



# CITY OF CARSON

December 1, 2015

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
333 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: Green Terminal Island Transition Plan  
City Council Agenda Item No. 24. 15-1234

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers:

By submittal of this letter, the City of Carson is expressing our concern with the proposed Green Terminal Island Transition Plan. The primary reason for the City of Carson's concern is that the planned removal of the one-mile segment of the Terminal Island Freeway between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street from the freeway network and the proposed removal of the remaining roadway from the truck route system would result in a shift in truck traffic to other travel routes. This would result in increased traffic volumes on City of Carson roadways, such as Alameda Street and Sepulveda Boulevard, and result in circuitous travel routes between the Port facilities and the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF).

The increased traffic volumes on the City of Carson roadways and the longer travel distances would result in reduced levels of service, additional traffic delays at intersections, increased fuel consumption, and increased emissions. While it is acknowledged that the plan would be beneficial to the community adjacent to the TI Freeway, it would merely shift the impacts to other locations, some of which are in the City of Carson.

It is encouraged that detailed analyses be conducted to evaluate the impacts of the project on traffic conditions, noise, air quality, vehicle-miles of travel, and traffic delays at locations that would be affected by the shifting traffic patterns. The City of Carson did not receive any information regarding this project, so we respectfully request to be included in all future discussions and deliberations.

Sincerely,

  
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Interim City Manager

Cc: Mayor and City Council  
Director of Public Works