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Port of Los Angeles and
Board of Harbor Commissioners
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

      Re: Red Car Rail Tracks

At a recent meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the board passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that while the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council understand that a portion of the Red Car tracks had to be removed for the realignment of Harbor Blvd. we were concerned to see the extent of the demolition of the tracks that appears to greatly exceed that needed for the roadway changes.

There remains strong support in the San Pedro community for the return of the Red Car, and in fact an expansion along the lines of the feasibility study prepared by Wilson & Company in 2009. The scope is well beyond the short run proposed in the future San Pedro Public Market, including service to the cruise terminal, AltaSea, Crafted, Cabrillo Marina, and Cabrillo Beach. A possible downtown loop was also envisioned.

It seems that tearing up the extended rails beyond the scope of the road realignment will inhibit the expansion of the Red Car in the future. This expansion was explicitly left as an option going forward in previous discussions about the Public Market and the Red Car.

We urge the Port to refrain from the removal of any additional Red Car alignment and facilities that are not directly conflicting with current projects at the Port until this expansion can be considered further. Additionally, we request the retention of any previously removed Red Car materials and infrastructure components that could be re-used in a future expansion of the system.

We look forward to your response to our Resolution.

Doug Epperhart
President
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

cc: Councilman Joe Buscaino