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Re: Ongoing Coordination and Collaboration on Planning with City of Oakland

Dear Honorable Members of the Oakland City Council:

Since 2017, the Port and City staff have collaborated on planning processes related to the proposed Oakland Waterfront Ballpark District Project at Howard Terminal (“Howard Terminal Project or HTP”). This has included sharing of information, gathering input from the maritime stakeholders, neighboring communities, and the public, and financial planning. The Port believes that the process has yielded quality information and public record to facilitate the Council’s policy-setting and decision making related to the Project. This included the draft final environmental impact report and the identification of seaport compatibility measures that is the subject of a separate letter.

This letter is to highlight for the Council the many City-Port joint planning and coordination efforts that have arisen out of collaboration that will continue beyond the decision on the Howard Terminal Project. Though not directly related to HTP, these joint actions will inform the City’s ongoing planning efforts and community development policies by recognizing and studying the interconnectedness of Port and City land uses, transportation infrastructure and related planning issues and processes. We expect that these efforts will feed into the City’s general plan process, economic development policies and measures to create jobs and improve quality of life for neighboring communities, as well as the Port’s efforts to continue to grow the job base and enhance community benefits.

The Port sees great value in on-going collaboration on the following plans and projects.

- *City of Oakland Industrial Lands Policy.*
- *City of Oakland Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (DOSP).*
- *City of Oakland General Plan Update.*
- *Joint Port/City West Oakland Truck Management Plan (TMP).* The Council and Board of Port Commissioners approved the TMP. City and Port staff are now collaborating on implementation.

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- *Port of Oakland Seaport Plan*. The Seaport Plan will identify long-term land uses to accommodate projected cargo needs.
- *Port of Oakland Long-Term Transportation and Circulation Plan*, which will evaluate long-term transportation and circulation issues resulting from cumulative Seaport activity and surrounding development.
- Removal of roadway segments within the Seaport area from traffic mapping applications to minimize cut-through traffic and congestion in the Seaport. This may require an update to City municipal codes and installation of regulatory signage (“Local Traffic Only”).
- Overweight Permit Program and associated overweight corridor, including access between the Seaport and 3rd Street and ensuring future modifications of 3rd Street continue to provide overweight truck access.

During the period of 2020-2021, the Port has initiated two staff-led task forces to address building permits and stormwater and trash abatement. City staff is contributing to this work on a regular basis. Additionally, the Port established the Seaport Stakeholder Roundtable (SSR) to provide a stakeholder engagement forum for the Port of Oakland Seaport Plan. City staff is contributing to the SSR. For example, on October 27, 2021, Planning Director William Gilchrist and his staff presented an overview of the City of Oakland Industrial Land Use planning to the SSR.

To address long-term planning coordination, I have tasked Richard Sinkoff, Director of Environmental Programs and Planning, to establish an on-going task force with City staff. We look forward to the participation of the Planning Bureau, Department of Transportation and Department of Community and Economic Development.

We sincerely thank the City Council, the administration and staff for your efforts and look forward to a lasting collaboration.

Sincerely,



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