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# San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan: Progress, Priorities, and Trucking Initiatives for 2024

Written by Karla Sanchez-Jimenez, Director of Communications and Programs

The Ports of Los Angeles (POLA) and Long Beach (POLB) presented an update on the Clean Air Action Plan this past March 18th. An overview of the Joint Port's accomplishments for 2023 along with a list of priorities for the trucking community for the next few months, were shared, emphasizing collaboration, innovation, and continued investment in cleaner technologies. The following is a brief summary of what was presented during the meeting.

#### 2023 Accomplishments:

- Air Monitoring and Emissions Inventory: Both ports released comprehensive reports on air monitoring and emissions inventory for 2022, providing valuable data to inform decision-making and track progress.
- TAP Annual Report and New Projects:
   The 2022 Truck Access Program (TAP)
   Annual Report was prepared and released, alongside the approval of three new TAP projects aimed at further reducing emissions.
- Development of Zero-Emission Infrastructure: Significant strides were made in developing zero-emission (ZE) infrastructure master plans for terminal equipment, a crucial aspect of transitioning towards cleaner operations.
- Grant Fund Management: Management of \$407 million in grant-funded projects continues, ensuring that resources are effectively utilized to drive sustainability initiatives forward.
  - Green Shipping Corridors: A landmark partnership strategy for a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor was released in collaboration with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and the Port of Shanghai, highlighting the commitment to global sustainability efforts.

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## **Lime Strikes Deal For Zero-Emissions EV Shipping With Hight Logistics And Forum Mobility**



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Agreement will shift an anticipated 300+ port-to-hub shipments per year to fullyelectric zero-emission trucks

Lime announces commitment to shipping 10 percent of goods by zero-emission boats by 2030, and 100 percent by 2040 as part of World Economic Forum's Mission Possible Partnership

Long Beach, CA (March 14, 2024) - Lime, the world's largest operator of shared light electric vehicles, Hight Logistics, and Forum Mobility announced a new deal for zero-emissions port-to-hub shipping for all Lime freight arriving in North America through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Forum Mobility, a leading zero-emission electric truck charging provider, is providing the electric trucks and charging to Hight Logistics, a family-owned drayage provider in Long Beach, CA. In 2023, nearly 50% of all of Lime's new vehicles and parts globally arrived through Los Angeles ports now covered under the agreement. Lime anticipates the agreement will shift more than 300 port-to-hub shipments to electric, zero-emission trucks annually.

As part of the announcement, Lime is also among the first companies to share its commitment to the World Economic Forum's Mission Possible Partnership commitment to zero-emission international shipping. Under Lime's new commitment, 10 percent of the volume of its goods shipped internationally will be on ships using zero-emission fuels by 2030, on the way to 100 percent of shipments by 2040. Lime hopes that as owners of global cargo it can be among a collection of forward-minded businesses driving the investment and innovation to decarbonize the entire logistics sector.

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"We're thrilled to play a leading part in the EV freight transition through this exciting partnership with Hight Logistics and Forum Mobility," said Andrew Savage, VP for Sustainability at Lime.

In the last two years, Lime utilized more than 700 truckloads of freight through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as it scaled its business and updated its escooter and e-bike fleet across North America. As part of the partnership, future shipments will be completed via zero-emissions vehicles. This deal is Lime's first for zero-emission drayage. It will continue to explore similar agreements globally, in particular with its European shipping hub.

The deal aligns with Lime's efforts to decarbonize its business, and its 2030 net zero target, validated by the Science Based Targets Initiative, the top organization for corporate carbon target setting. Lime continues to make strides toward decarbonizing across Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, already achieving a 37% carbon reduction from its 2019 baseline. Lime anticipates a significant further reduction for 2023 and is expected to report on those emissions reductions mid-year.

Lime chose Hight Logistics for its commitment to sustainable freight, competitive pricing and demonstrated ability to provide high-quality drayage services.

