



**Public Hearing  
Long Beach Cruise Terminal Improvement Project  
Appeal Application No. 1909-08**

**City Council Meeting of December 3, 2019**

# Approvals and Appeals

**November 7, 2019: Planning Commission approved a Site Plan Review for the project with conditions.**

**November 13 -22, 2019: Five appeals were filed:**

**Coalition for Clean Air**

**Citizens About Responsible Planning**

**Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force**

**Coalition for a Safe Environment**

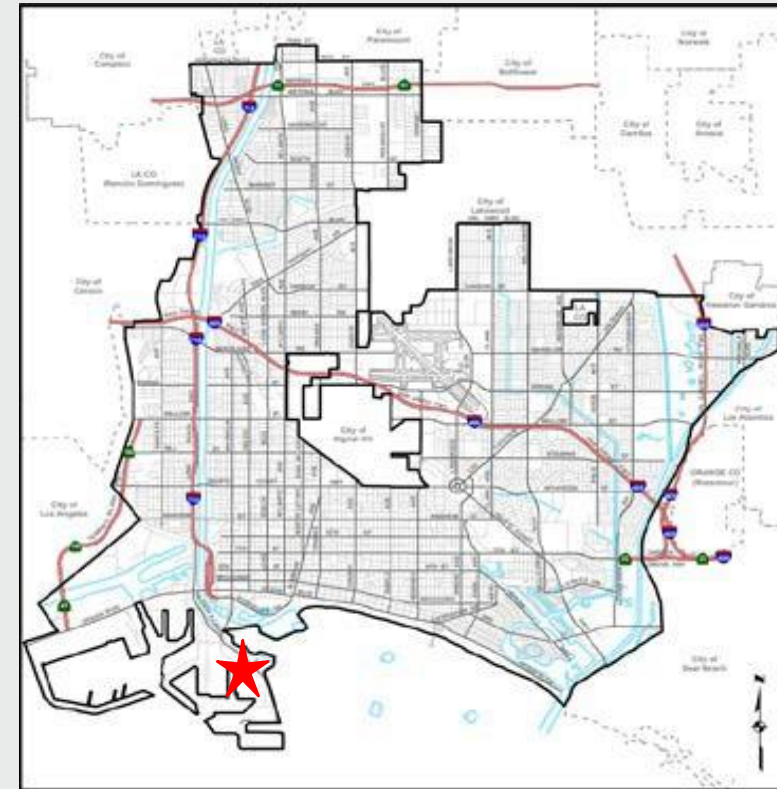
**Concerned Faculty of USC and UCLA**

**Summary of appeals: (1) City approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration without consultation with the Long Beach Harbor Department; (2) an environmental impact report is necessary to assess environmental issues including air quality, kelp, marine mammals, birds, fish habitat, noise, and dredge disposal; (3) the baseline is faulty; (4) the City violated CEQA by segmenting the project; and, (5) lack of sanctions if mitigation measures are not met.**

# Vicinity Map

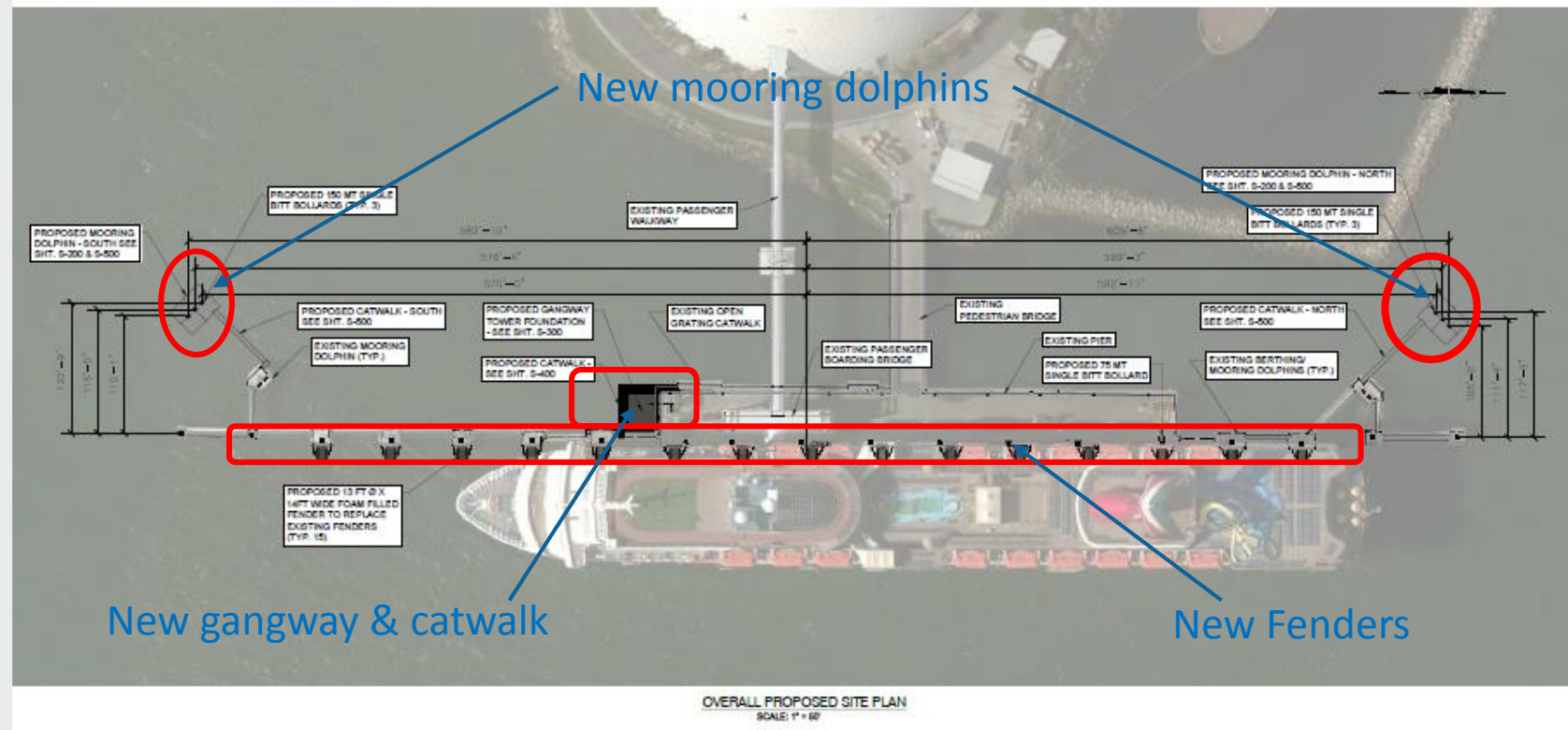


The Project Site is located in the Queensway Bay Planned Development (PD-21)



