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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: I-710 Committee Update and Implementation of Pier Pass**

The City of Long Beach adopted a Locally Preferred Strategy (LPS) for improvements to the I-710 Major Corridor Study which included over 100 community consensus recommendations from the City of Long Beach. The specific improvements and community recommendations were incorporated into the LPS for the full corridor by the regional I-710 Oversight Policy Committee, which was subsequently approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority on January 21, 2005. One of the key recommendations made by the community was the implementation of a plan to reduce congestion by extending the "gate hours" at the shipping terminals. The City Council adopted a resolution urging the California Legislature to enact Assembly Bill 2041 (Lowenthal) which sought to legislate extended gate hours. Under the leadership of Assemblymember Lowenthal, the maritime industry negotiated a compromise that resulted in the establishment of an extended gate hours program called Pier Pass.

The Pier Pass program is an integral part of the I-710 COC and the regional I-710 Oversight Policy Committee consensus recommendations. The Pier Pass program was the subject of discussion in three key areas:

- The efforts to improve air quality;
- Effort to involve the truckers in the solution and discussion, and;
- Communication and presentation to the public before any extended hours are implemented.

Efforts to implement Pier Pass have been delayed beyond the original November date that would have been required by AB 2041. We have a duty to ensure that the community recommendations are vigorously pursued and implemented.

Suggested Action: Refer to I-710 Council Oversight Committee for an update and community presentation.