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April 16, 2024

Honorable Members of the  
City Council of the  
City of Los Angeles

CD No. 15

Attention: Mr. Conrad Rodriguez, City Clerk's Office

Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 23-10222: FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PACIFIC HARBOR LINE  
OPERATING AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Section 373 of the City Charter and Section 10.5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code; enclosed for your approval is Resolution No. 23-10222 for the proposed Fourth Amendment to Operating Agreement No. 23-1989-D between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Pacific Harbor Line, Inc., which will extend the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025. Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) is a shortline railroad that is the current Port of Los Angeles (POLA)-Port of Long Beach (POLB) complex rail operator (PRO). The PRO provides rail services for POLA terminals, which also includes interchanging trains with the BNSF Railway (BNSF) and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The Harbor Department and the POLB each have an operating agreement with PHL. Staff of both ports are currently developing a joint request for proposals (RFP) for selecting the next PRO in advance of the expiring agreements with PHL. The proposed Amendment will enable staff to complete the RFP process prior to the amended expiration date of the Agreement. There are no financial impacts to the Harbor Department as PHL will continue to pay rent. There is no impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines and;
2. APPROVE POLA Resolution No. 23-10222 for the proposed Agreement No. 23-1989-D between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Pacific Harbor Line.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Commission Secretary

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