

**DRAFT****SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT****ORDINANCE xxxx****ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S FY 2026  
BUDGET INCREASING THE MAJOR  
MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS  
APPROPRIATION BY \$15,250,000 FOR THE  
STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AT NATIONAL CITY  
MARINE TERMINAL (NCMT) BERTH 24-11  
PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I (Port Act); and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2021, the District, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), the Oregon Shipping Group, and the Port of Bellingham (Bellingham), submitted a route designation request to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Maritime Administration (MARAD) for the West Coast M-5 Coastal Connector (M-5); and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2022, District staff submitted a grant application to the US DOT America's Marine Highway (AMH) grant program in partnership with Bellingham; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant application requested a total of \$14,000,000 in AMH grant funds (\$6,000,000 for the District, and \$8,000,000 for Bellingham), with a match of \$11,200,000 (\$9,700,000 from the District, and \$1,500,000 from Bellingham); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2022, MARAD awarded \$5,550,000, a portion of the application request, to the District for berth repairs at the National City Marine Terminal (NCMT); and

**WHEREAS**, District staff recommends the BPC adopt an ordinance amending the District's FY 2026 Budget to increase the Major Maintenance Capital Projects Appropriation Budget by \$5,550,000 for the Structural Repairs at NCMT Berth 24-11 Project to be funded by the AMH Grant Program administered by the USDOT MARAD.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District does ordain as follows:

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Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget is hereby amended to increase the Major Maintenance Capital Projects Appropriation Budget by \$5,550,000 for the Structural Repairs at National City Marine Terminal Berth 24-11 Project to be funded by the America's Marine Highway Grant Program administered by the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day from its passage by the Board of Port Commissioners.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025, by the following vote: