

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008, 5:30-8:00 P.M.  
BANNING'S LANDING  
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WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA 90744**

**JAYME WILSON, CO-CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTENDEES**

**Jayne Wilson, PCAC Co-Chair**

**Carrie Scoville, Alternate for Joe Gatlin, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

**Peter Warren, Alternate for Richard Havenick, Coastal S.P. Neighborhood Council**

**Pat Nave, Voting Member, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

**Dennis McCarbery, Voting Member, Wilmington Neighborhood Council**

**Donna Ethington, Voting Member, Wilmington Neighborhood Council**

**June Burlingame Smith, Voting Member, Point Fermin Resident's Association**

**Janet Gunter, Alternate for Noel Park, S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition**

**Andrew Mardesich, Voting Member, S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition**

**Kathleen Woodfield, Alternate for Dr. John Miller, S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition**

**Lucy Mejia, Voting Member, Wilmington Citizen's Committee**

**Cathy Beauregard, Voting Member, At-Large, S.P.**

**Chuck Hart, Voting Member, At-Large (S.P.)**

**Frank Herrera, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee**

**Eleanor Montano, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee**

**Gary Kern, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee**

**Donald Norton, Alternate for Anthony Misetich, Harbor Association Industry & Commerce**

**William Lyte, Voting Member, Harbor Association Commerce and Industry**

**Patrick Wilson, Voting Member, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce**

**Kenneth Melendez, Voting Member, Wilmington Commercial District**

**Gary Young, Voting Member, Non-I.L.W.U.**

**Linda Spink, Voting Member, Education At-Large**

**Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting member, Education At Large**

**Andrew Fox, Voting Member, At-Large**

**ABSENTEES**

**Joe Gatlin, Voting Member, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

**Richard Havenick, Voting Member, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

**Joeann Valle, Voting Member, Harbor City Neighborhood Council**

**Richard Pavlick, Voting Member, Crescent Area Resident's Association**

**Noel Park, Voting Member, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition**

**Dr. John Miller, Voting Member, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition**

**Anthony Misetich, Voting Member, Harbor Association Industry & Commerce**

**Mark Waronek, Voting Member, Harbor City/Gateway Chamber**

**Frank O'Brien, Voting Member, L.A. Harbor/Watts EDC**

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**ABSENTEES CONTINUED**

**James Cross, Voting Member, San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Michelle Grubbs, Voting Member, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association  
David Beeman, Voting Member, ILWU Local #13  
Lanny Nelms, Voting Member, At-Large**

**PORT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

**Thomas Russell, General Counsel  
Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director, Business Development**

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:40PM  
Jayme Wilson, the PCAC Co-Chair called the meeting to order.**
  
- B. OPENING STATEMENT - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PCAC)**

**AS PROVIDED BY THE BROWN ACT, PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AGENDA ITEM OR DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. THE COMMITTEE, UNDER ITS RULES, SHALL NOT ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. ANYONE DESIRING TO SPEAK MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER CARD AND SUBMIT IT TO THE PCAC SECRETARY.**

- C. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM BY ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS  
Roll call was taken. There was a quorum of 19 members at roll call.**
  
- D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2007 PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
ON MOTION OF DENNIS MCCARBERRY, SECOND BY GARY KERN, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2007 PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED.  
The Minutes were approved with 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

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**E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)**

**Jayne Wilson, PCAC Co-Chair, opened the floor for public comments. The following individuals addressed the committee.**

**Arthur Hernandez, a Wilmington resident and a PCAC alternate, thanked the Port and BNSF for improving the area around the South Watson Yard and L Street by planting pine trees.**

**F. REPORTS OF CO-CHAIRPERSON AND PORT OF LOS ANGELES STAFF**

**Co-chair Wilson announced that June Burlingame Smith, the PCAC Parliamentarian, had drafted a recommendation to resolve voting and quorum issues as they are currently specified within the PCAC By-Laws. After the City Attorney reviews the language, it will be brought to the PCAC for their input.**

**In David Mathewson's absence, Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director of Business Development, reported that:**

- There had been no action taken on any of the remaining PCAC recommendations.**
- The Vincent Thomas Bridge would be closed for road work on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM to 6:00AM.**
- The next BHC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 6:00PM, at Banning's Landing.**

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:**

- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)  
Akiko Yamagami, the Transportation Planner, and Sheryll Del Rosario, the Environmental Planner, from SCAG, presented an overview of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis.**

**The Plan is a transportation action plan for the next thirty years for the SCAG region which includes Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange County, Riverside, and Imperial County. The project's plan will cost \$569 Billion. SCAG worked closely with all**

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counties and member cities including county transportation commissions, sub regional organizations, transit agencies and tribal nations. A good portion of the plan is made up of projects submitted by the five County Transportation Commissions and the Imperial Valley Association of Governments.

Ms. Yamagami reviewed the goals, the challenges, the framework, and the strategies of the Transportation Plan. The plan is updated every four years to comply with Federal and State requirements as well as to reflect current and future conditions.

