



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

### **DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/ADDENDUM TO THE NORTH EMBARCADERO MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BROADWAY PIER CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (UPD #83356-702) APRIL 22, 2007**

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Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Unified Port District (District) has prepared an Initial Study and Addendum to the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) for the North Embarcadero Alliance Visionary Plan (NEVP) for the Broadway Pier Cruise Ship Terminal and Infrastructure Improvement Project (Proposed Project). The Broadway Pier is an extension of Broadway west of Harbor Drive into San Diego Bay. Specifically, the Proposed Project includes improvements to the Broadway Pier that would:

- Provide a new cruise ship terminal building of approximately 51,550 square feet
- Improve the security and efficiency of cruise ship passenger embarking and disembarking processes
- Create a pedestrian walkway that leads to an enhanced public open space plaza at the west end of the Pier providing views of San Diego Bay consistent with the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) and cruise ship terminal operations
- Enhance access to and from Broadway Pier and Harbor Drive
- Enhance vehicular circulation on Broadway Pier
- Provide enhanced paving on Broadway Pier using concrete, wood, pavers and/or other materials
- Improve signage including informational, identification, regulatory, directional and gateway signs
- Relocate utility connections
- Improve public access and public use of the pier on non-cruise ship days

The North Embarcadero Alliance Visionary Plan Master EIR (NEVP MEIR) was developed to streamline environmental review for subsequent projects identified within its scope. The NEVP MEIR was certified by the District Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) in 2001 and has been reviewed and determined to be still legally adequate for purposes of "tiering" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (BPC Resolution No. 2006-131). The District prepared an Initial Study that found that the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Proposed Project were described in the NEVP as part of the Broadway Landing concept and evaluated in the NEVP MEIR. Therefore, the Proposed Project is eligible for streamlined review under CEQA Guidelines §15176 and §15177. The Initial Study also determined that: 1) the Project will not result in the creation of any new significant impacts not previously identified in the 2001 NEVP MEIR; 2) All relevant Mitigation Measures contained in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the 2001 NEVP MEIR have been incorporated into the Project; 3) There are not any new or additional alternatives not examined in the 2001 NEVP MEIR (15177(b)(3)). Based on the findings contained within this Initial Study, the Port determined the Project is within the scope of the NEVP MEIR and no additional environmental review is required. The Port has prepared an Addendum to the NEVP MEIR in order clarify minor changes in the Project Description.

The Initial Study and Addendum to the MEIR is available for review during normal business hours at the District's Office of the District Clerk, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101. A personal copy may be obtained by contacting the Land Use Planning Department at (619) 686-6283. Copies of the certified Final NEVP MEIR are available at the office listed above and are also available at the San Diego Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA. Copies may also be viewed on the District web page at [www.portofsandiego.org](http://www.portofsandiego.org). Comments regarding the applicable mitigation measures taken from the 2001 NEVP MEIR should be addressed to the District's Land Use Planning Department, P.O. Box 120488, San Diego, CA 92112-0488. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on June 7, 2007. The BPC will conduct a public hearing and will be asked to adopt the Initial Study/Addendum to the MEIR and approve the Project at the June 12, 2007 meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:00a.m. at 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.