

## **BRIDGE TO BREAKWATER CONCEPT PLAN DATED MARCH 11, 2004**

WHEREAS, many residents and stakeholders of Northwest San Pedro have participated in public meetings with Port staff and the EEK/Gafcon design team and the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) has reviewed the Draft Concept Plan for the Bridge to Breakwater project dated March 11, 2004, and,

WHEREAS, the NWPNC has identified several design concepts that build upon the existing San Pedro community and local culture. In addition, the NWSPNC believes that many of these concepts need additional study and resolution in order to ensure that existing open spaces are expanded, that public access to the waterfront is maximized, and the physical connection of San Pedro to the waterfront is done in way that does not radically alter the character of San Pedro; and

WHEREAS, there are many issues yet to be resolved as part of this process, the NWSPNC wishes to support the ongoing process of resolving these issues as the design team moves forward with completing the concept plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge to Breakwater planning effort does not include the impact of the Port on the area north of the Vincent Thomas Bridge to Harry Bridges Boulevard, and

WHEREAS, while many of these unresolved issues are highly emotional, we are confident that the design team and community can develop acceptable alternatives to ensure:

- That public access via walkways to and along the water be improved and extended to create a promenade,
- The scale of the development does not significantly alter the existing community fabric
- That downtown and waterfront development be coordinated
- That the Maritime Museum area be developed to enrich the memorials and support the promenade and development phases of the project
- That should the proposed water cuts be used as mitigation credit for future terminal expansion, the City and Port of Los Angeles “No Net Increase” policy be applied

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWSPNC supports and requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners continue to support the Bridge to Breakwater design team in completing the Bridge to Breakwater Concept Plan as soon as possible. NWSPNC recommends that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Continue to operate with an open and transparent process
2. Continue to resolve community issues and concerns with various Bridge to Breakwater alternative concepts that cover the full spectrum of possible options
3. Establish a timeline to define when the Concept Plan will be finalized and the Environmental Impact Analysis phase for the Bridge to the Breakwater extension through the downtown area will begin
4. Amend the EEK/Gafcon contract to extend the planning efforts to include the area north of the Vincent Thomas Bridge including the North Gaffey Street area
5. Work to extend the waterfront promenade to the Maritime Museum as soon as possible
6. Continue to follow-up and update the community and stakeholders at regular scheduled meetings and other outreach events

Approved by the NWSPNC at its meeting on May 10, 2004