"We believe in doing the right thing - and zeroemission trucking is the future in California. Since we made the decision to invest in electric trucks, we've had cargo owners seek us out specifically, wanting to lower their climate impact. Hight Logistics is proud to be able to deliver the goods without the emissions," said Rudy Diaz, CEO of Hight Logistics. "For all cargo owners, if you are looking to decarbonize your supply chain, lower Scope 3 emissions, lower your WAIRE points, or meet climate commitments, our electric truck fleet is ready and growing," Mr. Diaz added.

Zero-emission heavy duty freight is a relatively new but fast growing sector. Rules passed by the California Air Resources Board in April of 2023 require a gradual shift to zero-emission trucks throughout the state. By 2035, the entire drayage fleet, currently consisting of 33,000 class 8 trucks, must be zero emission.

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Forum Mobility is developing a network of charging depots in and around ports and on routes to common freight destinations. Forum's staffed and secure depots offer charging, or charging plus a truck together, for a monthly fee -- providing one-stop electric truck solutions to independent owner operators and large carriers alike.

"Zero-emission freight is a generational change, and Hight and Lime are setting the bar for leadership through action. Forum Mobility's mission is to ensure that everyone has the ability to benefit from going zero emission. Forum's principals have decades of experience building electric infrastructure -- we take on the challenges, costs, and operations of infrastructure so truckers and carriers of all sizes can focus on their business and their customers. Hight and Lime are driving the future, and we're proud to support their journey," said Matt LeDucq, CEO and co-founder of Forum Mobility.

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#### 2024 Truck Priorities:

- Continued Implementation of CTF Rate Programs: The Ports will persist in implementing Clean Truck Fund (CTF) Rate Programs, ensuring that resources are effectively utilized and progress is monitored closely.
- **Ports Voucher Incentive:** The Ports will continue to promote the Ports Voucher Incentive Program, incentivizing the adoption of cleaner technologies among trucking fleets operating within the Ports.
- Execution of Contract for Public Access Charging: Collaborating with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), the Ports will execute a contract to fund public access charging infrastructure, enhancing the accessibility of charging facilities for electric vehicles.
- Expansion of Public Chargers: POLB will execute a contract for additional public chargers at the Terminal Access Center, while also releasing a public charging solicitation for one additional site. Similarly, POLA will execute a contract for public charging infrastructure in Wilmington, further bolstering the availability of charging facilities for trucking fleets.
- **Continuation of Truck Demonstration Projects:** The Ports will continue to facilitate truck demonstration projects, allowing for the testing and validation of emerging technologies aimed at reducing emissions and improving air quality.
- **Drayage Truck 2024 Feasibility Assessment**: Commencing the Drayage Truck 2024 Feasibility Assessment, the Ports will evaluate the feasibility of transitioning to cleaner trucking solutions, laying the groundwork for future actions and initiatives.
- Monitoring and Input on State Drayage Truck Regulations: The Ports will actively monitor and provide input on state drayage truck regulations, ensuring alignment with their sustainability goals and objectives.

The Harbor Trucking Association applauds the Ports' efforts and remains committed to supporting their endeavors towards a greener and more sustainable future for all.

# Zero-Emission Truck Collaborative Launched in Puget Sound to Advance Zero-Emission Trucks

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In the Pacific Northwest, an initiative known as the Zero-Emission Truck Collaborative was launched in June 2023 and has made strides in the transportation sector in the Puget Sound region.

In addition to contributing to the cities and states' decarbonization goals by 2050, the transition to zero-emission drayage vehicles serving ports in the Northwest is seen as a key step to meeting zero-emission trucking targets adopted in the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy. Key components include enhancing truck availability and affordability, expanding charging and fueling infrastructure, and securing adequate funding and financing.

The Collaborative meets every other month for half-day meetings until December 2024. Some of these meetings have been virtual, but some will be in-person and include site visits and/or listening sessions.

Stay tuned, the next upcoming meeting will take place on April 29th, 2024.

You can find summaries of past meetings here: https://www.rossstrategic.net/Zero-Emission-Truck-Collaborative/



Aerial view of the Port of Tacoma, WA













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