

PORT OF OAKLAND RECEIVES \$3.8M STATE FUNDING FOR TRUCK SECURITY PROGRAM

On Friday, February 15, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security announced that the Port of Oakland would receive \$3.8 million for port security initiatives, as part of a \$40 million release of Proposition 1B funding for ports statewide. I was pleased to join Security Director Matthew Bettenhausen, along with Bay Area port directors and a representative from Oakland Mayor Dellums' office, at a press conference at Middle Harbor Shoreline Park to discuss the details of this important funding initiative.

Here in Oakland, these funds will be used to create a truck monitoring system that will use a sophisticated technology to track individual truck movements around the Port facilities for security purposes. This initiative will also deliver environmental benefits by increasing efficiency at the truck gates and by reducing truck queuing, and thereby reducing congestion.

I would like to thank the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for making port security a priority, and also extend my gratitude to the California voters for approving the bond measure that makes this funding possible.

LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

On Wednesday, February 13, the Port of Oakland hosted a meeting of the California Commission on Economic Development, chaired by Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi. As a member of the commission, I was pleased that my fellow commissioners had chosen to learn about the impact of goods movement activities on the state's economy.

During the meeting, we heard from Sean Randolph, President of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, and Richard Sinkoff, Interim Director of the Port's Environmental Planning Division. Mr. Randolph spoke about the economic impact of international trade at our state's ports, and Mr. Sinkoff made a presentation on environmentally-sustainable policies and planning initiatives in the goods movement sector.

Among other tasks planned, the Commission will be following the implementation of the state infrastructure bonds and working to ensure that railroad and intermodal investments remain a viable part of the funding mix.