



## Major Port Security Project to Begin Soon

The Port Commission has awarded a Port Security Lighting, Closed Service Television (CCTV), and Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) project to Tennyson Electric of Livermore.

"The project is funded entirely by state and federal port security grant funding streams and enables the Port to implement security measures promoted by Homeland Security for maritime facilities," reports Port Commission Chairman Ralph Garcia.

"In the early stages of project development, the Port decided to install a hard wired CCTV system in lieu of utilizing wireless technology," Port Executive Director Michael J. Giari told Port Commissioners. "Therefore, fiber optic cable will be installed in and around the entire Port. Fiber optic provides more reliability and durability, provides a large amount of bandwidth resulting in clearer video uses and improvements."

Specifically, the fiber optic cable will be run near/to areas where TWIC card readers are to be potentially installed for future operation; both CCTV and TWIC can utilize the same fiber optic cable line.

Congress directed the federal government, through the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), to issue a biometric security credential (TWIC cards) to persons who require unescorted access to secure/restricted areas of U.S. port facilities and vessels. Controlling access to secure areas is critical to enhancing port security.

New Port perimeter and terminal lighting will be installed to enhance the overall area security and safety.

Some but not all of the specific elements of this project include:

- Repair/retrofit/relamp 21 existing light poles/structures throughout the Port.
- Install 39 new 40' light poles along the Port perimeter.
- Install 10 new 40' light poles within Port/tenant parcels to enhance site/area illumination.
- Procurement of a portable generator for emergency wharf lighting; wharves to have transfer switches installed at distribution panels so generator can be mobilized and plugged in to run light fixtures on the terminals in the event of power loss.
- Installation of numerous fixed security cameras at marine terminals, dry boat storage/launch ramp area, and around Port perimeter.
- Installation of stand alone computer system and associated accessories (monitors, etc.) in Port Administration Building to run CCTV system; and,
  - Installation of web portal system; provides remote internet access to tenants, responders, and applicable agencies to view cameras/areas as permitted by the Port.



## **Port of Redwood City Included**

# **U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Announces Projects & Initiatives Eligible for Funding as Part of America's Marine Highway**

Just four months after unveiling the America's Marine Highway Program, a new initiative to move more cargo on the water rather than on crowded highways, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood last summer announced his selection of marine highway corridors and an initial eight projects and six initiatives along the corridors that will be eligible for federal assistance under the program.

Among those six initiatives is a coalition involving the Port of Redwood City, called the Golden State Marine Highway Initiative (Ports of Redwood City, Hueneme and San Diego; and the Humboldt Bay Harbor District): this initiative is a joint effort by four California ports to improve the efficiency of freight movement by developing a service linking California's ports to form a Marine Highway along the U.S. West Coast from the Mexican to Canadian borders.



*U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood*

***“Making better use of our rivers, waterways, and coastal routes offers an intelligent way to relieve some of the biggest challenges we face in transportation – congestion on our roads, climate change, fossil fuel energy use and soaring road maintenance costs” --Port Chairman Ralph Garcia.***

“The objective of the Golden State Marine Highway project is to eventually link California’s 11 deepwater ports into a coast shipping system which will provide a multi-modal transportation system to improvement goods movement and to help alleviate the problems of an overburdened roadway system,” reports Port Executive Director Michael J. Giari.

The designation by Secretary LaHood means the Golden Gate project is eligible for future U.S. Department of Transportation grants to implement the project.

The Golden State Marine Highway project is intended to provide the facilities and infrastructure support necessary for use by ship and barge service providers. Examples of infrastructure projects that would be developed at the Port of Redwood City include: construction of 10-15 acre storage and

marshaling yard for marine containers and truck trailers, concrete wharf reinforcement, and a 100 ton capacity mobile harbor crane.

The next step for the ports and MARAD is to develop the scope of work for a \$275,000 feasibility study that would include a market analysis and assessment of business conditions needed for a start-up service. The study could start in early 2011.

The Department’s Maritime Administration chose the projects and initiatives from 35 applications submitted by ports and local transportation agencies.

“These projects will help make better use of America’s Marine Highway by reducing gridlock, improving the environment, and putting skilled mariners and shipbuilders to work,” said Secretary LaHood.

For more information about the Marine Highway initiative, and details on individual corridor and project designations, visit [www.marad.dot.gov](http://www.marad.dot.gov).

## **By City Council**

# **Dick Dodge Reappointed, Tom Cronin Appointed to Port Commission**

The Redwood City Council last summer reappointed one of the nation's longest serving port commissioners in history along with a newcomer to the five-member Board of Port Commissioners for the Port of Redwood City.

Reappointed to a four-year term was Dick Dodge, who originally was appointed in 1980 and reappointed six times since. Appointed to a four-year term was Tom Cronin, a former planning commissioner who two days before his Port Commission appointment was named as executive director of the Redwood City Police Athletic League.



*Tom Cronin*



*Dick Dodge*

Cronin joined the PAL after three years as operations director for The Riekes Center for Human Enhancement in Menlo Park. Prior to that, he held non-profit consulting and management positions at Sequoia Hospital Foundation, Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center, and Committee for Green Foothills, and Foundation for Global Community. Prior to his work in the non-profit sector he had a 20 year career at Hewlett Packard. He was on the Planning Commission from 2003-2009.

Cronin has a degree in business administration from University of Minnesota. He and his New Zealand-born wife have three daughters. Outside of work, he is an avid trail runner and swimmer, and he ran the Boston Marathon in 2007. At home, Cronin and his wife have a small urban garden and orchard that they try to harvest local seasonal produce off every month of the year.

