

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Turning Basins Widening Study**  
**Community Stakeholder Informational Session**  
**August 23, 2021, 6pm-7:30pm**  
Via Zoom Teleconference

**MEETING OBJECTIVES**

- Establish the stakeholder community
- Introduce the Turning Basins Widening Feasibility Study and its process
- Gather feedback from stakeholders

**I. Meeting Details and Overview**

- Zoom Functions

**II. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Port of Oakland – Maritime Director, Bryan Brandes
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – SPD Commander, Lt. Colonel Kevin Arnett

**II. Attendee List**

**III. Background**

- Turning basins allow vessels to make a u-turn
- Port has one turning basin in the outer harbor and one in the inner harbor
- Current turning basins were designed for a vessel 1,139' in length (6,500 TEU)
- Container vessel size is increasing and exceeds design criteria of Port's turning basins
- USACE has jurisdiction over turning basins
- Study will determine if there a technically feasible, economically justifiable, and environmentally acceptable recommendation for federal participation

**III. Feasibility Study Process and Progress Update**

- Study is scheduled to be completed in 3 years for \$3 million
- Currently in the alternative evaluation and analysis phase
- Tentatively selected plan includes widening inner and outer harbor turning basins
- Draft integrated report schedule for public release and review in Nov/Dec. 2021
- Construction includes landside and waterside work
- Construction duration is approximately 2.5 years
- Construction impact mitigation measures are being considered

**IV. Questions & Answers**

- Q: What is the draft for the Ben Franklin?  
A: If fully loaded, the draft is 52 feet. Oakland Harbor is dredged to -50 feet plus additional water with tides. Vessels do not have depth constraints.
- Q: Who is the owner of the Alameda property that will be affected by the project?  
A: The property is a warehouse owned by FISC Properties.
- Q: It appears that the inner harbor proposal requires a reduced shoreline on both sides. Is that correct? Do you have to excavate the shoreline on both sides to accommodate the turning basin?  
A: Yes. Soils and sediments will be removed.
- Q: Will this presentation be shareable?  
A: Yes. All meeting participants will receive an email with the presentation and the link to the meeting recording. The presentation and meeting recording will be posted to the Port's website.

- Q: Will larger ships in the future require additional expansion of the turning basins?  
A: It is expected that the vessels have likely hit their maximum size for the foreseeable future.
- Q: What is the reasoning behind two separate environmental document processes? Why not do a combined EIS/EIR?  
A: NEPA and CEQA have a different level of detail and scope. The CEQA analysis will be based on the tentatively selected plan.
- Q: Can you provide a summary of the alternatives reviewed and rejected?  
A: The alternatives are presented in the draft report.

**V. Breakout Groups (5): Keypoints**

1. What are your or your groups' interests and environmental concerns for this potential project?
  - Air quality and noise impacts, air pollution from vessels and trucks
  - Local hiring and providing jobs
  - Environmental consequences if we don't do this project
  - Need the Port to remain competitive; widening the turning basins is one way to do this
  - Port tenants-private companies- have invested in greening technology and equipment to accommodate large container vessels
  - Carriers are concerned about delays; impacts on trucking
  - Make sure maritime businesses continue to operate during construction and are not disrupted
  - Impacts to traffic
  - Impacts to Schnitzer Steel facility
  - How material will be removed during construction
  - Greening the Port
  - Safety of crew and cargo
2. From your groups' local knowledge, are there additional recommendations to reduce construction-related impacts?
  - Make sure the widening of the turning basins will complement the rest of the Port's system and create efficiencies
  - Use truck routes, pay attention to homes and businesses nearby
  - Use electric trucks and equipment to the extent possible
  - Limit work hours on nights and weekends
  - Cast a wider net to get more people and grass roots organizations engaged and informed
3. What information is important to you and how would you like to remain informed about this potential project?
  - Make sure locally people are aware and informed of the process and the project
  - Frequent, regular updates and two-way communication during construction is needed: provide ways for people to give input and ask questions
  - Frequent emails
  - Information on the website
  - Timeline for the project, sources of funding
  - Present information more clearly and minimize jargon

**VI. Next Steps**

- Draft report on schedule to be released Nov./Dec. 2021
- Second community meeting tentatively scheduled for Dec. 2021