



United States Senate

August 2, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the Port of Oakland's (Port) request for funding through the U.S. Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). The Port would use these funds to modernize their aging infrastructure to improve sustainability and better serve the growing base of zero emissions freight equipment at the seaport.

The Port's \$20 million project will replace an aged power substation at the end of its operational life with a multifunctional, modern 12 MW substation, integrating renewable power generation to support expansion of electric hauling and cargo-handling equipment and ship power availability. Additionally, the substation will be integrated with the local community power grid, potentially able to provide power in emergencies such as wildfires or extreme heat, enhancing local grid resilience in the face of climate change.

This project is integral to the Port's *Seaport 2020 and Beyond Air Quality Plan* which seeks to reduce the emissions impact from its activities and transition into zero and near-zero emissions cargo operations. This air quality plan will also support initiatives which lower the carbon footprint of seaport operations and support the state's ambitious greenhouse gas goals. The Port is a partner on a number of pilot programs that seek to demonstrate the reliability and viability of zero emissions cargo handling, drayage trucking, and related port equipment and is eager to work toward wider adoption of such equipment in the industry.

I urge you to give the Port of Oakland's application your full consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my San Francisco office at (415) 393-0707.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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