Dodge has owned and operated THE Office City since 1976, turning into one of the largest independent office products dealers in Northern California. Prior to that, he was in a management position with Airborne Express for 12 years. He and his wife have three married daughters and seven grandchildren. He has a B.S. in business administration from USC.

Dodge has been involved in numerous maritime organizations, including past president of the Association of Pacific Ports. He has been called upon to make numerous presentations before the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA). Away from the office, he is an avid golfer.

Dodge and Cronin are joined on the Port Commission by Chairman Ralph Garcia, Vice Chairman Dick Claire, and Secretary Lorianna Kastrop. Leaving the Commission after 15 years is Larry Aikins.

## **Former Commissioner Larry Aikins Honored at Dinner**

Former Port Commissioner Larry Aikins was recently honored at a dinner held at the Sequoia Yacht Club. He served 15 years on the Port Commission through last August, including four terms as Port chairman.

For most of the 15 years, he was a member of the Port's Finance Committee that developed formulas by which the Port shared its profits with the City. The achievements in financial performance by the Port were recognized by the US Maritime Administration. Due to this financial success, the Port was able to contribute millions of dollars to the City's general fund.

The Port Commission presented Aikins with a proclamation which listed some of his other achievements, which included providing leadership in helping obtain millions of dollars in federal funding to maintain and improve the Redwood City navigation channel.

Fellow longtime Commissioner Dick Dodge said, "As a Redwood resident for more than 50 years, Larry has devoted nearly half of his life to unpaid public service because of his love for Redwood City."

Before joining the Port Commission, Aikins served several years on the Planning Commission in the 1980s, serving as chairman in 1982 and 1989. He served as Chairman of the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber in both 1982 and 1989, was Person of the Year in 1986, and has served as volunteer chief financial officer since 1991. He has served as a director off and on for 25 years.

## Maintenance Dredging at Port Wharves Completed

**B**erth maintenance dredging of the two Port wharves that handle virtually all maritime ships has been completed. A contract for \$950,000 had been awarded to Manson Construction Company of Seattle. The 37,500 cubic yards of dredge materials were disposed at the Alcatraz Island In-Bay Site and at a designated deep ocean site.

Areas around both wharves had silted in and required maintenance dredging in order to provide a safe berth for ships. Some of the berth areas had depths of minus 26.2 feet and were dredged to 33-34 feet. Ships that call at the Port need berthing depths of at least 33.5 feet at low tide in order to be loaded to maximum drafts and economic capacity.

## Port, Port Businesses Using Recycled Water

**T**he Port and port businesses are participating in Redwood City's widely acclaimed recycled water project, which completed a \$72 million phase in late 2010.

Recently the Recycled Water Project brought recycled water to nine customer sites in the Port/Seaport area, completing retrofits of 25 irrigation systems at the nine customer sites. In addition to landscape irrigation, the connected facilities use recycled water for a number of industrial processes, including dust suppression and steam generation.

The first phase of the \$72 million bond-funded project included installation of a rambling network of purple pipes in Redwood Shores, the Port of Redwood City and industrial area along Seaport Boulevard and Bloomquist Street, connected to a series of pumps that transport the recycled water from the South Bayside System Authority (SBSA) at the eastern tip of Redwood Shores.

Combined with the city's intensified conservation efforts, recycled water has helped Redwood City make a notable turnaround from a few years ago, when the city came in every year above its allotment of fresh water from the Hetch Hetchy system controlled by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

From a high of 4.4 billion gallons in fiscal year 2003-04, the city has reduced its consumption to 3.5 billion gallons in the fiscal year that ended June 30, well below its allotment of nearly 4 billion gallons.

The city delivered 117 million gallons of recycled water last fiscal year, before the connections to the Port and industrial areas that also includes Pacific Shores.

The recycled-water system's 47 customers get a 25 percent discount on recycled water. To ease early fears about the water's safety, the city increased outreach to neighborhood groups and businesses, assuring them that the effluent goes through several treatment stages at SBSA to kill microorganisms and render it safe for nondrinking uses, primarily landscaping irrigation.

## First Annual PortFest a Success

**T**he first annual PortFest held Oct. 2 was a big hit with the community, with an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 people enjoying the variety of activities.



The involvement of an assortment of community groups added immensely to the spirit and fun of the day," said Port Commissioner Lorianna Kastrop, who spearheaded a volunteer community effort to stage the event. "We definitely achieved the main goal of the event which, was to attract people to the Redwood City waterfront and raise community awareness of the Port and what we do."

Port Chairman Ralph Garcia added that



*Commissioner Lorianna Kastrop thanks volunteers; to the left Commission Chairman Ralph Garcia flips burgers for the Optimist Club*



*Mayor Jeff Ira welcomes visitors*

other popular events included the Nemo Bounce House and giant slide, face painting, and other activities for children.

One of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) high speed ferry boats was docked at the Port for people to tour dockside. PortFest also offered for the first time industrial tours of businesses by the Seaport Industrial Association and Port tenants.

Tours were given an open sided trolled bus and people were taken to the Cemex property, Sims Metal, Pabco Gypsum, and other industrial areas at the Port.

“Another activity that contributed to the success of PortFest was a crew race between the City Council and the Planning Commission,” Port Executive Director Michael J. Giari said. “The crew team members were trained at the Bair Island Aquatic Center.”



*Trolley tours of working port*



*Top, visitors along the PortFest walkway, enjoying booths and view; to the right, color guard makes presentation with ferry in the background*



**Port of Redwood City**  
*San Francisco Bay*

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