



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**  
**Los Angeles**

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Dear Honorable Members of the Long Beach City Council:

The Los Angeles section of the American Planning Association is one of eight local sections of APA's California Chapter, with more than 1,300 members in the Los Angeles area. APA Los Angeles helps its members share knowledge, advance their careers, and guide change in both the profession and our communities.

The Terminal Island Freeway Transition Plan is a proposal to transform the Terminal Island (TI) Freeway into a local serving road, creating new open space and buffering the local residential community from negative impacts of neighboring industrial uses. This proposal considers new connectivity for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. It also offers opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase stormwater infiltration and improve runoff quality, improve the health of neighboring residents, and make efficient use of existing public infrastructure in an urban area that is largely built out. For these reasons, this project is aligned with many policies adopted at the national level by the American Planning Association, including:

**Surface Transportation Policy #1.6:** The American Planning Association, its Chapters and Divisions, and planners support integration of multiple transport modes.

**Surface Transportation Policy #3.4:** The American Planning Association, its Chapters and Divisions, and planners support transportation planning that can achieve significant reductions in GHG emissions and improvements to air quality.

**Surface Transportation Policy #3.5:** The American Planning Association, its Chapters and Divisions, and planners support transportation planning that addresses and minimizes the potential adverse impacts of transportation facilities and associated urban development on water quality.

**Sustainability Policy #9:** The American Planning Association and its Chapters support planning policies and legislation at all levels of government that support and implement sustainable development policies that seek to equitably protect public health, safety and welfare, and which incorporate the needs of those currently disenfranchised in the process.

**Smart Growth Policy Declaration #A.3:** The American Planning Association recognizes that maintaining, expanding, and optimizing the use of existing or prior public infrastructure investments resulting in more rational and efficient use of limited public resources and helps to preserve the natural environment.

**Smart Growth Policy Declaration #G.5:** The American Planning Association supports policies and plans promoting networks, parks, trails, and open space that improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists and create opportunities for healthy lifestyles.

As you deliberate on this proposal, we hope that this letter serves as insight from the perspective of professional planners.

Sincerely,



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