

## **Port Employee 'Giving Campaign' Reaches Its Goal**

The Port Employee Giving Campaign concluded on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This year, under the leadership of Campaign Chair Jerry Serventi, the Port's Director of Engineering, Port employee participation grew by 15% with an increase in campaign donations of approximately \$21,000 from last year. Port employees gave approximately \$232,000 to various charities; \$105,000 in campaign donations and \$127,000 to various agencies outside the campaign. 270 employees participated in the campaign, and three departments had 100% participation: Risk Management, Airport Business and Engineering Construction.

## **San Francisco Business Times Presentation**

This past Friday, I had the pleasure of speaking for the second time at the San Francisco Business Times Newspaper's Annual Breakfast, "Building Oakland." Other guest speakers included Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums, Transbay Holdings' Jim Falaschi, Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Joe Haraburda, and Shorestein Executive Vice President Tom Hart. This sold-out event was held at the Marriott City Center with more than 500 business and community leaders in attendance. I discussed the Port's current situation with respect to challenges and opportunities in the coming year.

**California Transportation Commission Allocates  
TCIF Funds  
Port Engages Stakeholders in Advocacy Efforts**

Last week, the California Transportation Commission allocated the infrastructure bond dollars to different regions within the state. I am happy to inform you that the CTC commissioners allocated up to \$825 million for northern California's projects. I testified on behalf of the Port at this meeting. The action by the CTC followed an intense lobbying effort by both southern California and northern California. The Port of Oakland spearheaded efforts that resulted in more than 100 letters of support for funding for northern California projects as well as several editorials board meetings echoing the same message.

## **State Sen. Don Perata Reception for CTC**

In addition, last Friday, the Port of Oakland co-hosted a reception with State Senator Don Perata to recognize the efforts of the CTC and to urge state legislators to appropriate the funding consistent with the actions of the CTC. In attendance at the reception were four members of the CTC, six members of the state legislature, the deputy secretary of the State's Business Transportation and Housing Agency in addition to agriculture, business, transportation and labor leaders from throughout northern California. We will be working closely with our elected officials and other stakeholders throughout northern California to ensure that our voice is heard in the state legislature as the funds are appropriated next year.