# Project Proposal—Maritime Improvements

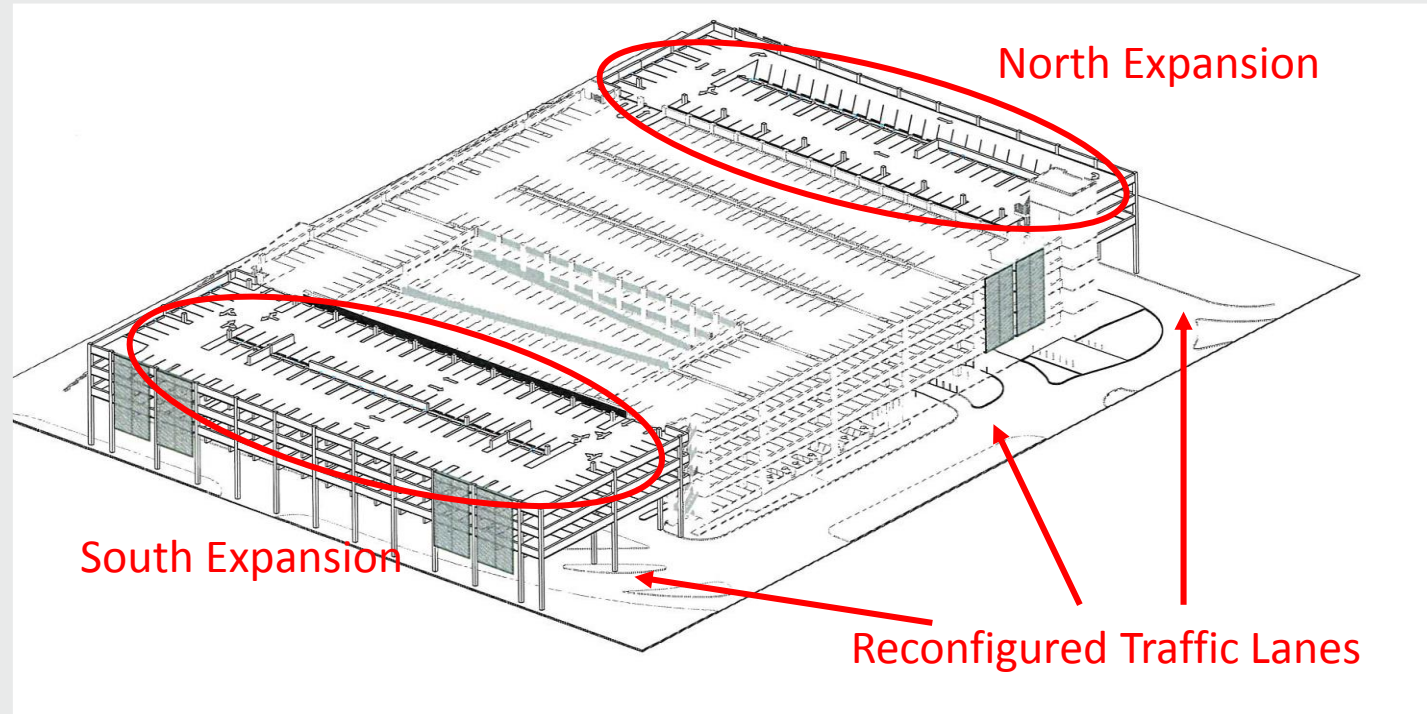
- Dredge and expanded leasehold area



- Mooring Dolphins and Catwalks
- Passenger Walkway Bridge Extension
- Fender replacements

# Project Proposal—Landside Improvements

## Abandonment and fill of an existing tunnel



- Expansion of the existing parking structure by 657 spaces.
- Reconfiguration of the existing leasehold traffic lanes.

## Site Plan Review

- **Design of the parking structure expansion is compatible, and will integrate seamlessly, with the existing structure.**
- **The project is consistent with the PD-21 development standards that include landside facilities related to embarking and disembarking of passengers on cruise lines.**

## CEQA

- **The project was analyzed as part of a mitigated negative declaration (MND 08-19).**

**The five appeals assert a variety of issues with the CEQA document, the more significant assertions include lack of City consultation with Long Beach Harbor Department and that a faulty baseline was utilized.**

## **Staff Response**

- There has been constant and ongoing communication with Harbor Department staff.**
- Existing conditions as of the date a project is submitted typically constitute the baseline conditions by which a lead agency determines whether an impact is significant.**
- The proposed project will not result in an effect on the environment with the incorporation of the mitigation measures.**
- The proposed project, with mitigations, would be consistent with all required findings.**

# Recommendation

- **Adopt a resolution approving and certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact (08-19) for the maritime and onshore improvements.**
- **Uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve a Site Plan Review (SPR 19-026) for the expansion of an existing parking structure to include 657 new parking spaces, abandonment and fill of an existing tunnel, and reconfiguration of leasehold traffic lanes.**





**Thank you**

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