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**DECEMBER 2ND WILMINGTON WATERFRONT
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP WILL FEATURE A “WINTER
WONDERLAND” OF SNOW PLAY, FAMILY FUN**

*Workshop Will Showcase for Community Review Final Concept
Designs for Wilmington’s Future Waterfront*



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WILMINGTON, Calif. – With five tons of snow on hand, a winter wonderland makeover is coming to Wilmington on December 2nd, when the Port of Los Angeles holds its fourth Wilmington Waterfront Community Workshop. Showcasing the final conceptual designs for the open space “Buffer” and 95-acre Wilmington Waterfront Master Plan, the workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bayview Field, located at C Street and Neptune Avenue.

In addition to the presentation of the final conceptual designs for the open space “Buffer” and Wilmington Waterfront Master Plan, the day’s activities will include a celebratory cake-cutting at 1:30 p.m., and a “Wilmington Waterfront Wonderland” replete with a snow play area for workshop attendees to enjoy. The workshop is planned as a special community-wide celebration to mark the culmination of the (nearly) year-long joint Port/community planning effort to design the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program.

Other free activities for children include crafts, moon bouncers and face painting. As their children play, community members will have the opportunity to view displays and models depicting the plans and talk with Port staff and project designers.

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Next Steps

This is the fourth community workshop in a series of four leading to the development of Final Plans for Buffer and Wilmington Waterfront Master Plan. Construction of the Buffer is set to begin in Fall 2007 and is expected to be completed by late Winter 2008, while an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the Waterfront Master Plan beginning in Spring 2007. The environmental review process for the Master Plan is expected to be completed and approved by the Harbor Board of Commissioners within one year.

Project Background

The Final Conceptual Designs were developed in response to the community challenges and needs that were identified through site analysis and input expressed by community members at the three previous Community Workshops held on April 1, July 23, 2006, and October 24, 2006. The PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee, an all-volunteer group of community members, played an important role by working closely with the Port of LA and Sasaki Associates design team to provide valuable feedback and direction, as well.

Buffer Area Conceptual Design Highlights

The Buffer provides approximately 30 acres of open space between Port operations and the community between Harry Bridges Boulevard and C Street, from Figueroa Street to Lagoon Avenue.

Features of the buffer area will include trails and pathways, an adventure playground, splash fountain, pedestrian plaza, picnic areas, restrooms, and an outdoor pavilion for concerts and events.

Wilmington Waterfront Master Plan Design Highlights

The Master Plan area extends between C Street and Harry Bridges Boulevard, from Lagoon Avenue to Broad Avenue, and then extending south between Broad Avenue and Marine Avenue to the waterfront at Banning's Landing. The Master Plan is a comprehensive,

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visionary plan that will guide the long-term development of the area between the Port and the community of Wilmington. A significant feature is a landscape bridge over the railroad tracks and realigned Water Street, designed for pedestrian use only. The bridge will have a series of stepped, flowing water features, surrounded by plazas, pathways, lush landscaping and trees. The Master Plan design will connect the Buffer, Wilmington community, business district, and Triangle Park with the waterfront.

Community members are invited to attend the December 2 Community Workshop, view the presentation and displays, and enjoy the celebration of the successful Port/Community joint effort to create the Plans! Spanish translation will be provided. For more information, call the Port of Los Angeles' LA Waterfront Information Line at 310-732-3567 or visit the Wilmington Waterfront Info Center at 218 E. Anaheim Street, in Wilmington.

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