



**Date:** September 20, 2011

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District  
Councilmember Robert Garcia, First District  
Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District  
Councilmember Steve Neal, Ninth District

**Subject: Gerald Desmond Bridge- Project Labor Agreement Update**

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The Gerald Desmond Bridge project is a major upcoming infrastructure project for Long Beach. According to the Port of Long Beach (POLB), construction is expected to last five years and generate up to 4,000 jobs per year.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Port has, in the past, considered the development of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) for its major construction projects, including the Middle Harbor Project. PLAs set a uniform labor agreement, ensure timely completion and encourage local hiring and cost savings. A PLA for the upcoming Gerald Desmond Bridge project would have a positive benefit for our City and community.

In order to keep the Council fully apprised on PLAs in the Port of Long Beach, it is appropriate to request a status on discussions of a PLA for the Gerald Desmond Bridge project.

**Recommendation: Request City Manager to work with appropriate staff to report back to Council in 30 days on the status of a Project Labor Agreement for the Gerald Desmond Bridge project.**