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Port Commission Briefed on Construction Progress for the International Terminal Renovation and NOAA MOC-P Projects

NEWPORT – The Port Commission was briefed on the progress of the International Terminal Renovation and NOAA Marine Operations Center – Pacific (MOC-P) projects at its monthly meeting Tuesday, September 28, 2010.

Senior project manager Frank Berg of DAY CPM Services advised the Commission that the Natt McDougall Company (NMC), the International Terminal project's construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) has mobilized on site, completed the test pile work and started placing the permanent bulkhead on the north side of the SS Pasley this week. In addition, NMC will begin demolishing the former Port offices above the Hennebique this week. Businesses leasing spaces in the Terminal warehouse and the Port office building have been relocated to newly constructed replacement facilities at the north edge of the Port's property.

Amendments to NMC's contract will provide the labor, materials and contingency for the various scopes of the project's work. The first four amendments, approved by the Port Commission during previous Commission meetings, total \$4,012,860 and include cofferdam sheet piling, early site utility work, site mobilization, water treatment systems, the sheet pile bulkhead along the north side of the Pasley and related work.

Mr. Berg requested a Special Session to present the next three contract amendments including work on soil stabilization, remediation of the Hennebique and cofferdam installation. Port Commissioners agreed to hold the Special Session at noon on October 12, 2010 at the Port offices located at 600 SE Bay Blvd in Newport. The Special Session is open to the public.

Berg also said initial upland remediation work, hoped to begin as soon as mid-October, will focus on the Hennebique to provide a more efficient start to the overall remediation efforts. He explained the Hennebique is in a more stable condition than the Pasley and shows no signs

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of movement from its location. The Pasley; however, has shifted over time and continues to deteriorate. In addition, Mr. Berg told the Commission that starting on the Hennebique will help NMC validate the Pasley's more complicated and dangerous remediation and removal.

In related issues, the Port Commissioners were briefed on the Joint Permit Application (JPA) review process. All replies to public comments have been returned to the agencies and the Port's remediation permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is available for public review and comments until September 30, 2010. Building permits for work on the two docks have been issued by the City of Newport.

Glenn Schnaidt, project manager with DAY CPM Services then updated the Commission on the NOAA project. He said the budget is on track, noting that subcontractor contracts for bid package No. 6 were nearly completed. Bid package No. 6 includes the tenant improvements that primarily include the interior work that NOAA will pay.

Mr. Schnaidt said crews are currently working on the two-story office building and adjacent warehouse roofs and site work, and overall construction is progressing on schedule. Both the office and warehouse are designed to meet LEED silver certification.

The Commission was also briefed on the City's South Beach Transportation Upgrade project which will make significant traffic flow and other improvements along Marine Science Drive. Completion of the upgrade work will coincide with completion of the NOAA project.

Brad Nile, project manager with Andersen West Coast Contractors JV, NOAA construction manager/general contractor, provided the Commission and meeting attendees with a 3-D "tour" of NOAA's 1,300 foot long pier. Nile explained the pier's design and said that construction teams have been working intensely over the past several months to develop the computer-generated building information model (BIM) which has enabled them to see all the interrelationships of the numerous piping and structural systems on the screen thus avoiding conflicts which might otherwise occur during construction.

Project information has recently been updated on the Port's web site (www.portofnewport.com) which now includes a Frequently Asked Questions page as well as an online comment form. Additional details about the JPA will be posted as they are finalized.

For more information about the project, contact General Manager Don Mann at the Port of Newport, 541-265-7758, or visit the Port's Web site at www.portofnewport.com. Comments can be submitted at anytime by emailing terminalproject@portofnewport.com.

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