Ms. Del Rosario reviewed the Environmental Justice (EJ) portion of the plan, the analysis, and the results of the analysis. SCAG is mandated to adhere to legal requirements and Federal regulatory policies regarding EJ. The goal of the analysis is to ensure that the plan does not create any disproportionate impacts on any demographic groups, specifically, the lower income, minority and traditionally under represented members of the community. In conducting the analysis, socioeconomic variables, ethnicity, race, poverty levels, and income were used as well as performance indicators like accessibility, plan expenditures, cost, time savings, auto travel distance reductions, and environmental impacts.

Results of the analysis showed:

**Accessibility to Employment**

- Low income and minority communities in the region are anticipated to have higher levels of access to employment by transit
- All income groups should benefit equally from improvements in accessibility due to the 2008 RTP

**Plan Expenditure and Investments**

- Investments are anticipated to go toward modes used by lower income groups
- Investments will be equally distributed among ethnic/racial groups

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**Costs (Taxes Paid)**

- Tax burdens are anticipated to fall heavily on higher income groups. Thus, those with limited financial means will not pay a disproportionate amount of overall tax

**Time Savings**

- Lower income groups will experience most savings in travel time, while paying a smaller share of taxes

**Auto Travel/Distance Reductions**

- Lower income groups will be making longer commutes via automobile compared to higher income groups

**Environmental Impact Analyses**

- **Air Quality**  
The region as a whole will generally experience an improvement in air quality via reductions in transportation related emissions due to ongoing mobile source emission controls and investments in the plan. Air emissions will generally not disproportionately affect minorities and low income groups
- **Noise**  
Minority and low income groups will be disproportionately impacted by aviation and highway noise

Additional information is available at the SCAG website, [www.scag.ca.gov/environment/eir.htm](http://www.scag.ca.gov/environment/eir.htm). The RTP Hotline is 213-236-1960, and the email address is [rtpinfo@scag.ca.gov](mailto:rtpinfo@scag.ca.gov)

The public review period is from January 4, 2008 to February 18, 2008. Public hearings will be held for the RTP

- Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 10:00Am to 12:00PM, at the SCAG Riverside Office
- Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 10:00Am to 12:00PM, at the SCAG LA Office
- Wednesday, January 30, 2008, 10:00Am to 12:00PM, at the Orange County Transportation Authority, and for the EIR,
- Thursday, February 7, 2008, 9:15AM, at the SCAG LA Office, Downtown

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Committee members commented on:

- Auto Travel/Distance Reductions, Lower income groups making longer commutes as compared to higher income groups
- SCAG/RTP plans to turn some HOV lanes on existing highways into toll lanes and eliminate them as HOV lanes exclusively
- Increase in Gas Tax and its impact on the lower income group
- Time period for the RTP and the Expenditures to 2035
- Percentage of cost that is related to goods movement
- Projects in the plan that have the most impact on goods movement to and from the Port
- SCAG's role in the plan and the funding for projects in the plan

**H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**1. EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee**

At the December 18, 2007 PCAC meeting, On Motion of Pat Nave, Second by June Burlingame Smith, it was resolved with a vote of 9 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 4 Abstention, that the original motion proposed by the EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee be amended to read as follows:

**MOTION:**

The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends that the Port provide clear written information on impacts, mitigated impacts and impacts which cannot be mitigated, in all environmental documents.

At the January 7, 2008 Steering Committee meeting, the Committee amended the motion to read as follows:

**REVISED MOTION:**

The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends that the Port provide a clear *documented summary* ~~written information~~ on impacts, mitigated impacts and impacts which cannot be mitigated, in all environmental documents.

Pat Nave explained that the need was to have the Port provide a condensed version of the document, in a manner that did not burden the community with unreasonable reading in order to understand the project, its impacts, and what can and cannot be mitigated. Mr. Nave

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requested that the motion be referred back to an ad hoc committee or to the EIR Subcommittee for further discussion with various groups and the Port Environmental staff to come up with a very brief summary of the document that is easier, "read friendly". This is important, especially with the number of EIRs that are expected to come out in the next year.

William Lyte, offered the assistance of HAIC, with the direction of the Ports, to help come up with a brief succinct version of the EIR.

Dennis McCarbery agreed.

Peter Warren commented on his concern over the perspective of the person or person's who summarize the document. We may not want to rely on a summary. Secondly, he emphasized the need for trusted consultants to help the group analyze these documents.

Andrew Mardesich commented on the motion and the interpretation of the word "cannot".

Janet Gunter commented on the need for the word "identifying" impacts..., in the motion, which was missing. She expressed her desire to see the motion pass, and then to allow a group to further define it for future use.

Hearing no objection from the PCAC and after hearing the discussion on this item, Jayme Wilson, referred the motion back to the EIR Subcommittee for further work.

