

October 14, 2025

Subject: **Overweight Vehicle Special Permit Application**

Dear Permittee:

Certain overweight vehicles operating in the City of Long Beach require an Overweight Vehicle Special Permit (OVSP). An OVSP is required for motor vehicles that transport ocean-shipping containers with reducible loads and have a total weight of greater than 80,000 pounds. The maximum total weight allowed under this permit is 95,000 pounds. An OVSP can be obtained by contacting the Transportation Mobility Bureau at (562) 570-6618 or from the City website <https://www.longbeach.gov/pw/services/permits/>

2026 REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The fee for an annual permit remains \$90.00. The fee for a single trip permit remains \$16.00. There are no pro-rated fees.
2. Only a valid CHP 407F driver/vehicle inspection report will be accepted. CHP 407F reports that are expired or contain violations that have not been cleared by the CHP will be returned to the Permittee.
3. Any expired certificates of insurance will not be accepted and will be returned to the Permittee.

TO OBTAIN A NEW OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT

- Read and follow the requirements of the Overweight Vehicle Special Permit Rider
- Provide a CHP 407F vehicle inspection report from the Department of California Highway Patrol. See No. 4 of the Overweight Vehicle Special Permit Rider.

- Provide proof of vehicle liability insurance (Certificate of Liability Insurance) that lists each vehicle by **license plate number and Vehicle Identification Number**. Automotive liability coverage must include any auto limits of not less than:

Combined Single Limit	\$750,000.00
	or
Bodily Injury (per person)	\$300,000.00
Bodily Injury (per accident)	\$600,000.00

The certificate holder shall be:

City of Long Beach
Department of Public Works
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 5th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Provide 30-day notification of cancellation by striking out “endeavor to” and “but failure to do so representatives.” Failure to do so will delay the issuance of the permit; see No. 7 of the OVSP Rider.

The Certificate of Liability Insurance requires approval from the City of Long Beach Risk Management Bureau. In addition, any company with 1 or more employees must list Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability. A sole proprietorship does not require workers' compensation. Any sole proprietorship must submit the statement below in an email with the certificate.

- *The permittee is certifying that he or she does not employ any person in any manner that is subject to the workers' compensation laws of California or is not otherwise required to provide for workers' compensation insurance coverage under California law, and*
- *The permittee shall notify the City if it becomes subject to the workers' compensation laws of California or is otherwise required to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage under California.*

Please note that insurance approvals could take 10-15 days, sometimes longer. Please review the COI before submitting to ensure that all information is correct. All insurance shall be submitted before the permit application by e-mail to teresa.dennis@longbeach.gov.

- Provide the appropriate permit fee. See No. 12 of the OVSP Rider

One calendar year	\$90.00
Single trip	\$16.00

(Make check(s) payable to the City of Long Beach)

- Provide the signed Overweight Vehicle Special Permit Addendum. In addition, please legibly print or type your current e-mail address.
- Changes have been made to the Overweight Corridor Map. Each route has been updated to indicate the City of Long Beach, City of Los Angeles, and State Overweight routes. In March of 2022, California Transportation took over the jurisdiction of the Gerald Desmond Bridge. See the paragraph below for details on obtaining a Caltrans Overweight Permit. Also included for 2025 is the Port of Long Beach Overweight Cargo Permissible Roads

Information regarding the Gerald Desmond Bridge

Companies are required to submit overweight permit applications to the California Transportation (Caltrans) for the Gerald Desmond Bridge. Please see the attached link below:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>

Please be aware that City Hall has very close security, so dropping off or picking up permits will not be an option. **Note:** Please review the OVSP package (s) before mailing. Should there be an error or if incomplete, the OVSP package will be returned by mail, which will cause a delay in issuing the OVSP.

Please address all mail to the following:

City of Long Beach
Department of Public Works, Transportation Project Management Bureau
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 5th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802
Attn: Teresa Dennis

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Teresa Dennis at (562) 570-6618 or e-mail teresa.dennis@longbeach.gov

Sincerely



Transportation Project Management Bureau

Cc: Long Beach Police Department Commercial Enforcement Division



PERMIT NO _____

OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT

Reference Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.41

PERMITTEE

(Business Name)

Name of Principal or Agent

ADDRESS

Telephone No.

TRUCK-TRACTOR
DESCRIPTION

Make

Model

Year

Vehicle Identification No.

License No.

