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**SECURITY MEASURES MOVE FORWARD AT THE
PORT OF LOS ANGELES**

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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Completing the final step in securing Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Round Three grant funding, the Board of Los Angeles Harbor Commissioners today officially accepted the TSA award in the amount of \$10.37 million by unanimous vote.

“This was an easy issue to vote on,” said Board President Nick Tonsich. “Yes, we accept the TSA grant and now we can officially move forward to implement the essential security programs that we have earmarked for the funds.”

The Port of Los Angeles received \$1.5 million in Round One grants for a feasibility study, analysis and conceptual design of a dedicated joint-agency container inspection facility. Round Two grants to the Port included \$2.5 million for Phase II of the container inspection facility design and \$800,000 for two patrol boats. Programs that will be funded with this Round Three grant and that will now get underway are:

- a waterside security surveillance system
- passenger complex perimeter security
- passenger complex vehicle screening
- waterborne perimeter security barriers
- Port of Los Angeles facility security enhancements

Moving more than 7 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit) of cargo and nearly 1 million cruise passengers, the Port of Los Angeles is also a leader in forward-thinking security programs and has its own dedicated Port Police and Homeland Security Divisions.

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The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading containerport in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable, well paying jobs. It has also placed a high priority on smart growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supporting department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles...Anchoring a bright future.

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