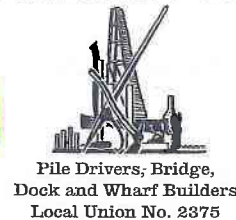


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Re: City of Long Beach Green Terminal Island Freeway (I-103) Project

Dear Mayor Garcia and Long Beach Councilmembers:

The International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA) and above organizations are writing to express our concerns with the City of Long Beach's proposed Green Terminal Island Freeway (I-103) Project, which proposes to "decommission" (or close to trucks) a portion of the freeway. This would be the largest freeway removal project in Southern California history, according to the Press-Telegram. In addition to serving local residents, the Terminal Island Freeway (TI Freeway) is a critical truck route between the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, and local businesses.

Over 11,000 vehicles travel daily on the TI Freeway, and it is far from being underutilized, especially considering the projected population and port cargo growth. It is our understanding that the current plan by the City of Long Beach is to decommission the portion of the TI Freeway between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street while increasing open space. Project proponents claim this will buffer the community from air, noise, light and visual pollution and will mitigate pollution impacts and address community health concerns. In fact, we believe the proposed TI Freeway (I-103) decommissioning will have the exact opposite effect and a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be done if the City of Long Beach chooses to pursue TI Freeway decommissioning. We are confident an EIR would show that if this freeway is simply decommissioned, it will result in rerouting traffic to surface streets through the communities of Long Beach, Wilmington and Carson; an increase in congestion; the intensification of traffic at already busy interchanges; and the actual exacerbation of noise and air pollution.

The San Pedro Bay Ports are the gateway to the commerce of the United States, and are a significant job creator in California. In Long Beach, 1 out of 8 jobs - that's 30,000 jobs - are



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