PORT OF OAKLAND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
Negative Declaration for
Roundhouse Area Improvements, Oakland, California

To: Public Agencies and Concerned Citizens/Interested Parties
From: Port of Oakland
Environmental Programs and Planning
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Project Applicant: Port of Oakland

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the Port of Oakland (Port), acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will receive public comment and recommendations on a draft Initial Study (IS)/Negative Declaration (ND) for the Roundhouse Area Improvements Project. The review period extends for 30 days beginning May 26, 2015 and ends at 5:00 pm on June 24, 2015. All comments regarding the draft IS/ND must be received by this ending date/time. The Port intends to approve a Port building permit for the project upon adoption of the final IS/ND.

Project Location: The project site is located at 1401 Middle Harbor Road, Oakland, California 94607.

Project Description: The Roundhouse Area Improvements Project would reconfigure the Port’s existing approximately 37-acre former Union Pacific (UP) Roundhouse area and adjacent 5-acre former Sherex Chemical property (collectively referred to “the Roundhouse Area”) to improve the utilization of the site. The site is currently used for public truck parking.

The Roundhouse Area Improvements Project is expected to involve constructing the facilities required to operate a grain transloading operation (Grain Terminal) on approximately 15 acres at the site, providing 5.9 acres of dedicated parking for UP, reducing the existing interim public truck parking area from approximately 37 acres to 15.2 acres, and providing appropriate access to each of the three proposed areas on the site (the Grain Terminal, UP parking, and public truck parking). Construction of the Grain Terminal would include installation and protection of various utilities, installation of new and upgrading of existing railroad track, construction of two temporary buildings, and installation of grain unloading and loading equipment.

Potential Environmental Impacts: No significant, unavoidable impacts have been identified.

Comment Period: The public review period for the draft IS/ND extends from May 26, 2015 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2015.

Locations Where Document Can Be Reviewed: The Port has prepared a draft IS/ND for the subject project pursuant to CEQA. This document is available for review at 1) Port of Oakland, Environmental Programs and Planning Division, 2nd Floor, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA 94607 and 2) at the Port of Oakland website http://www.portofoakland.com/environment/publications.aspx.

Comments on the draft IS/ND must be received, in writing, by June 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Submit comments to Tim Leong, Port Associate Environmental Scientist
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