



PORT OF OAKLAND

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE JOINT INTERMODAL TERMINAL
PROJECT, SCH# 98012078, OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 4, 1999

LEAD AGENCY & PROJECT PROPONENT: The Port of Oakland

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), notice is hereby given that a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been prepared by the Port of Oakland (Port) for the proposed development of the Joint Intermodal Terminal (JIT) project ("Project"), located in Oakland, Alameda County, California. This project is a component of the Port's proposed Vision 2000 Maritime Development Program. This FEIR is tiered from the program-level EIS/EIR certified in September 1997, by the Port that evaluated the overall Vision 2000 Maritime Development Program.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The Port of Oakland proposes to construct and operate an approximately 170 acre rail-yard terminal to accommodate projected growth in intermodal (transportation mode to transportation mode, i.e.: ship to rail) container distribution from its marine terminals. The objective of the Project is to provide safe, efficient and cost effective movement of containerized intermodal cargo between the Port of Oakland berths and rail cars. The Project would provide direct rail access to the Port for railroads with no current access, thereby reducing the transport of cargo over Bay Area roads.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located within the northwestern portion of the City of Oakland in Alameda County along the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay. The main JIT project site (approximately 150 acres) is situated in the northern portion of the area within the boundaries of the Navy's former Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Oakland (FISCO) facility. An additional 20-acre facility consisting of an existing 11-acre rail yard (Knight yard), and approximately 9 adjacent acres, located on the Oakland Army Base may be used for auxiliary railcar storage at full project buildout. Portions of the Project are situated on areas designated on the CORTESE list.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS: The project consists of raising the current ground elevation (grade) and repaving the JIT site for the development of eight rail lines (approximately 45,000 feet of loading and storage track), and associated entrance gate, administrative and maintenance structures and installation of new utility systems. The railyard will be configured to allow for main track entrance and exit connections to the existing Union Pacific main rail lines. The project will include areas for container storage and truck parking, and the configuration of new roadway access. The project will be constructed in several phases as needed to accommodate the growth of the intermodal cargo market and augment the throughput capacities of the neighboring Union Pacific rail yard. The track layout in the existing Knight yard will be reconfigured to accommodate the new types of railcars, and to connect to the JIT.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND POTENTIAL EFFECTS: A Draft EIR was publicly circulated from March 29, 1999 through May 13, 1999. The Draft EIR evaluates impacts of the Project construction and operations related to air quality, traffic, noise, geology and hazardous/contaminated materials. No significant impacts related to geologic hazards were identified. However, significant impacts to traffic, air quality, noise and hazardous materials were identified. As required by CEQA, the Draft EIR recommends specific mitigation measures to reduce and/or avoid significant impacts. Implementation of these mitigation measures will reduce impacts to noise, traffic and hazardous materials to less than significant. However, impacts to air quality after mitigation could remain significant. Members of the public commented on the content of the Draft EIR and the Final EIR provides responses to these comments.

The Final EIR and supporting documentation will be available for review or purchase (First copy-at no charge), during normal business hours (8:30 to 4:30), at the following location:

Port of Oakland
Environmental Planning Department
530 Water Street, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94607
Contact: Ms. Vickie Arnold, 510-272-1174.

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The Final EIR is also available for review only at the following libraries:

Oakland, Main Branch, 125 14th street
Oakland, Asian Branch, 388 9th street, Suite 190
Oakland, Cesar Chavez Branch, 1900 Fruitvale Ave
Oakland, West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street

Oakland, Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue
Oakland, Rockridge Branch, 5366 College Avenue
Alameda, Main Branch, 2220 Central Avenue
Richmond, Main Branch, 325 Civic Center Plaza

A record copy of the Final EIR is on file at the City of Oakland Clerk's Office, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, First Floor, Oakland, CA.

Comments on the Final EIR may be presented at the meeting of the Board of Port Commissioners in which the Commissioners will consider whether to certify the Final EIR and approve the Project. This meeting is scheduled for:

June 15, 1999
3:00p.m.
Port of Oakland
Boardroom, Second Floor
530 Water Street
Oakland

Special accommodation requests should be directed to: Ms. Vickie Arnold, Senior Secretary, Environmental Planning Department
510-272-1174.