

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to roadway design, traffic management strategies, and terminal scheduling practices at the Port of Los Angeles (POLA).

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Park):

1. DIRECT the Department of Transportation in coordination with Caltrans and the POLA, to evaluate and develop a re-striping and traffic reconfiguration plan within 90 days for John S. Gibson Boulevard and other relevant public rights-of-way serving Port terminals. This evaluation should also examine internal circulation improvements within terminal facilities, including the West Basin Container Terminal, to identify feasible changes to queuing, staging, and lane configurations. The plan should recognize the goal to increase operational capacity for trucks returning empty containers, reduce spillover onto public roadways, and maintain emergency access and traffic safety standards.
2. REQUEST the POLA to work with shipping lines and terminal operators to assess scheduling practices that contribute to concentrated empty container return surges. The Port should report with recommendations for coordinated appointment systems, vessel discharge scheduling adjustments, and other operational strategies aimed at distributing truck volumes more evenly throughout operating hours. This report should also include implementation timelines, jurisdictional considerations, funding requirements, and any necessary agreements among the City, State, terminal operators, and private stakeholders needed to carry out these improvements.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 22, 2026, your Transportation Committee considered a March 25, 2026 Motion (McOsker – Park) relative to roadway design, traffic management strategies, and terminal scheduling practices at the POLA. According to the Motion, residents in the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington experience the daily impacts of port-related truck traffic, emissions, and congestion. Periods of increased empty container returns often lead to concentrated truck volumes along key access routes. These surges place strain on local infrastructure, worsen air quality, and create serious public safety concerns when emergency access routes are obstructed. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend adoption of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT
PADILLA:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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