



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LONG BEACH CRUISE TERMINAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Long Beach (City) is the Lead Agency for the Long Beach Cruise Terminal Improvement Project (proposed project) located at Pier H within the Queen Mary Seaport at 231 Windsor Way, adjacent to the RMS Queen Mary. Based on the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, the City has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact (MND) for the proposed project pursuant to CEQA, State CEQA Guidelines, and the City's Local CEQA Guidelines. The City is distributing this Notice of Intent to Adopt (NOI) to agencies that have permit authority the proposed project, interested groups and organizations in accordance with CEQA.

Notice is hereby given that a Draft MND for the proposed project is available for public review during the public review comment period (June 20 through July 22, 2019). The City has prepared the MND to analyze environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project and to propose mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts that will eliminate or mitigate impacts to less than significant levels.

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach, Development Services/Planning Bureau

Responsible Agency: Port of Long Beach

Project Title: Long Beach Cruise Terminal Improvement Project

Project Location: Regionally, the project site is located in the southern portion of the County of Los Angeles and in the southwest portion of the City of Long Beach (City) in the Port of Long Beach (POLB). The POLB is located in San Pedro Bay and the project site is specifically located at Pier H within the Queen Mary Seaport at 231 Windsor Way, Long Beach, CA 90802, adjacent to RMS Queen Mary. The Long Beach cruise terminal is located at the south end of the Long Beach Freeway (Interstate 710 [I-710]), directly across Queensway Bay from downtown Long Beach. Regional access to the project site is provided via I-710 and Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1 [SR-1]) to the north. Primary vehicular access to the project site is provided via South Harbor Scenic Drive.

Project Description: The proposed maritime improvements are focused on accommodating safe and secure moorage of existing vessels and the future larger Vista-class vessel along the existing wharf deck.

PROPOSED MARITIME IMPROVEMENTS. These improvements and activities include:

- ***Dredging.*** Deepening the existing berth from its current design depth of 30 feet MLLW plus one foot to a new design depth of 36 feet MLLW plus one foot of over-dredge for a total depth of 37 feet MLLW. It is estimated that the dredging volume would total approximately 33,250 cubic yards, consisting of:
 - 28,250 cubic yards within the existing berth; and
 - 5,000 cubic yards within the proposed berth extension area.

The project would include disposal of approximately 33,250 cubic yards of dredged materials at the LA-2 Ocean Dredge Material Disposal Site located offshore approximately 11 miles southwest of the cruise terminal.



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- Mooring Dolphins and Catwalks. Two high-capacity, pile-founded mooring dolphins and associated catwalks are proposed on both sides of the wharf deck to allow for adequate mooring capacity and stability. The proposed dolphins would be structurally designed similar to the existing dolphins located off the northern and southern ends of the deck. All dolphins would connect back to the wharf deck via catwalk bridge elements.
- Passenger Walkway Bridge Extension. An extension to the existing passenger walkway bridge system with an added ramp section is proposed to accommodate the new ship. This would include a new tower element on the existing wharf deck and a new tower on a new platform deck using new or current piles just south of the existing wharf deck. The passenger walkway bridge extension and associated tower element would be designed to follow the specifications and design criteria of the existing gangway, to be adjustable for tidal conditions while remaining within Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) allowances.
- Fender Replacements. The project would also replace the existing worn foam-filled fenders with new oversized high-density foam-filled fenders and backing plates.
- Proposed Water Lease. Carnival is proposing to expand its existing water lease from POLB from 7.81 acres to 11.8 acres to encompass the additional dredged area required as part of the project. The total over-water work area is approximately 17.06 acres, which includes the proposed water lease area as well as the dredge extents.

ONSHORE IMPROVEMENTS

The onshore improvements are limited to the expansion of the existing parking garage at Pier H, to resolve current circulation issues and to support the increase in passengers associated with the larger vessel. Approximately 500 additional cars associated with the *Carnival Panorama* (visitors or employees) are anticipated to park at the facility on Saturdays. The proposed parking garage improvements would include:

- Parking Garage Expansion. The project would expand the existing parking garage from 1,430 parking spaces to approximately 2,055 parking spaces by extending the parking garage laterally towards the southwest and northeast. Both the southwest and northeast extensions would occur over existing roadways within the leasehold, with vertical clearance heights maintained for all through traffic lanes to accommodate commercial vehicles, including emergency response vehicles (i.e., Long Beach Fire Department Station 6 vehicles).
- Tunnel Abandonment. The 450-foot tunnel system located to the southwest of the parking garage along Windsor Way would be filled and abandoned.
- Traffic Lane Reconfiguration. Traffic lanes around the southern corner of the existing parking garage would be reconfigured. Existing traffic is open in both directions to the public with traffic moving counter-clockwise on the outside lanes and clockwise on the inside lanes. The project would modify the traffic lane configurations to be open to the public only on the inside



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lane in a counter-clockwise direction to allow a fire lane along the outside lane to travel in a clockwise direction.

The planning area does not contain any hazardous materials sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

MND: The MND examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis Checklist categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems.

The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions, agencies, and other interested parties about the availability of the MND during the public comment period (**June 20, 2019 through July 22, 2019**). **Written comments (accepted via email and/or letter only) on the MND must be submitted no later than close of business July 22, 2019, to the address below.**

Address Comments to:

City of Long Beach
Department of Development Services
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor
Long Beach, California 90802
Attention: Amy Harbin, AICP, Project Manager
LBDS-EIR-Comments @longbeach.gov

A hearing of the City of Long Beach Planning Commission will be scheduled to take place after the conclusion of the comment period. After the Planning Commission hearing, unless the Planning Commission decision is appealed to the City Council, the Port of Long Beach Harbor Commissioners will also conduct a public hearing on the item.



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MND REVIEWING LOCATIONS

Online <http://longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>

City of Long Beach

City of Long Beach, Development Services/Planning Bureau 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor Long Beach, California 90802 (*note- due to the new Civic Center opening in July, the Planning Bureau will be moving next door to 411 West Ocean Blvd during the review period. Therefore, beginning Monday, July 22nd, a copy will be available at 411 West Ocean Blvd instead of 333 West Ocean Blvd*)

Library

The Long Beach Main Library is closed due to construction activities. Hardcopies and electronic copies of the MND can be found at the Alamitos Branch Library located at 1836 East 3rd Street, Long Beach, CA 90802.