



October 25, 2022

Mr. Mitch Weiss  
California Transportation Commission  
Executive Director  
1120 N Street, MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program – America's Green Port Gateway: Pier B Early Rail Enhancements Project

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Intermodal Association of North America, the only transportation trade association that represents the combined interests of intermodal freight providers and customers. IANA represents more than 1,000 corporate members, including railroads, ocean carriers, ports, intermodal truckers and over-the-road highway carriers, intermodal marketing and logistic companies, and suppliers to the industry. Such suppliers include companies that design, manufacture, and maintain intermodal chassis. IANA appreciates the opportunity to share its support for the Port of Long Beach's **America's Green Port Gateway: Pier B Early Rail Enhancements Project**, which is seeking \$70.4 million in 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) grant funding.

The Project will add a 10,000-foot track to accommodate longer Class 1 railroad intermodal trains within a critical freight corridor, provide storage for 24 locomotives, permanently close an at-grade railroad crossing, add a retaining wall, and extend two existing tracks to support transcontinental trains traveling via the Alameda Corridor. This Project will result in major benefits to the Port's rail network, in addition to the nation's intermodal supply chain by:

- Increasing the capacity of the entire San Pedro Bay Port Complex rail system, and maximizing the transport of cargo via on-dock rail and improving worker safety;
- Reducing switching moves and facilitating through movements on mainline tracks while generating less emissions and less idling due to decreased locomotive dwell time; and
- Easing highway congestion and improving air quality by promoting a shift from truck to rail transport that will increase the number of containers moved directly by rail to and from on-dock.

The San Pedro Bay complex is an integral component in the US transportation supply chain. Over forty percent (40%) of our nation's imports are transported through Southern California ports. This Project will enhance the economic competitiveness of California businesses and agricultural producers, while increasing capacity and reliable access to global markets through a key gateway in the supply chain. The Project will also provide greenhouse gas reductions and enhance the state's multimodal freight system, supporting the goals of the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) and Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).

We respectfully request that the Commission approve TCEP funding for America's Green Port Gateway: Pier B Early Rail Enhancements Project. Thank you for your consideration and leadership. Questions regarding this letter may be directed to me at [jcasey@intermodal.org](mailto:jcasey@intermodal.org).

Sincerely,

President and CEO  
Intermodal Assn. of North America