Equipment No. (Opt)

DATE OF LAST C.H.P. SAFETY INSPECTION _____ NEXT INSPECTION DUE _____
THIS PERMIT REQUIRES A COPY OF A C.H.P. 407F VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED WITHIN 90 DAYS

AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIER _____

POLICY NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

"This Permit allows the transport of up to 95,000lbs as specified by California Vehicle Code section 35550 and 35551. It is the Permittee's responsibility to ensure the permitted vehicle is in compliance with gross axle weight ratings, wheel and tire ratings and all other equipment as set forth in California Vehicle Code section 35551." Any violation of this permit as it pertains to dimensions or weight will void the permit and the vehicle's maximum allowable weight will be reduced to the maximum allowable weight by statute.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

PERIOD OF PERMIT: Single trip dates(s) _____

Beginning on _____ ending on **12/31/2026**

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REQUIRED. YES ___ NO ___ If yes, see Rider conditions.

FEES: \$16.00 single trip, \$90.00 per year, January through December

APPLICANT VERIFICATION: I/We agree to defend and indemnify City, its boards, officers and employees from any and all damages, costs and expenses sustained or incurred by City, its boards, officers and employees resulting from or arising out of the issuance of the subject special permit and the use of City streets whether designated or non-designated. I/We further agree to be responsible for all injuries or deaths of persons and for all damages to property of every kind caused by or resulting from or arising out of this issuance of a special permit and the use of City streets, whether designated or non-designated. I/We certify that each driver who operates an overweight vehicle under this permit shall have completed training in the operation of an overweight vehicle and carry a personal certificate of training during overweight operation. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

ISSUED BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Authorized Representative

Date Issued _____

REQUIRED FEE STAMP BELOW

Signature of company officer

Type or print name.

Title

Date

A Special Permit Rider, C.H.P. 407F Vehicle Inspection Report, proof of liability insurance, and a map of the approved routes must accompany this permit, or the permit will be voided.

OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT ADDENDUM

This addendum indicates that the Permittee, being issued an Overweight Special Permit, has read the requirements below. Read all the following carefully before signing:

The undersigned has read the Overweight Vehicle Special Permit and Overweight Vehicle Special Permit Rider and understands that the Permittee has the responsibility to comply with all the conditions included within the OVSP, OVSP Rider, and the Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.41:

- The maximum total weight that is allowed with a permit is 95,000 pounds.
- Permittees may use any axle combination, provided the configuration complies with the OVSP Rider, Paragraph 3, and CVC 35550 and 35551
- All permittees shall have the tractors and chassis inspected for safety by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).
- The CHP inspections must be current upon application and 90 days thereafter. The inspection reports are to be attached to the OVSP package.
- A placard shall be displayed on the front and rear of each overweight vehicle.
- Permittees must provide the appropriate training and can certify that the drivers have received the training before operating the overweight vehicle. The special training certificate must be issued by the driver's current employer.
- Permittees shall provide a Certificate of Insurance with all Vehicle Identification numbers and plate numbers listed. Current insurance documents are to be attached to the OVSP package.
- The driver must maintain the entire OVSP package on their person while hauling overweight goods from the Port of Long Beach.

This document will be part of the 2020 annual OVSP package, and each vehicle will be required to have this available to any law enforcement officer.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of the OVSP, OVSP Rider and LBMC Ch. 10.41

Applicant/Permittee

Date

E-mail Address

OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT RIDER

City of Long Beach, Department of Public Works

Permit No. _____

An overweight vehicle special permit is required for all motor vehicles hauling reducible load ocean shipping containers that have a total weight of greater than 80,000 pounds. The maximum total weight that is allowed by this permit is 95,000 pounds. This permit is to be issued by the Director of Public Works, of the City of Long Beach or his designee. Approved overweight driving routes within the City of Long Beach are shown on the attached map. Any special conditions which apply to this permit are listed at the end of this Rider.

1. This Rider is valid only with an Overweight Vehicle Special Permit from the City of Long Beach Department of Public Works. The City permit is necessary for the operation of overweight vehicles carrying reducible loads within the City of Long Beach.

2. The maximum allowable gross weight is determined by the capacities of the axle groups, according to the table of gross weights per axle group in Section 35551(a) of the California Vehicle Code. The maximum weight permitted a truck tractor/semi-trailer combination is the sum of the capacities of the front steering axle (20,000 pounds), the drive axle group and the rear (chassis) axle group, up to the limit of 95,000 pounds. The distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest whole foot. When a fraction is exactly six inches, the next larger whole foot shall be used, per California Vehicle Code section 35551(c)

Loading distribution shall conform to the described axle group weight limits and is the responsibility of the permittee.