2. **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee**  
Recommendation that the Board of Harbor Commissioners include the Wilmington Open Space project in the first category of open space for funding from the China Shipping Mitigation Aesthetic Mitigation Program.

No one from the EIR Subcommittee, or the PCAC spoke in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

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**Skip Baldwin reminded the committee that at the December 18, 2007 PCAC meeting he had furnished a map and a written response from the NRDC supporting his Wilmington open space project. He explained that there were some misunderstandings about the location of the newly proposed project. The current proposal for open green space is located at 825 Dominguez Avenue. He further stated that LAUSD had never considered this site for a school.**

**Donna Ethington asked about the location of the site that the Council office had secured for Wilmington. The Wilmington Greenbelt Project (1020 McFarland Avenue) that had previously been proposed was to the north east of the currently proposed project.**

**Gary Kern reiterated the fact that the State Lands Commission had rejected both proposals, regardless of their location. Further, President Freeman emphasized at the November PCAC meeting that the Commission was not willing to take on a fight with State Lands over this proposal.**

**Lucy Mejia commented on the blight located on the east side of Wilmington and encouraged committee members to drive over and take a look.**

**Andrew Mardesich commented on the nexus for this project and that it was unfortunate that the Port never recorded the negative impact of the area. CEQA trumps the State Lands.**

**Peter Warren remarked on impacts from the Port that spill over beyond Port boundaries (air, roads, schools, businesses). We as PCAC should go to the Board of Harbor Commissioners and ask them to push the Port to mitigate these impacts on behalf of the communities.**

**Ken Melendez commented on the criteria that was used to determine the chosen mitigation projects [the State Lands Commission Response, the money budgeted for the project, and whether the project was compatible with the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program]. We also considered whether the projects comply with what was in the**

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settlement? Our choices met these requirements. We chose the projects that we felt could be done in the given time frame and budget.

Janet Gunter spoke in favor of the project and spoke on the failure of the Port to meet the settlement agreement stipulation that Port staff would work hand in hand with proponents of these projects to assist them in establishing a nexus. The community deserves the right to mitigate wherever they can, wherever they need it most within their communities. This is why the NRDC supports this project. It will be the example of what is needed for future mitigation projects. Ms. Gunter stated that she was fairly certain that the extension on the settlement had been moved to June 2009.

The motion was referred back to the EIR Subcommittee for review.

Arthur Hernandez commented on the proposed LAUSD school site in Wilmington on I Street.

**I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Port Master Plan Subcommittee – No Report**
- 2. Air Quality Subcommittee: No Report**
- 3. San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee**

June Smith reviewed a detailed report which was distributed.

Peter Warren commented on the cruise ship terminal alternatives, the proposed shuttle bus system to move cruise passengers around, and the limitation on recreational boating when the Cruise ships are coming in and out of Port at Kaiser Point.

Janet Gunter asked about the status of Westways, and was there any relevance to the agenda item on Thursday's Agenda regarding the appropriation of funds for parking lots near 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Kathryn Mc Dermott stated that the Board had approved a settlement agreement that gave Westways 18/24 months to vacate the site, and leave the site clean so that the Port can begin demolition. A soil remediation plan cannot be finalized until all the improvements are

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gone from the site. The parking issue for Thursday's Board meeting has to do with the San Pedro Enhancement Projects. The staff report can be obtained from the website.

**4. Water Quality Subcommittee**

Donna Ethington announced that the next meeting would be held on January 16, 2008, at 5:00PM at Banning's Landing. Issues on the agenda pertain to the contamination issues in the Dominguez Channel and the Consolidated Slip.

In response to Committee questions, Ms. Ethington reported that Port staff was now assisting her with the Youth Sailing Center. As for boat repairs, there has been no progress on getting a boat yard.

**5. EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee – No Report**

**6. Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee**

Ken Melendez reported that the last WWD meeting was held at Banning's Landing. He thanked everyone for bringing PCAC to Wilmington.

**J. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

Co-Chair Wilson, opened the floor for public comments. The following individuals addressed the Committee:

Carrie Scoville, from Cal State Long Beach, Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies, a Maritime R&D Center, announced that every year they show case new technology projects. This year there are twelve different maritime related goods movement technologies which will be showcased on January 16, 2008, on board the Queen Mary. One of the projects that might interest PCAC is the mag lev project. She encouraged the committee to attend. The presentations will also be web cast.

Dennis McCarbery, the President of the Friends of Banning's Landing, thanked the PCAC for utilizing the facilities at Banning's Landing. He let everyone know that the building was open and available for a variety of functions, both governmental and non-governmental.

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**K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008, PCAC MEETING**

- Update from AQMD, MATES III Study (Priority)
- LA County Sanitation, Creating a New Discharge Tunnel to the Ocean (Pushed to March Meeting)

**L. ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:25PM THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008 MEETING OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS ADJOURNED.**

**Signature on File**

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**Jayne Wilson, Co-Chair  
Port of Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee**

**Signature on File**

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**Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant**