



## Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District

### Port Address

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The Port of Hueneme, located in Ventura County, is the only deep water harbor between the ports of Los Angeles and San Francisco and is the U.S. Port of Entry for California's central coast region. Established in 1937, the Oxnard Harbor District owns and manages the Port.

The Port specializes in handling automobiles, produce, and bulk cargo. It also provides important support services for the offshore oil industry. A recent economic report indicated that the Port generates over \$200 million in economic output, produces \$15.4 million in local taxes, and supports 1,516 local jobs.

Unique to the Port is Hueneme Canyon, a 1,000+ foot-deep submarine canyon, located within 300 feet of the Port's channel. This submarine canyon helps keep the channel free from silt and provides good navigation with minimal wave and swell action. The Port's harbor is not affected by tidal streams or current.



### PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Main channel depth	35 feet
Channel length	2,300 feet
Berths	6 deep draft (4,250 linear feet); 1 shallow draft (320 linear feet)
Area	165+ (maritime); 210+ (industrial) acres
Rail access	Near-dock rail

### PORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS

#### Imports

Autos  
Produce  
Liquid fertilizer  
Bulk liquid

#### Exports

Autos  
Produce  
General cargo

#### Major Trading Partners

Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Germany, Sweden, China, Japan, South Korea

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## PORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS (cont'd.)

- As one of California's busiest seaports for general cargo, the Port handles over \$7 billion in cargo value each year.
- Since 2001, the District's ocean freight operating revenues have been driven by automobiles and fresh produce cargo.
- Oil deposits in the Santa Barbara Channel makes the Port an important base for the oil industry.
- Exports of American-made automobiles jumped 220% from 2008 to 2011.
- Coastal trade includes fish, offshore oil, general cargo, and vessel fuel.
- The Port charges auto importers per vehicle and not per ton. Port wharfage fees account for each auto as a revenue ton. All other cargo is strictly measured by the metric ton.

## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK & INTERMODAL CONNECTIONS

### Highway Access Routes

Major routes serving the Port include US-101, SR-1, SR-118, SR-126, SR-405, and SR-232.

- Primary access route to the Port is US 101
- Secondary access routes: SR-126 and SR-1 (Pacific Coast Highway/Oxnard Boulevard)
- SR-232 is also known as Vineyard Avenue

### Trucking

- Corridors with greatest use to and from the Port are Hueneme Road and Rice Avenue.
- Rice Avenue, a four-lane roadway designated as a preferred access route to the Port, has problems with bottlenecks.
- Hueneme Road is a preferred access route for trucks, as specified in the City of Oxnard's General Plan. The City is planning to widen the road from two to four lanes.
- Ventura Road, a primary access road to the Port, is a four-lane arterial just east of the Port's main gate.
- The Port generates about 25% of area truck trips.
- Measures to reduce truck impacts include: improved signage with preferred truck routes and require residential developers to provide

acoustical design such as pavement surfaces, sound barriers, setbacks, and sound-dampening materials.

### Freight Rail

*Ventura County Railway, LLC* (Class III, short-line railroad). This 12-mile loop of track is owned by the District. The Port is the general manager, and Rail America operates the railroad. Freight is transferred from the Port and connects to the Union Pacific Railroad in downtown Oxnard, providing an important link throughout North America.

## MAJOR PORT ISSUES

- Insufficient backland for container terminal development
- Requirement to add shoreside power
- Infrastructure requirements and upgrades
- Need for gantry crane
- Environmental and community concerns
- Channel dredging and maintenance
- Freight congestion
- Fragmented governance, overlapping jurisdictions
- Secure source for funding and financing

## CALTRANS FOCUS AREAS

- Freight congestion on US 101
- Community environmental impacts
- Planning for sea level rise to ensure freight accessibility.
- Monitor pavement conditions due to heavy truck impacts.

## PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND STUDIES

- Cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard Truck Traffic Study, June 5, 2008
- City of Oxnard, General Plan 2011
- Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Harbor District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Fiscal Years 2011-2010
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, Draft, December 2011
- Ventura County Congestion Management Plan, 2009 Update

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## Transportation Planning Partners

- California Air Resources Board
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- City and County of Ventura
- City of Oxnard
- City of Port Hueneme
- Naval Base Ventura County
- Port Hueneme Redevelopment Agency
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Southern California Association of Governments
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Customs & Border Patrol
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Ventura County Air Pollution Control District
- Ventura County Transportation Commission

## SOURCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard Truck Traffic Study, June 5, 2008:

<http://publicworks.cityofoxnard.org/Uploads/TrafficEngineering/Port%20Hueneme%20Oxnard%20Truck%20Traffic%20Study%20June%205,%202008.pdf>

City of Oxnard Planning Division (General Plan 2011):

<http://developmentervices.cityofoxnard.org/Department.aspx?DepartmentID=7&DivisionID=76&ResourceID=961>

Port of Hueneme Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Fiscal Years 2010-2011:

[http://www.portofhueneme.org/documents/financial\\_report201011.pdf](http://www.portofhueneme.org/documents/financial_report201011.pdf)

Port of Hueneme Harbor District: [http://www.portofhueneme.org/about\\_us/general\\_overview.php](http://www.portofhueneme.org/about_us/general_overview.php)

Port of Los Angeles: <http://www.portoflosangeles.org/>

SCAG 2012-2035 RTP, Draft December 2011: <http://rtpscsc.scag.ca.gov/Pages/Draft-2012-2035-RTP-SCS.aspx>

SCAG's Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy:

<http://www.scag.ca.gov/goodsmove/>

Ventura County Star: "Port generates \$202 million in economic output, report says;" January 10, 2010.

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