3. The distance between the kingpin and the rear axle shall be thirty-five (35) feet or more. All axles except for the front steering axle should be equipped with dual wheels and tires on each end unless it is established that permittee's axle equipped with single wheels and tires satisfies vehicle code requirements. Loading per axle may not exceed the manufacturer's Gross Axle Weight Rating for that equipment. Under no circumstances shall the weight on any one axle within an axle group exceed 20,000 pounds. The maximum gross vehicle weight is 95,000 pounds.

4. (a) All permittees shall have their tractors and chassis inspected for safety by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) upon application for the Overweight Vehicle Special Permit and every 90 days thereafter shall display a current CVSA decal. (b) Neither tractors, nor chassis shall have any uncorrected violation listed on the CHP safety inspection reports. (c) Current CHP safety inspection reports, conducted within the 90 days, shall be maintained as Attachments to the Overweight capacity on public streets in the City of Long Beach upon application, and every 90 days thereafter.

5. A placard shall be displayed on the front and rear of each overweight vehicle traveling on public streets. The placard shall be at least 4 feet long and read, "OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE". The minimum letter size shall be 10 inches high, with a line width of at least 1.6 inches. The letters shall be black on a yellow reflectorized background.

6. Permittees must provide appropriate training to the drivers of overweight vehicles and certify on their application that the drivers employed by the permittee shall receive special training prior to operating an overweight vehicle. Each driver must carry a personal certificate of training in the operation of overweight vehicles at all times during overweight operation and shall present this certificate to any law enforcement officer on demand. The special training certificate must be issued by the driver's current employer.

7. Permittees shall provide proof of insurance by providing a certificate of vehicle liability insurance to the City. Insurance must be approved by the City prior to permit issuance. "Certificate Holder", must be, City of Long Beach, Dept. of Public Works, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802 and have a 30-day written notice of cancellation provision. Insurance shall be in an amount not less than the minimum limits required by State law. Insurance shall be issued by a company admitted in the state of California or having a Best's Insurance Guide rating of A VIII or equivalent. Companies with one or more employees must require Workers Compensation and Employers Liability insurance.

All vehicles to be permitted shall be identified on the certificate by license plate and VIN number. A copy of the certificate is to be carried in each vehicle during overweight operation.

8. Overweight vehicles with special permits shall travel from cargo pickup point to delivery point on the designated streets shown on the attached map or by the most direct route possible. Travel on residential streets (defined as a street which provides access to one or more dwellings) is prohibited. The use, including crossing, of State routes (see map) is by California Department of Transportation permit only.

9. The maximum speed limit of overweight vehicles is 30 miles per hour. Whenever an overweight vehicle is on a bridge, over-crossing or grade separation, the vehicle shall remain at least 100 feet behind any tractor semi-trailer combination or other vehicle with 5 or more axles.

10. Overweight vehicles traveling on public streets are subject to inspection by the Director of Public Works (or his designee) and any law enforcement officer. The following must be available within their vehicle for inspection at all times and presented on demand:

- a) special permit with Rider and attached map.
- b) current safety inspection stickers for tractor and semi-trailer
- c) certificate of driver training in the operation of overweight vehicles
- d) evidence of vehicle liability insurance

11. The permits shall not authorize the movement of hazardous materials or hazardous wastes, as defined by local, state, and federal law.

12. The permit fee for a single trip is \$16.00. The permit fee for annual operation is \$90.00. If an Engineering investigation or other special services are necessary because of unusual equipment configuration, etc., permittee will be notified prior to the extra work and billed for the actual cost to the City.

13. Any person convicted of a violation of special permit terms and conditions shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 6 months, or both. In addition, if the violation involves weight in excess of the permitted amount, an additional fine shall apply to the amount of excess weight (CVC Secs. 35784.5 and 42030). Two or more permit violations within any 90-day period shall result in revocation of all permits, which shall not be reissued for 90 days following the revocation.

14. No restrictions on hours of operation apply.

15. No movement during "inclement weather" (as defined in 24400(c) CVC)

- (a) Visibility is reduced to less than 1,000 feet, or
- (b) Any condition requiring the windshield wipers to be in continuous use due to rain, mist, fog or other precipitation or atmospheric moisture.

Special conditions: _____

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References: City of Long Beach Municipal Code Section 10.41, Resolution No. C-25854, Board of Harbor Commissioners Resolution No. HD-1771, HD-1908 and the State of California Vehicle Code (particularly, but not limited to, Chapter 5 of Division 15).

