag exports**



*John Porcari,  
Port Envoy and  
Port of Oakland  
Executive Director  
Danny Wan*

## FEBRUARY

**Port of Oakland to invest, renew and grow green**

**Oakland import cargo still surging in 2022**

**Global supply chain solutions**

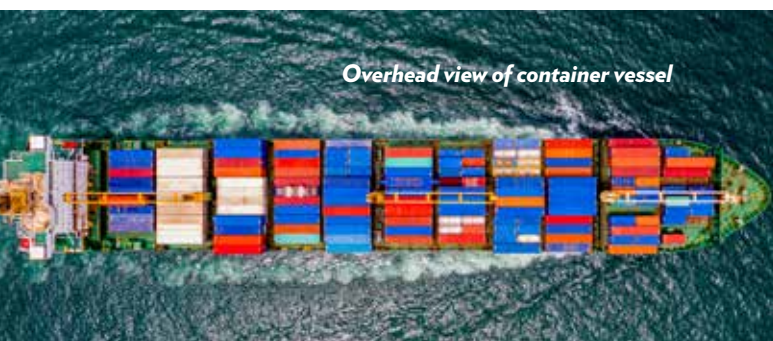
**Port of Oakland, USDA partner to speed up agricultural exports**

## MARCH

**February cargo volume statistics**

**'Pop up' container yard signals Oakland's export cargo push**

**Trans-Pacific vessel count on course for sharp increase**



*Overhead view of container vessel*

## APRIL

**Port of Oakland improved outlook for cargo volume**

**Port of Oakland exporters eligible for new federal incentives**

**Port of Oakland's Seaport Logistics Complex kicks off with major tenant**



*CenterPoint leases new warehouse to PCC Logistics*

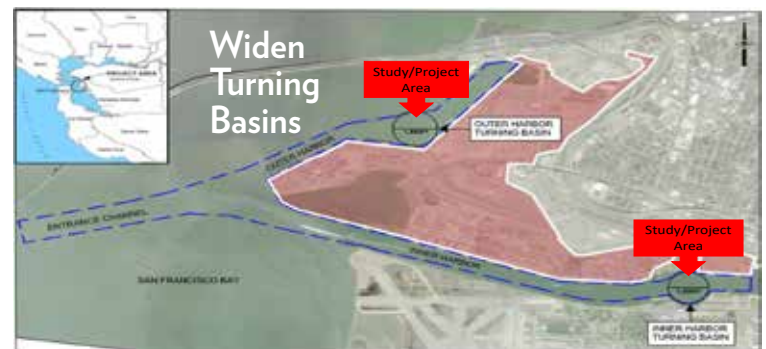
## MAY

**USDA announces signup for the Commodity Container Assistance Program**

**Full steam ahead on Port's Turning Basins Widening Study**

**Close up look at maritime operations**

**Port of Oakland volume declines as Shanghai struggles**



## JUNE

**Almond Board of CA views Port operations up close**

**Port of Oakland May 2022 container stats**







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## JULY

Port of Oakland June volume prior year  
Port of Oakland picks Chamber President to lead Board

## AUGUST

Port of Oakland takes major step on clean energy project  
Port of Oakland July volume drops 28 percent from July 2021

