

PORT OF OAKLAND ADVOCACY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

During the week of March 31, the Port of Oakland conducted its annual advocacy trip to Washington, DC. I'd appreciate if my colleague, Vice President Mark McClure, who participated in this trip, could please give this report.

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Thank you, President Batarse. I was pleased to participate in the Port's annual advocacy trip to Washington, DC, along with Commissioners Kenneth Katzoff and Margaret Gordon, Port Director Omar Benjamin and Port Public Affairs staff.

This year, we had a number of productive meetings with our Congressional delegation and agency officials related to the Port's goods movement and environmental initiatives. In particular, we discussed the need for Congress to adopt a national freight policy that will deliver increased economic and environmental benefits to ports and goods movement stakeholders, as well as local communities impacted by these projects.

As the Congress continues to consider options on how to reauthorize the highway bill, the Port will continue to push for an increased recognition of goods movement and environmental needs within this legislation.

CLEAR LANES OPEN AT OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On Thursday, March 27, Clear Lanes opened at Oakland International Airport allowing pre-approved passengers faster passage through security. Port Commissioners Darlene Ayers-Johnson and Kenneth Katzoff represented the Port Board at the press conference to discuss the details of this important security and customer service program. Clear members are pre-screened by the Transportation Security Administration, and after application approval, passengers receive a card that gives access to Clear security lanes nationwide. Clear Lanes operate at 17 U.S. airports, including SFO and San Jose International. The cost is \$128 per year.

This past January, the Port Board first approved Clear Lanes as part of the airport's registered traveler program. To date, over 5,000 customers have applied for the Clear program since the service began at Oakland International.