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Toks Omishakin, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUPPORT: PFIP - Port of Oakland Terminal Modernization and Arterial Roadway Project

Dear Secretary Omishakin:

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), we write to express support for the Port of Oakland's application for its Terminal Modernization and Arterial Roadway Improvements projects under the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program (PFIP). This project will provide funding for both arterial roadway access improvements that will minimize freight congestion and improve roadway safety as well as modernization and upgrades of marine terminal infrastructure at the seaport and support future infrastructure necessary to support the introduction of zero-emissions cargo handling equipment.

PMSA and its member ocean carriers and marine terminal operators partnered with the Port of Oakland in its adoption of the ambitious *Seaport 2020 and Beyond Air Quality Plan* which seeks to reduce emissions impact and transition into zero and near-zero emissions cargo operations. This air quality plan also supports initiatives which lower the carbon footprint of seaport operations and support the state's ambitious greenhouse gas goals. This PFIP application will further these Port-specific goals and do so in a manner which aligns local and state policymakers' broad goals for emissions reductions.

Furthermore, it is imperative that we invest in improvements to the arterial roadways serving the Port of Oakland, which are at present inadequate to serve regular and overweight freight needs and constrained by residential encroachment – existing and planned – by the City of Oakland. PMSA is opposed to this encroachment and the extensive negative ramifications that this will have on seaport operations, and we oppose the use of these or any funds to facilitate such development projects. However, PMSA supports the investment of resources that facilitate and invest in greater access to the industrial waterfront and that will help facilitate safer, faster, and more reliable trucking operations.

We appreciate your consideration of the Port's application and your support of continued investments in California's freight and industrial transportation needs. Please do not hesitate to contact PMSA regarding this or any other port and maritime related issues.

Sincerely,



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