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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Michael R. Christensen, a 30-year veteran Transportation Engineer, today joins the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's number one container port, as Director of Port Development. The Director of Port Development is the number two position at the Port reporting directly to the executive director, Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.

"We consider ourselves very fortunate to have someone of Mike's caliber on board," said Knatz. "The Port of Los Angeles is just beginning a whole slate of capital improvement projects, and Mike's coming on board will anchor the process."

Prior to joining the Port, Christensen was a Vice President with Pasadena-based Parsons Corporation, held senior management positions in various other transportation consulting firms, and spent 16 years with the Southern Pacific Railroad in positions that included Chief Environmental Affairs Officer.

Projects Christensen has held key leadership roles on include the Alameda Corridor, Reno's ReTRAC grade separation project, Port of Oakland's Maritime Development Alternatives Study, and the Long Beach/Los Angeles Intermodal Container Transfer Facility.

Christensen holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Arizona State University and is a registered professional engineer in nine states.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port and a recipient of two Environmental Protection Agency awards in 2006. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. A proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, the Port is self-supporting and does not receive taxpayer dollars. High priority is placed on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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