

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 28, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Port of Oakland's 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Project (PIDP) Proposal**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write today in strong of the Port of Oakland's application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for the TraPac Zero Emissions Cargo Handling Project. With the support of the \$37 million grant funding request for this \$46 million project, the federal government can partner and advance innovative and sustainable transportation initiatives in the freight sector and improve the efficiency of port operations.

According to the Port of Oakland, the project will replace conventional diesel-powered cargo handling equipment (26 off-road yard tractors and 7 container handling top picks) at the Port's second-busiest marine terminal with zero emissions equipment that will be sourced domestically. The Project will also include charging equipment and related infrastructure consisting of Battery Electric Storage Systems and ancillary electrical system upgrades. The charging system includes innovative resiliency features that ensure extended operational duty cycles as the batteries will "trickle charge" while equipment is in use, thereby minimizing additional power from the electric grid that is typically associated with an electrification project of this scale.

The goals of this project are to improve port infrastructure to increase the safety, efficiency, and reliability of port operations while simultaneously supporting economic vitality, climate adaptation, and emissions reductions initiatives which are of benefit to local disadvantaged communities. According to the Port, the project is consistent with state freight improvement goals as outlined in the California State Freight Mobility Plan, the California State Transportation Agency's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, and locally developed plans such as the Port's Seaport 2020 and Beyond Air Quality Plan and the West Oakland Community Air Action Plan, led by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

We thank the US Department of Transportation considering the Port's project, which helps our nation's agricultural shippers remain competitive and promotes the adoption of zero-emissions equipment in the maritime sector and associated domestic manufacturing.

We appreciate your continued commitment to an efficient and sustainable transportation network and thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We urge your full and fair consideration of the Port of Oakland's application consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress



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Mark DeSaulnier  
Member of Congress



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John Garamendi  
Member of Congress



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Ro Khanna  
Member of Congress