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Dear Secretaries Kelly, Rodriquez, and Laird:

Attention: Freight Action Plan State Agencies

California Sustainable Freight Action Plan Draft Comments –Port of Hueneme

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan. The Port applauds the state agencies for developing a well-structured plan with such a great focus on freight movement. The Port of Hueneme is signatory to the comments of SCAG and CAPA and would like to provide additional observations from the perspective of a specialized and smaller Port's perspective.

The Port of Hueneme integrates air quality and environmental sustainability into the core of its long term vision and business strategy. The Port adopted an environmental framework and embeds environmental stewardship in its 2020 strategic plan. These vision documents include a proactive approach to reducing emissions and energy efficiency and are posted on the Port's website at www.portofhueneme.org. Recent accomplishments include the installation of Shoreside power which over the 30 year life of the project reduces PM by 82%, NOx by 88% and greenhouse gasses by 49 - 70%. Energy efficiency initiatives include upgrading lighting infrastructure to LED lighting to lower total electric demand, and installation of batteries to reduce demand peaks and the impacts to the distribution grid while operating Shoreside power.

The Port of Hueneme serves the local Californian agricultural community as their gateway to the world-both exports and imports. This harbor is also a hub for the US West Coast operations of major global auto manufacturers and continues to improve local economic viability by



energizing the business sector with increased opportunities for competitiveness that create local jobs and stimulate trade growth. In fiscal year 2015, the public and private marine terminals at the Port of Hueneme supported 13,633 jobs in the state of California. Of these jobs, 2,524 jobs are directly created by port activities, while another 2,651 induced jobs are generated in the Hueneme area as a result of local purchases made by those directly employed due to port activity. In addition, there are 1,239 indirect jobs supported in the Port Hueneme area as the result of \$138.5 million of local purchases made by directly dependent firms. In addition, the cargo moving via the Port of Hueneme terminals supports 7,218 related jobs throughout the state of California. In total, \$817.4 million of personal income was supported by marine cargo operations at the Port of Hueneme, including the \$284.8 million received by those employed with the related users of the marine terminals.

Local businesses received \$344.3 million of sales revenue from providing services to the ocean cargo activity at the Port of Hueneme. As a result of this cargo activity, a total of \$60.7 million of state and local tax revenue was generated. An additional \$32.5 million of related taxes were also supported by the Port activity.

The total economic value to the Hueneme region is measured at \$1.5 billion. This consists of the direct business revenue of \$344.3 million, the re-spending and local consumption impact of \$328.9 million, and the related output of \$848.6 million.

While we strive to maximize our environmental agenda, we ask the leadership to keep some points in mind as they develop the sustainable freight strategy. The Port of Hueneme is a relatively smaller US port that does not have the same financial capabilities as some of the larger US Ports. If there are mandates that require substantial capital to meet, a Port of this size may find it very challenging to meet the requirements and in some cases impossible without financing assistance and/or other policy support. It is essential that all mandates are funded and based on verified technology. Smaller Ports have unique challenges and smaller budgets and yet they are still incredible economic engines for their local communities so we need to protect their long term viability and competitiveness.

The Port's management is committed to attaining clean air standards and quality of life for the community. For example in 2015 Port of Hueneme became the First California Port to join Green Marine. Please find more information on Port of Hueneme's Green Program <http://www.portofhueneme.org/community/environment/>

Thank you for your efforts and continued support.

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