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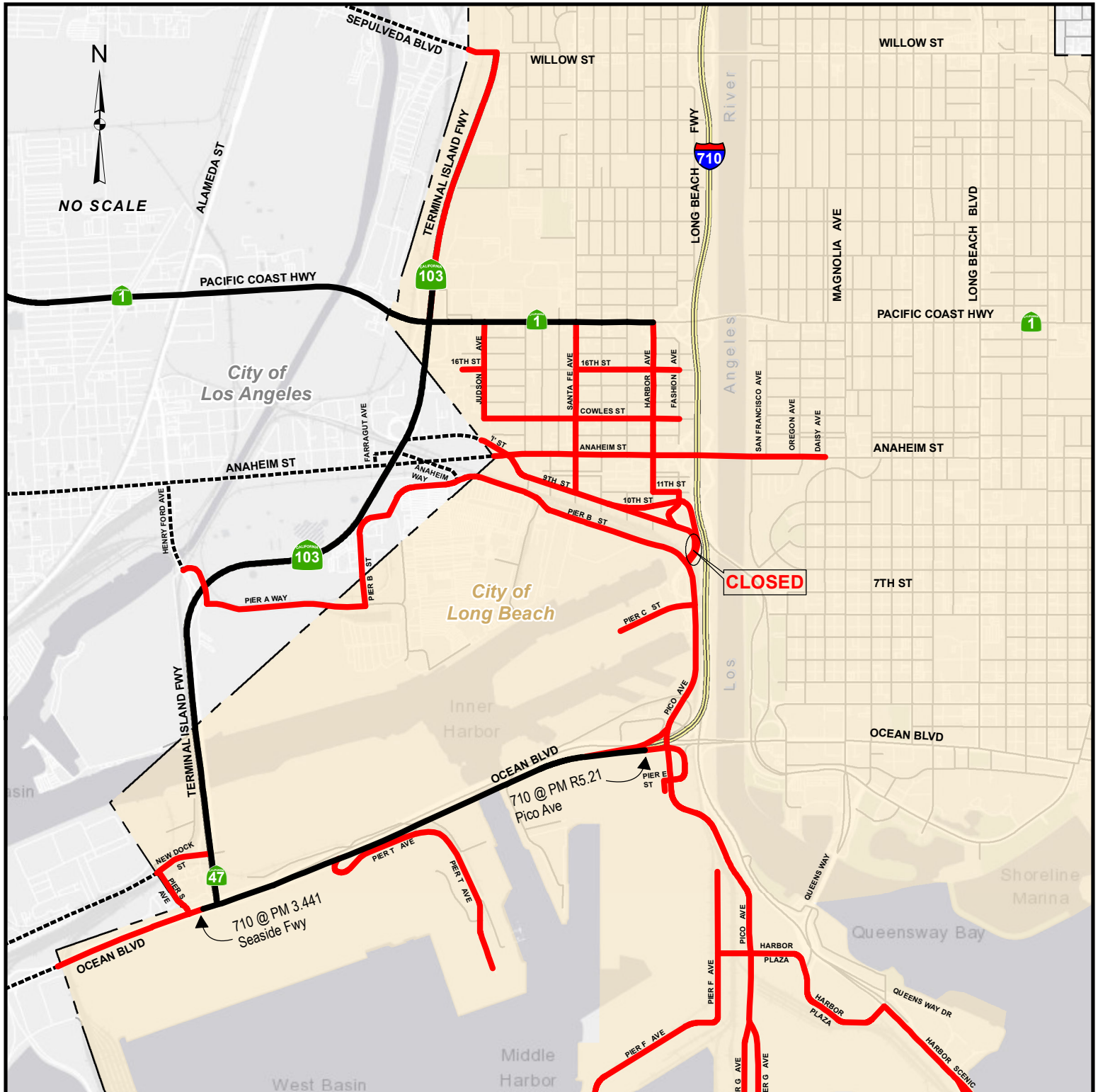
35550. (a) The gross weight imposed upon the highway by the wheels on any one axle of a vehicle shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the gross weight upon any one wheel, or wheels, supporting one end of an axle, and resting upon the roadway, shall not exceed 10,500 pounds.

35551. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section or Section 35551.5, the total gross weight in pounds imposed on the highway by any group of two or more consecutive axles shall not exceed that given for the respective distance in the following:

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles

(b) In addition to the weights specified in subdivision (a), two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more. The gross weight of each set of tandem axles shall not exceed 34,000 pounds and the gross weight of the two consecutive sets of tandem axles shall not exceed 68,000 pounds.

(c) The distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest whole foot. When a fraction is exactly six inches, the next larger whole foot shall be used.



