



May 16, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Port of Oakland's Port Infrastructure Development Project (PIDP) Proposal

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA), we are writing to express our strong support for the Port of Oakland's application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) competitive grant program for the Outer Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Project, Phase I.

The \$37 million federal funding request for this \$49 million project supports the redevelopment of approximately 26 acres of its Outer Harbor Terminal area. The redevelopment would include new pavement to support stacking operations, additional refrigeration plug racks, new LED high mast lighting, battery storage and other substation improvements, equipment charging stations, and natural vegetative bioswales to address drainage.

The project would expand the Port's use of plug-in refrigerated containers and move away from diesel powered generators powering current equipment. While advancing toward our goal of near-zero emissions operations at the port, this project will also greatly support agricultural business by providing hundreds of new storage and staging areas for perishable products.

The project will greatly improve the efficiency of seaport operations, promote sustainable transportation initiatives, and support the restoration of export cargo activity for the benefit of the agricultural community in California and throughout the nation. This project also implements and advances important components of the Port's Seaport Air Quality 2020 and Beyond Plan which seeks to reduce the emissions impact from its activities and transition into zero and near-zero emissions cargo operations and supports the region's climate change and environmental justice goals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 272-3874 or stephen@eastbayeda.org.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Baiter".

Stephen Baiter
Executive Director