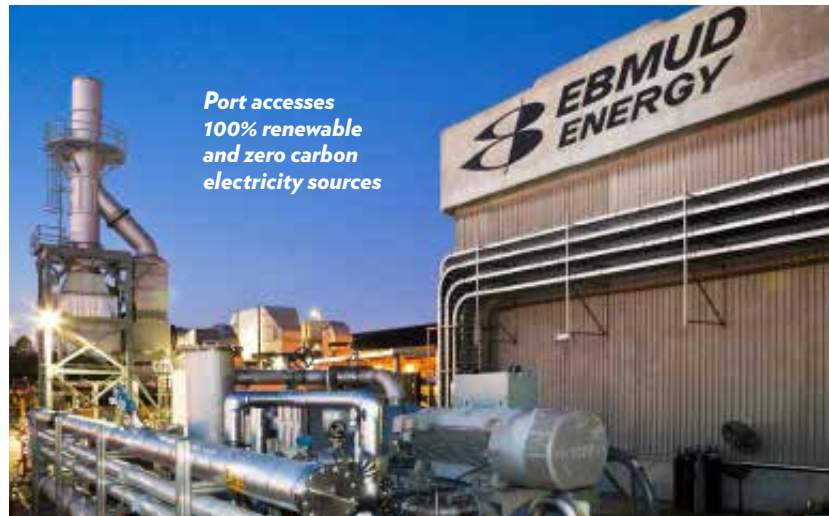
## SEPTEMBER

White House Port Envoy and Port of Oakland meet to discuss supply chain solutions  
Pasha's new environmentally friendly, high-tech ship makes landmark port-of-call at Oakland  
Port of Oakland August volume drops 8 percent from August 2021



## OCTOBER

California State Transportation Secretary visits Port of Oakland  
Port of Oakland to buy renewable energy from EBMUD  
Port of Oakland at AAPA / Port of Oakland at WESSCON  
Port of Oakland September container volume drops



## NOVEMBER

Port of Oakland hosts congressional meeting  
Japanese diplomats visit Port of Oakland  
Port of Oakland welcomes solutions to sea level rise  
Port of Oakland October container volume up 5.9%

◀ *Executive Director speaks at a ceremony commemorating the maiden visit of the George III.*

## INDUSTRY RESOURCE LINKS:

- ▲ Oakland Portal
- ▲ Oakland Seaport Map
- ▲ Ocean Carrier Services
- ▲ Shipping Forms & Permits
- ▲ Shore Power & Vessel Commissioning
- ▲ Trucker Resources
- ▲ TWIC
- ▲ Maritime Services Directory



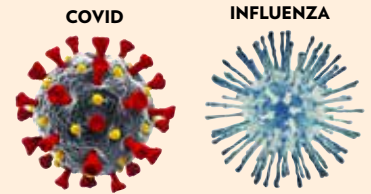


## Maritime Moments

PRIOR TO 1910, OAKLAND'S CITY-OWNED PORT FACILITIES CONSISTED OF TWO SMALL WHARVES AND SHEDS ADJOINING THE WEBSTER STREET BRIDGE. IN THIS TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY VIEW, A STERN-WHEEL STEAMER IS BERTHED AT CITY WHARF NO. 2. ●

## WORKPLACE HEALTH

- Latest on COVID
- Flu or COVID?
- Vaccines



## Port of Oakland November container volume declines

**Full imports down 17.4%, full exports down 12.3%, but port congestion eases**

The Port of Oakland's container volume dropped in the month of November. Both full imports and full exports are down compared to November 2021, as well as below October 2022 volumes.

Total loaded container volume declined 15% in contrast to November 2021, recording 131,929 loaded TEUs (twenty-foot containers), compared to 155,252 TEUs in November 2021.

Full imports decreased 17.4% over November 2021 volume.

The port handled 68,646 TEUs in November 2022, compared to 83,097 TEUs in November 2021. In October 2022, 79,459 TEUs passed through the port.

Full exports were down by 12.3%, recording 63,283 TEUs in November 2022 compared to 72,155 TEUs in November 2021, and 66,408 in October 2022.

"This decline is not unexpected," said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. "Despite October gains, long-term indicators continue to predict a decline in demand for goods. The good news is that the reduction of incoming containers has allowed us to begin alleviating congestion at port facilities, increasing efficiencies in port operations."

With the weakening of demand, ocean rates continue to drop. Sailings continue to be canceled and the introduction of new services has been postponed.

As a result, the wait-time for berths is less than earlier this year, so ships are spending less time at Port of Oakland facilities. Terminal yards are also beginning to shed extra containers from their yards.

Empty container exports rose 75.6% compared to November 2021.

Link [HERE](#) to Port of Oakland container volume data. ●