MAP FEATURES

- CITY OF LONG BEACH OVERWEIGHT ROUTES
- CITY OF LOS ANGELES OVERWEIGHT ROUTES
- STATE OVERWEIGHT ROUTES

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT ROUTES**

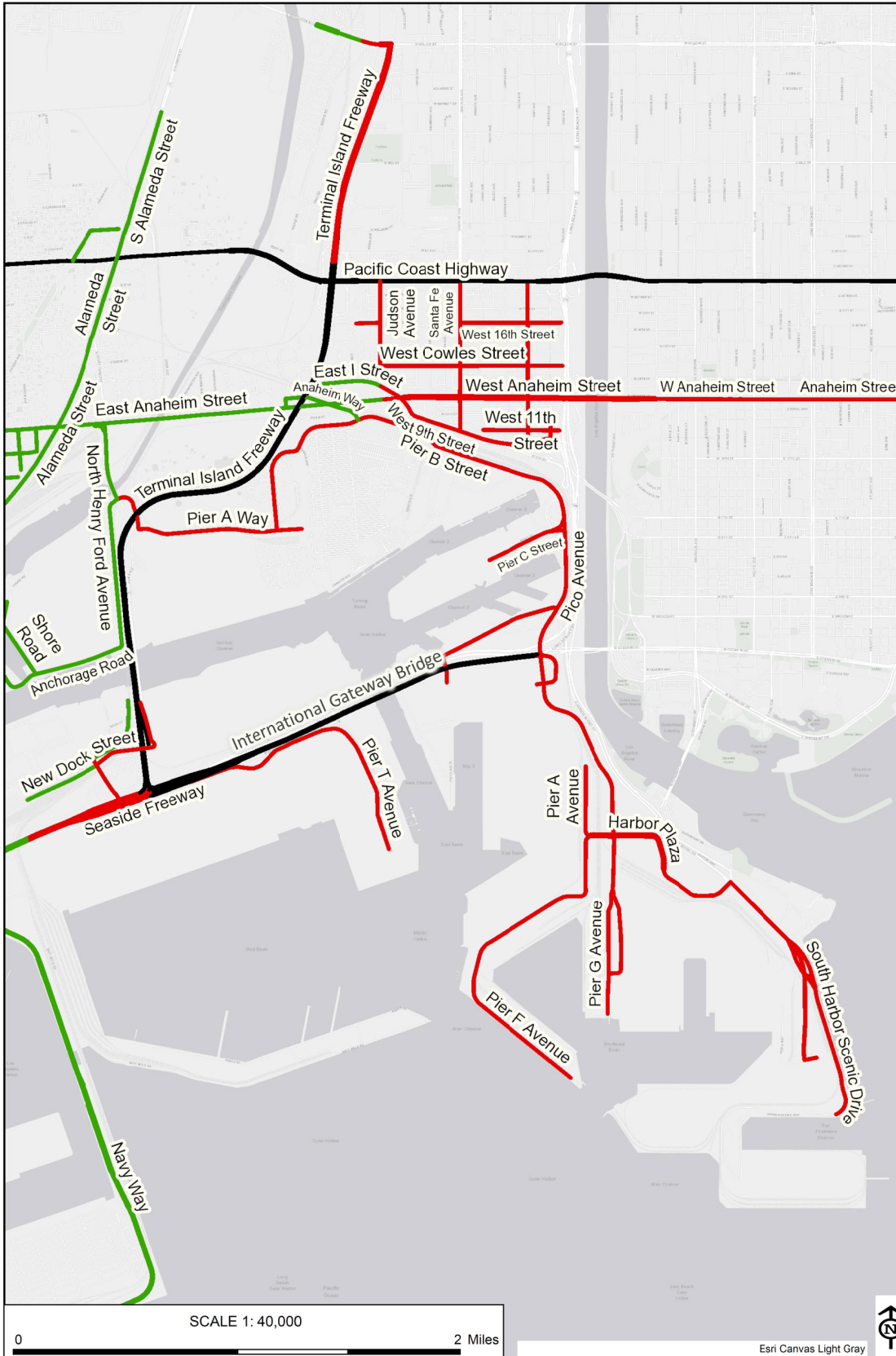
MAP DATE : MAY 2024

Overweight Cargo Permissible Roads

Legend

Overweight Cargo Road

- City of Long Beach
- City of Los Angeles
- State of California



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All information contained and referenced herein is for reference only. It is compiled from data provided from various sources and as such the relative location and size of topological features is only representative of the time the data was recorded. The Long Beach Harbor Department does not assume any responsibility for its accuracy or completeness. Field verification is recommended.

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